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ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016

OR
 TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE
ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from _____ to _____
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VENTAS, INC.
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)
Delaware 61-1055020
(State or Other Jurisdiction of (IRS Employer
Incorporation or Organization) Identification No.)
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(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Each Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, par value \$0.25 per share	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the Registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the Registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the Registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of Registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment of this Form 10-K.

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Non-accelerated filer

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act). Yes No
The aggregate market value of shares of the Registrant’s common stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant on June 30, 2016, based on a closing price of the common stock of \$72.82 as reported on the New York Stock Exchange, was \$21.1 billion. For purposes of the foregoing calculation only, all directors, executive officers and 10% beneficial owners of the Registrant have been deemed affiliates.

As of February 9, 2017, 354,623,008 shares of the Registrant’s common stock were outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant’s definitive Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 18, 2017 are incorporated by reference into Part III, Items 10 through 14 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS

Unless otherwise indicated or except where the context otherwise requires, the terms “we,” “us” and “our” and other similar terms in this Annual Report on Form 10-K refer to Ventas, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Forward-Looking Statements

This Annual Report on Form 10-K includes forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). All statements regarding our or our tenants’, operators’, borrowers’ or managers’ expected future financial condition, results of operations, cash flows, funds from operations, dividends and dividend plans, financing opportunities and plans, capital markets transactions, business strategy, budgets, projected costs, operating metrics, capital expenditures, competitive positions, acquisitions, investment opportunities, dispositions, merger integration, growth opportunities, expected lease income, continued qualification as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”), plans and objectives of management for future operations, and statements that include words such as “anticipate,” “if,” “believe,” “plan,” “estimate,” “expect,” “intend,” “may,” “could,” “should,” “will,” and other similar expressions are forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are inherently uncertain, and actual results may differ from our expectations. We do not undertake a duty to update these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date on which they are made.

Our actual future results and trends may differ materially from expectations depending on a variety of factors discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). These factors include without limitation:

The ability and willingness of our tenants, operators, borrowers, managers and other third parties to satisfy their obligations under their respective contractual arrangements with us, including, in some cases, their obligations to indemnify, defend and hold us harmless from and against various claims, litigation and liabilities;

The ability of our tenants, operators, borrowers and managers to maintain the financial strength and liquidity necessary to satisfy their respective obligations and liabilities to third parties, including without limitation obligations under their existing credit facilities and other indebtedness;

Our success in implementing our business strategy and our ability to identify, underwrite, finance, consummate and integrate diversifying acquisitions and investments;

Macroeconomic conditions such as a disruption of or lack of access to the capital markets, changes in the debt rating on U.S. government securities, default or delay in payment by the United States of its obligations, and changes in the federal or state budgets resulting in the reduction or nonpayment of Medicare or Medicaid reimbursement rates;

The nature and extent of future competition, including new construction in the markets in which our seniors housing communities and office buildings are located;

The extent and effect of future or pending healthcare reform and regulation, including cost containment measures and changes in reimbursement policies, procedures and rates;

Increases in our borrowing costs as a result of changes in interest rates and other factors;

The ability of our tenants, operators and managers, as applicable, to comply with laws, rules and regulations in the operation of our properties, to deliver high-quality services, to attract and retain qualified personnel and to attract residents and patients;

Changes in general economic conditions or economic conditions in the markets in which we may, from time to time, compete, and the effect of those changes on our revenues, earnings and funding sources;

Our ability to pay down, refinance, restructure or extend our indebtedness as it becomes due;

Our ability and willingness to maintain our qualification as a REIT in light of economic, market, legal, tax and other considerations;

Final determination of our taxable net income for the year ended December 31, 2016 and for the year ending December 31, 2017;

The ability and willingness of our tenants to renew their leases with us upon expiration of the leases, our ability to reposition our properties on the same or better terms in the event of nonrenewal or in the event we exercise our right to replace an existing tenant, and obligations, including indemnification obligations, we may incur in connection with the replacement of an existing tenant;

Risks associated with our senior living operating portfolio, such as factors that can cause volatility in our operating income and earnings generated by those properties, including without limitation national and regional economic conditions, development of new competing properties, costs of food, materials, energy, labor and services, employee benefit costs, insurance costs and professional and general liability claims, and the timely delivery of accurate property-level financial results for those properties;

• Changes in exchange rates for any foreign currency in which we may, from time to time, conduct business;

• Year-over-year changes in the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”) or the U.K. Retail Price Index and the effect of those changes on the rent escalators contained in our leases and on our earnings;

• Our ability and the ability of our tenants, operators, borrowers and managers to obtain and maintain adequate property, liability and other insurance from reputable, financially stable providers;

The impact of increased operating costs and uninsured professional liability claims on our liquidity, financial condition and results of operations or that of our tenants, operators, borrowers and managers and our ability and the ability of our tenants, operators, borrowers and managers to accurately estimate the magnitude of those claims;

• Risks associated with our office building portfolio and operations, including our ability to successfully design, develop and manage office buildings and to retain key personnel;

• The ability of the hospitals on or near whose campuses our medical office buildings (“MOBs”) are located and their affiliated health systems to remain competitive and financially viable and to attract physicians and physician groups;

• Risks associated with our investments in joint ventures and unconsolidated entities, including our lack of sole decision-making authority and our reliance on our joint venture partners’ financial condition;

• Our ability to obtain the financial results expected from our development and redevelopment projects, including projects undertaken through our joint ventures;

• The impact of market or issuer events on the liquidity or value of our investments in marketable securities;

Consolidation in the seniors housing and healthcare industries resulting in a change of control of, or a competitor’s investment in, one or more of our tenants, operators, borrowers or managers or significant changes in the senior management of our tenants, operators, borrowers or managers;

• The impact of litigation or any financial, accounting, legal or regulatory issues that may affect us or our tenants, operators, borrowers or managers; and

• Changes in accounting principles, or their application or interpretation, and our ability to make estimates and the assumptions underlying the estimates, which could have an effect on our earnings.

Many of these factors, some of which are described in greater detail under “Risk Factors” in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, are beyond our control and the control of our management.

Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred, Atria, Sunrise and Ardent Information

Each of Brookdale Senior Living Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, “Brookdale Senior Living”) and Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, “Kindred”) is subject to the reporting requirements of the SEC and is required to file with the SEC annual reports containing audited financial information and quarterly reports containing unaudited financial information. The information related to Brookdale Senior Living and Kindred contained or referred to in this Annual Report on Form 10-K has been derived from SEC filings made by Brookdale Senior Living or Kindred, as the case may be, or other publicly available information or was provided to us by Brookdale Senior Living or Kindred, and we have not verified this information through an independent investigation or otherwise. We have no reason to believe that this information is inaccurate in any material respect, but we cannot assure you of its accuracy. We are providing this data for informational purposes only, and you are encouraged to obtain Brookdale Senior Living’s and Kindred’s publicly available filings, which can be found on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov. Atria Senior Living, Inc. (“Atria”), Sunrise Senior Living, LLC (together with its subsidiaries, “Sunrise”) and Ardent Health Partners, LLC (together with its subsidiaries, “Ardent”) are not currently subject to the reporting requirements of the SEC. The information related to Atria, Sunrise and Ardent contained or referred to in this Annual Report on Form 10-K has been derived from publicly available information or was provided to us by Atria, Sunrise or Ardent, as the case may be, and we have not verified this information through an independent investigation or otherwise. We have no reason to believe that this information is inaccurate in any material respect, but we cannot assure you of its accuracy.

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PART I

ITEM 1. Business

BUSINESS

Overview

Ventas, Inc., an S&P 500 company, is a REIT with a highly diversified portfolio of seniors housing and healthcare properties located throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. As of December 31, 2016, we owned approximately 1,300 properties (including properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and properties classified as held for sale), consisting of seniors housing communities, MOBs, life science and innovation centers, skilled nursing facilities, specialty hospitals and general acute care hospitals, and we had six properties under development, including one property that is owned by an unconsolidated real estate entity. Our company was originally founded in 1983 and is currently headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

We primarily invest in seniors housing and healthcare properties through acquisitions and lease our properties to unaffiliated tenants or operate them through independent third-party managers. As of December 31, 2016, we leased a total of 549 properties (excluding MOBs and 33 properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities) to various healthcare operating companies under “triple-net” or “absolute-net” leases that obligate the tenants to pay all property-related expenses, including maintenance, utilities, repairs, taxes, insurance and capital expenditures, and we engaged independent operators, such as Atria and Sunrise, to manage 298 seniors housing communities (excluding one property owned through investments in unconsolidated entities) for us pursuant to long-term management agreements.

Our three largest tenants, Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent leased from us 140 properties (excluding six properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and excluding one property managed by Brookdale Senior Living pursuant to a long-term management agreement), 68 properties (excluding one MOB) and ten properties, respectively, as of December 31, 2016.

Through our Lillibridge Healthcare Services, Inc. (“Lillibridge”) subsidiary and our ownership interest in PMB Real Estate Services LLC (“PMBRES”), we also provide MOB management, leasing, marketing, facility development and advisory services to highly rated hospitals and health systems throughout the United States. In addition, from time to time, we make secured and other loans and investments relating to seniors housing and healthcare operators or properties.

In September 2016, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the university affiliated life science and innovation real estate assets of Wexford Science & Technology, LLC (“Wexford”) from affiliates of Blackstone Real Estate Partners VIII, L.P. (together with its affiliates, “Blackstone”) (the “Life Sciences Acquisition”). As a result, we renamed our MOB operations reportable business segment “office operations,” which now includes both MOBs and life science assets.

We operate through three reportable business segments: triple-net leased properties, senior living operations and office operations. See our Consolidated Financial Statements and the related notes, including “NOTE 2—ACCOUNTING POLICIES,” included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Business Strategy

We aim to enhance shareholder value by delivering consistent, superior total returns through a strategy of: (1) generating reliable and growing cash flows; (2) maintaining a balanced, diversified portfolio of high-quality assets; and (3) preserving our financial strength, flexibility and liquidity.

Generating Reliable and Growing Cash Flows

Generating reliable and growing cash flows from our seniors housing and healthcare assets enables us to pay regular cash dividends to stockholders and creates opportunities to increase stockholder value through profitable investments. The combination of steady contractual growth from our long-term triple-net leases, steady, reliable cash flows from our loan investments and stable cash flows from our office buildings with the higher growth potential inherent in our seniors housing operating communities drives our ability to generate sustainable, growing cash flows that are resilient to economic downturns.

Maintaining a Balanced, Diversified Portfolio

We believe that maintaining a balanced portfolio of high-quality assets diversified by investment type, geographic location, asset type, tenant/operator, revenue source and operating model diminishes the risk that any single factor or event could materially harm our business. Portfolio diversification also enhances the reliability of our cash flows by reducing our exposure to any individual tenant, operator or manager and making us less susceptible to single-state regulatory or reimbursement changes, regional climate events and local economic downturns.

Preserving Our Financial Strength, Flexibility and Liquidity

A strong, flexible balance sheet and excellent liquidity position us favorably to capitalize on strategic growth opportunities in the seniors housing and healthcare industries through acquisitions, investments and development and redevelopment projects. We maintain our financial strength to pursue profitable investment opportunities by actively managing our leverage, improving our cost of capital and preserving our access to multiple sources of liquidity, including unsecured bank debt, mortgage financings and public debt and equity markets.

2016 Highlights and Other Recent Developments

Investments and Dispositions

In September 2016, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the university affiliated life science and innovation real estate assets of Wexford from Blackstone for total consideration of \$1.5 billion. The Life Sciences Acquisition added to our portfolio 23 operating properties, two development assets and nine future development sites.

In October 2016, we committed to provide secured debt financing in the amount of \$700.0 million to a subsidiary of Ardent to facilitate Ardent's acquisition of LHP Hospital Group, Inc. ("LHP"). The loan (the "Loan") has a five-year term and is LIBOR-based with an initial interest rate of approximately 8.0% and is guaranteed by Ardent's parent company. Ardent will also receive an equity contribution from its majority owner, an affiliate of Equity Group Investments. The Loan is subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. Ardent's acquisition of LHP is expected to close in the first quarter of 2017, but there can be no assurance as to whether, when or on what terms Ardent's acquisition of LHP or the Loan will be completed.

During 2016, we made a \$140.0 million secured mezzanine loan investment relating to Class A life sciences properties in California and Massachusetts, that has an annual interest rate of 9.95%, and we acquired two MOBs, one triple-net leased seniors housing asset and other investments for approximately \$42.3 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we sold 29 triple-net leased properties, one seniors housing community included in our senior living operations reportable business segment and six MOBs for aggregate consideration of \$300.8 million. We recognized a gain on the sales of these assets of \$98.2 million (net of taxes).

During 2016, we received aggregate proceeds of \$309.0 million in final repayment of three secured loans receivable and partial repayment of one secured loan receivable and recognized gains of \$9.6 million on the repayment of these loans receivable.

Capital and Dividends

During 2016, we issued and sold 18.9 million shares of common stock under our "at-the-market" ("ATM") equity offering program and public offerings. Aggregate net proceeds for these activities were \$1.3 billion, after sales agent commissions.

In May 2016, we repaid \$100.0 million outstanding on our unsecured term loan due 2019 using cash on hand.

In May 2016, we issued and sold \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.125% senior notes due 2023 at a public offering price equal to 99.343% of par, for total proceeds of \$397.4 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

In June 2016, we redeemed \$455.5 million aggregate principal amount then outstanding of our 1.55% senior notes due September 2016 at a public offering price of 100.335% of par, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In July 2016, we repaid the remaining balance then outstanding of our 1.55% senior notes due September 2016.

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In September 2016, we issued and sold \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.25% senior notes due 2026 at a public offering price equal to 99.811% of par, for total proceeds of \$449.1 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

In 2016, we paid an annual cash dividend on our common stock of \$2.965 per share. In December 2016, our fourth quarter 2016 dividend grew by 6% over third quarter 2016 to \$0.775.

Portfolio

In April 2016, we entered into several agreements with Kindred to improve the quality and productivity of the long term acute care hospital (“LTAC”) portfolio leased by Ventas to Kindred. Certain of the agreements consist of lease amendments to the Kindred master leases, for which we received a \$3.5 million fee. Under these lease amendments, annual rent on seven identified LTACs (the “7 LTACs”), which was approximately \$8 million, was immediately re-allocated to other more productive post-acute assets subject to the Kindred master leases. Separately, in October 2016, we sold the 7 LTACs to an unrelated third party for \$3.0 million, and recognized a gain of \$2.9 million.

In September 2016, we modified existing agreements with Sunrise related to the management of certain of the seniors housing communities owned by us and operated by Sunrise to reduce management fees payable to Sunrise under such agreements, maintain the existing term of such agreements and provide Sunrise with incentives for future outperformance. We also entered into a new multi-year development pipeline agreement with Sunrise that gives us the option to fund certain future Sunrise developments.

In November 2016, we entered into agreements with Kindred providing that (i) Kindred will either acquire all 36 SNFs owned by us and operated by Kindred for \$700 million, in connection with Kindred’s previously announced plan to exit its SNF business, or renew the current lease on all unpurchased SNFs through 2025 at the current rent level; and (ii) Kindred has extended the lease term to 2025 for all of our LTACs operated by Kindred that were scheduled to mature in 2018 and 2020, at the current rent level.

Portfolio Summary

The following table summarizes our consolidated portfolio of properties and other investments (including properties classified as held for sale and excluding properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Asset Type	# of Properties ⁽¹⁾	# of Units/ Sq. Ft./Beds ⁽²⁾	Real Estate Property Investments			Revenues			
			Real Estate Property Investment, at Cost	Percent of Total Real Estate Property Investments	Real Estate Property Investment Per Unit/Bed/Sq. Ft.	Revenue	Percent of Total Revenues		
(Dollars in thousands)									
Seniors housing communities	744	65,175	\$16,074,611	61.8	%	\$ 246.6	\$2,351,473	68.4	%
MOBs ⁽³⁾	365	20,443,999	5,393,841	20.7		0.3	599,058	17.4	
Life science and innovation centers	23	4,272,185	1,587,915	6.1		0.4	52,354	1.5	
Skilled nursing facilities	53	6,279	358,329	1.4		57.1	75,985	2.2	
Specialty hospitals	38	3,282	453,166	1.7		138.1	160,009	4.6	
General acute care hospitals	12	2,064	1,459,353	5.6		707.1	105,673	3.1	
Total properties	1,235		25,327,215	97.3			3,344,552	97.2	
Secured loans receivable and investments, net			702,021	2.7			98,094	2.8	

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Interest and other income	—	—		876	0.0
Total	\$26,029,236	100.0	%	\$3,443,522	100.0 %

As of December 31, 2016, we also owned 21 seniors housing communities, 13 skilled nursing facilities and five MOBs through investments in unconsolidated entities. Our consolidated properties were located in 46 states, the District of Columbia, seven Canadian provinces and the United Kingdom and, excluding MOBs, were operated or managed by 94 unaffiliated healthcare operating companies, including the following publicly traded companies or their subsidiaries: Brookdale Senior Living (140 properties) (excluding six properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and one property managed by Brookdale Senior Living pursuant to a long-term management agreement); Kindred (68 properties) (excluding one MOB); 21st Century Oncology Holdings, Inc. (12 properties); Capital Senior Living Corporation (12 properties); Spire Healthcare plc (three properties); and HealthSouth Corp. (four properties).

Seniors housing communities are measured in units; MOB's and life science and innovation centers are measured (2) by square footage; and skilled nursing facilities, specialty hospitals and general acute care hospitals are measured by bed count.

As of December 31, 2016, we leased 67 of our consolidated MOB's pursuant to triple-net leases, Lillibridge or (3) PMBRES managed 279 of our consolidated MOB's and 19 of our consolidated MOB's were managed by eight unaffiliated managers. Through Lillibridge and PMBRES, we also provided management and leasing services for 90 MOB's owned by third parties as of December 31, 2016.

Seniors Housing and Healthcare Properties

As of December 31, 2016, we owned a total of 1,274 seniors housing and healthcare properties (including properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and properties classified as held for sale) as follows:

	Consolidated (100% interest)	Consolidated (<100% interest)	Unconsolidated (5-25% interest)	Total
Seniors housing communities	731	13	21	765
MOB's	332	33	5	370
Life science and innovation centers	15	8	—	23
Skilled nursing facilities	53	—	13	66
Specialty hospitals	37	1	—	38
General acute care hospitals	12	—	—	12
Total	1,180	55	39	1,274

Seniors Housing Communities

Our seniors housing communities include independent and assisted living communities, continuing care retirement communities and communities providing care for individuals with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia or memory loss. These communities offer studio, one bedroom and two bedroom residential units on a month-to-month basis primarily to elderly individuals requiring various levels of assistance. Basic services for residents of these communities include housekeeping, meals in a central dining area and group activities organized by the staff with input from the residents. More extensive care and personal supervision, at additional fees, are also available for such needs as eating, bathing, grooming, transportation, limited therapeutic programs and medication administration, which allow residents certain conveniences and enable them to live as independently as possible according to their abilities. These services are often met by home health providers, close coordination with the resident's physician and skilled nursing facilities. Charges for room, board and services are generally paid from private sources.

Medical Office Buildings

Typically, our MOB's are multi-tenant properties leased to several unrelated medical practices, although in many cases they may be associated with a large single specialty or multi-specialty group. Tenants include physicians, dentists, psychologists, therapists and other healthcare providers, who require space devoted to patient examination and treatment, diagnostic imaging, outpatient surgery and other outpatient services. MOB's are similar to commercial office buildings, although they require greater plumbing, electrical and mechanical systems to accommodate physicians' requirements such as sinks in every room, brighter lights and specialized medical equipment. As of December 31, 2016, we owned or managed for third parties approximately 24 million square feet of MOB's that are predominantly located on or near an acute care hospital campus.

Life Science and Innovation Centers

Our life science and innovation centers contain laboratory and office space primarily for scientific research for universities, academic medical centers, technology, biotechnology, medical device and pharmaceutical companies and other organizations involved in the life science industry. While these properties have characteristics similar to commercial office buildings, they generally contain more advanced electrical, mechanical, and heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems. The facilities generally have specialty equipment including emergency generators, fume hoods, lab bench tops and related amenities. In many instances, life science tenants make significant investments to improve their leased space, in addition to landlord improvements, to accommodate biology, chemistry or medical

device research initiatives. Our life science and innovation centers are primarily located on or contiguous to university and academic medical campuses. The campus settings allow us the opportunity to provide flexible, contiguous/adjacent expansion to accommodate the growth of existing tenants.

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Skilled Nursing Facilities

Our skilled nursing facilities provide rehabilitative, restorative, skilled nursing and medical treatment for patients and residents who do not require the high technology, care-intensive, high cost setting of an acute care or rehabilitation hospital. Treatment programs include physical, occupational, speech, respiratory and other therapies, including sub-acute clinical protocols such as wound care and intravenous drug treatment. Charges for these services are generally paid from a combination of government reimbursement and private sources.

Long-Term Acute Care Hospitals

30 of our properties are operated as LTACs. LTACs have a Medicare average length of stay of greater than 25 days and serve medically complex, chronically ill patients who require a high level of monitoring and specialized care, but whose conditions do not necessitate the continued services of an intensive care unit. The operators of these LTACs have the capability to treat patients who suffer from multiple systemic failures or conditions such as neurological disorders, head injuries, brain stem and spinal cord trauma, cerebral vascular accidents, chemical brain injuries, central nervous system disorders, developmental anomalies and cardiopulmonary disorders. Chronic patients often depend on technology for continued life support, such as mechanical ventilators, total parenteral nutrition, respiration or cardiac monitors and dialysis machines, and, due to their severe medical conditions, generally are not clinically appropriate for admission to a nursing facility or rehabilitation hospital. All of our LTACs are freestanding facilities, and we do not own any “hospitals within hospitals.” We also own eight inpatient rehabilitation hospitals devoted to the rehabilitation of patients with various neurological, musculoskeletal, orthopedic and other medical conditions following stabilization of their acute medical issues.

General Acute Care Hospitals

12 of our properties are operated as general acute care hospitals. General acute care hospitals provide medical and surgical services, including inpatient care, intensive care, cardiac care, diagnostic services and emergency services. These hospitals also provide outpatient services such as outpatient surgery, laboratory, radiology, respiratory therapy, cardiology and physical therapy. In the United States, these hospitals receive payments for patient services from the federal government primarily under the Medicare program, state governments under their respective Medicaid or similar programs, health maintenance organizations, preferred provider organizations, other private insurers and directly from patients.

Geographic Diversification of Properties

Our portfolio of seniors housing and healthcare properties is broadly diversified by geographic location throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom, with properties in only one state (California) accounting for more than 10% of our total revenues and total net operating income (“NOI,” which is defined as total revenues, excluding interest and other income, less property-level operating expenses and office building services costs), in each case excluding amounts in discontinued operations, for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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The following table shows our rental income and resident fees and services by geographic location for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Geographic Location	Rental Income and Resident Fees and Services ⁽¹⁾ (Dollars in thousands)	Percent of Total Revenues ⁽¹⁾	
California	\$526,388	15.3	%
New York	302,348	8.8	
Texas	215,370	6.3	
Illinois	167,907	4.9	
Florida	153,566	4.5	
Pennsylvania	128,937	3.7	
Georgia	121,372	3.5	
Arizona	107,160	3.1	
New Jersey	94,678	2.7	
Connecticut	91,712	2.7	
Other (36 states and the District of Columbia)	1,212,893	35.1	
Total U.S	3,122,331	90.6	%
Canada (7 provinces)	174,813	5.1	
United Kingdom	26,338	0.8	
Total	\$3,323,482	96.5	% ⁽²⁾

(1) This presentation excludes revenues from properties included in discontinued operations during 2016.

(2) The remainder of our total revenues is office building and other services revenue, income from loans and investments and interest and other income.

The following table shows our NOI by geographic location for the year ended December 31, 2016:

Geographic Location	NOI ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ (Dollars in thousands)	Percent of Total NOI ⁽¹⁾	
California	\$276,147	13.8	%
New York	117,120	5.9	
Texas	140,898	7.0	
Illinois	106,831	5.3	
Florida	90,742	4.5	
Pennsylvania	69,155	3.5	
Indiana	58,181	2.9	
Arizona	57,519	2.9	
North Carolina	54,755	2.7	
New Mexico	51,744	2.6	
Other (36 states and the District of Columbia)	867,261	43.4	
Total U.S	1,890,353	94.5	%
Canada (7 provinces)	83,882	4.2	
United Kingdom	26,338	1.3	
Total	\$2,000,573	100.0	%

- (1) This presentation excludes NOI from properties included in discontinued operations during 2016. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Non-GAAP Financial Measures—NOI” included in Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a reconciliation of NOI to our GAAP earnings.
- (2) For a reconciliation of NOI to its most directly comparable GAAP measure, income from continuing operations, see “Non-GAAP Financial Measures.”

See “NOTE 19—SEGMENT INFORMATION” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for more information regarding the geographic diversification of our portfolio.

Loans and Investments

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$754.6 million of net loans receivable and investments relating to seniors housing and healthcare operators or properties. Our loans receivable and investments provide us with interest income, principal amortization and transaction fees and are typically secured by mortgage liens or leasehold mortgages on the underlying properties and corporate or personal guarantees by affiliates of the borrowing entity. In some cases, the loans are secured by a pledge of ownership interests in the entity or entities that own the related seniors housing or healthcare properties. From time to time, we also make investments in mezzanine loans, which are subordinated to senior secured loans held by other investors that encumber the same real estate. See “NOTE 6—LOANS RECEIVABLE AND INVESTMENTS” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Development and Redevelopment Projects

We are party to certain agreements that obligate us to develop seniors housing or healthcare properties funded through capital that we and, in certain circumstances, our joint venture partners provide. As of December 31, 2016, we had six properties under development pursuant to these agreements, including one property that is owned by an unconsolidated real estate entity. In addition, from time to time, we engage in redevelopment projects with respect to our existing seniors housing communities to maximize the value, increase NOI, maintain a market-competitive position, achieve property stabilization or change the primary use of the property.

Segment Information

We evaluate our operating performance and allocate resources based on three reportable business segments: triple-net leased properties; senior living operations; and office operations. Non-segment assets, classified as “all other,” consist primarily of corporate assets, including cash, restricted cash, deferred financing costs, loans receivable and investments, and miscellaneous accounts receivable. We evaluate performance of the combined properties in each reportable business segment based on segment NOI and related measures. For further information regarding our business segments and a discussion of our definition of segment NOI, see “NOTE 19—SEGMENT INFORMATION” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Significant Tenants, Operators and Managers

The following table summarizes certain information regarding our tenant, operator and manager concentration as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 (excluding properties classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016):

	Number of Properties Leased or Managed	Percent of Total Real Estate Investments (1)		Percent of Total Revenues		Percent of NOI
Senior living operations (2)	298	33.9	%	53.6	%	30.2 %
Brookdale Senior Living (3)	140	8.1		4.8		8.3
Kindred	69	1.8		5.4		9.2
Ardent	10	5.1		3.1		5.3

(1)Based on gross book value.

(2)Excludes one property owned through investments in unconsolidated entities.

(3) Excludes six properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and one property managed by Brookdale Senior Living pursuant to a long-term management agreement.

Triple-Net Leased Properties

Each of our leases with Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent is a triple-net lease that obligates the tenant to pay all property-related expenses, including maintenance, utilities, repairs, taxes, insurance and capital expenditures, and to comply with the terms of the mortgage financing documents, if any, affecting the properties. In addition, each

of our Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent leases has a corporate guaranty. Brookdale Senior Living and Kindred have multiple leases with us and those leases contain cross-default provisions tied to each other, as well as lease renewals by lease agreement or by pool of assets.

The properties we lease to Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent accounted for a significant portion of our triple-net leased properties segment revenues and NOI for the year ended December 31, 2016. If any of Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent becomes unable or unwilling to satisfy its obligations to us or to renew its leases with us upon

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expiration of the terms thereof, our financial condition and results of operations could decline and our ability to service our indebtedness and to make distributions to our stockholders could be impaired. We cannot assure you that Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent will have sufficient assets, income and access to financing to enable them to satisfy their respective obligations to us, and any failure, inability or unwillingness by Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations or liquidity and our ability to service our indebtedness and other obligations and to make distributions to our stockholders, as required for us to continue to qualify as a REIT (a “Material Adverse Effect”). We also cannot assure you that Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent will elect to renew their respective leases with us upon expiration of the leases or that we will be able to reposition any non-renewed properties on a timely basis or on the same or better economic terms, if at all. See “Risks Factors—Risks Arising from Our Business—Our leases with Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent account for a significant portion of our triple-net leased properties segment revenues and operating income; Any failure, inability or unwillingness by Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent to satisfy its obligations under our agreements could have a Material Adverse Effect on us” included in Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Brookdale Senior Living Leases

As of December 31, 2016, we leased 140 properties (excluding six properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and one property managed by Brookdale Senior Living pursuant to a long-term management agreement) to Brookdale Senior Living pursuant to multiple lease agreements.

Pursuant to our lease agreements, Brookdale Senior Living is obligated to pay base rent, which escalates annually at a specified rate over the prior period base rent. As of December 31, 2016, the aggregate 2017 contractual cash rent due to us from Brookdale Senior Living, excluding variable interest that Brookdale Senior Living is obligated to pay as additional rent based on certain floating rate mortgage debt, was approximately \$178.8 million, and the current aggregate contractual base rent (computed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”)) due to us from Brookdale Senior Living, excluding the variable interest, was approximately \$162.6 million (in each case, excluding six properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities as of December 31, 2016). See “NOTE 3—CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK” and “NOTE 14—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Kindred Leases

As of December 31, 2016, we leased 68 properties (excluding one MOB) to Kindred pursuant to multiple lease agreements. The properties leased pursuant to our Kindred master leases are grouped into bundles, or “renewal groups,” with each renewal group containing a varying number of geographically diversified properties. All properties within a single renewal group have the same current lease term of five to 12 years, and each renewal group is currently subject to one or more successive five-year renewal terms at Kindred’s option, provided certain conditions are satisfied. Kindred’s renewal option is “all or nothing” with respect to the properties contained in each renewal group. In November 2016, Kindred extended the lease term to 2025 for all of our LTACs operated by Kindred that were scheduled to mature in 2018 and 2020, at the current rent level.

The aggregate annual rent we receive under each Kindred master lease is referred to as “base rent.” Base rent escalates annually at a specified rate over the prior period base rent, contingent, in the case of the remaining three original Kindred master leases, upon the satisfaction of specified facility revenue parameters. The annual rent escalator under two Kindred master leases is 2.7%, and the annual rent escalator under the other two Kindred master leases is based on year-over-year changes in CPI, subject to floors and caps. As of December 31, 2016, the aggregate 2017 contractual cash rent due to us from Kindred was approximately \$170.1 million, and the current aggregate contractual base rent (computed in accordance with GAAP) due to us from Kindred was approximately \$187.7 million.

Ardent Lease

As of December 31, 2016, we leased ten hospital campuses to Ardent pursuant to a single, triple-net master lease agreement. Pursuant to our master lease agreement, Ardent is obligated to pay base rent, which escalates annually by the lesser of four times the increase in the consumer price index for the relevant period and 2.5%. The initial term of the master lease expires on August 31, 2035 and Ardent has one ten-year renewal option.

As of December 31, 2016, the aggregate 2017 contractual cash rent due to us from Ardent was approximately \$109.2 million, and the current aggregate contractual base rent (computed in accordance with GAAP) due to us from Ardent

was also approximately \$109.2 million.

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Senior Living Operations

As of December 31, 2016, Atria and Sunrise, collectively, provided comprehensive property management and accounting services with respect to 266 seniors housing communities included in our senior living operations reportable business segment, for which we pay annual management fees pursuant to long-term management agreements. Most of our management agreements with Atria have initial terms expiring either July 31, 2024 or December 31, 2027, with successive automatic ten-year renewal periods. The management fees payable to Atria under most of the Atria management agreements range from 4.5% to 5% of revenues generated by the applicable properties, and Atria can earn up to an additional 1% of revenues based on the achievement of specified performance targets. Most of our management agreements with Sunrise have terms ranging from 25 to 30 years (which commenced as early as 2004 and as recently as 2012). The management fees payable to Sunrise under the Sunrise management agreements generally range from 5% to 7% of revenues generated by the applicable properties. See “NOTE 3—CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Because Atria and Sunrise manage our properties in exchange for the receipt of a management fee from us, we are not directly exposed to the credit risk of our managers in the same manner or to the same extent as our triple-net tenants. However, we rely on our managers’ personnel, expertise, technical resources and information systems, proprietary information, good faith and judgment to manage our senior living operations efficiently and effectively. We also rely on our managers to set appropriate resident fees and to otherwise operate our seniors housing communities in compliance with the terms of our management agreements and all applicable laws and regulations. Although we have various rights as the property owner under our management agreements, including various rights to terminate and exercise remedies under those agreements as provided therein, Atria’s or Sunrise’s failure, inability or unwillingness to satisfy its respective obligations under those agreements, to efficiently and effectively manage our properties or to provide timely and accurate accounting information with respect thereto could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. In addition, significant changes in Atria’s or Sunrise’s senior management or equity ownership or any adverse developments in their businesses and affairs or financial condition could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. See “Risk Factors—Risks Arising from Our Business—The properties managed by Atria and Sunrise account for a significant portion of our revenues and operating income; Adverse developments in Atria’s or Sunrise’s business and affairs or financial condition could have a Material Adverse Effect on us” and “—We have rights to terminate our management agreements with Atria and Sunrise in whole or with respect to certain properties under certain circumstances, and we may be unable to replace Atria or Sunrise if our management agreements are terminated or not renewed” included in Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our 34% ownership interest in Atria entitles us to certain rights and minority protections, as well as the right to appoint two of six members on the Atria Board of Directors.

Competition

We generally compete for investments in seniors housing and healthcare assets with publicly traded, private and non-listed healthcare REITs, real estate partnerships, healthcare providers, healthcare lenders and other investors, including developers, banks, insurance companies, pension funds, government-sponsored entities and private equity firms, some of whom may have greater financial resources and lower costs of capital than we do. Increased competition challenges our ability to identify and successfully capitalize on opportunities that meet our objectives, which is affected by, among other factors, the availability of suitable acquisition or investment targets, our ability to negotiate acceptable transaction terms and our access to and cost of capital. See “Risk Factors—Risks Arising from Our Business—Our pursuit of investments in and acquisitions of, or our development or redevelopment of, seniors housing and healthcare assets may be unsuccessful or fail to meet our expectations” included in Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and “NOTE 10—SENIOR NOTES PAYABLE AND OTHER DEBT” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our tenants, operators and managers also compete on a local and regional basis with other healthcare operating companies that provide comparable services. Seniors housing community, skilled nursing facility and hospital operators compete to attract and retain residents and patients to our properties based on scope and quality of care, reputation and financial condition, price, location and physical appearance of the properties, services offered, qualified personnel, physician referrals and family preferences. With respect to MOBs, we and our third-party managers

compete to attract and retain tenants based on many of the same factors, in addition to quality of the affiliated health system, physician preferences and proximity to hospital campuses. The ability of our tenants, operators and managers to compete successfully could be affected by private, federal and state reimbursement programs and other laws and regulations. See “Risk Factors—Risks Arising from Our Business—Our tenants, operators and managers may be adversely affected by healthcare regulation and enforcement” and “—Changes in the reimbursement rates or methods of payment from third-party payors, including the Medicare and Medicaid programs, could have a material adverse effect on certain of our tenants and operators and on us” included in Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Employees

As of December 31, 2016, we had 493 employees, including 263 employees associated with our office operations reportable business segment, but excluding 1,384 employees at our Canadian seniors housing communities under the supervision and control of our independent managers. Although the applicable manager is responsible for hiring and maintaining the labor force at each of our Canadian seniors housing communities, we bear many of the costs and risks generally borne by employers, particularly with respect to those properties with unionized labor. None of our employees is subject to a collective bargaining agreement, other than those employees in the Canadian seniors housing communities managed by Sunrise or Atria. We believe that relations with our employees are positive. See “Risk Factors—Risks Arising from Our Business—Our operating assets expose us to various operational risks, liabilities and claims that could adversely affect our ability to generate revenues or increase our costs and could have a Material Adverse Effect on us” included in Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Insurance

We maintain or require in our lease, management and other agreements that our tenants, operators and managers maintain all applicable lines of insurance on our properties and their operations. We believe that the amount and scope of insurance coverage provided by our policies and the policies required to be maintained by our tenants, operators and managers are customary for similarly situated companies in our industry. Although we regularly monitor our tenants’, operators’ and managers’ compliance with their respective insurance requirements, we cannot assure you that they will maintain the required insurance coverages, and any failure, inability or unwillingness by our tenants, operators and managers to do so could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. We also cannot assure you that we will continue to require the same levels of insurance coverage under our lease, management and other agreements, that such insurance coverage will be available at a reasonable cost in the future or that the policies maintained will fully cover all losses related to our properties upon the occurrence of a catastrophic event, nor can we assure you of the future financial viability of the insurers.

We maintain the property insurance for all of our senior living operations, as well as the general and professional liability insurance for our seniors housing communities and related operations managed by Atria. However, Sunrise maintains the general and professional liability insurance for our seniors housing communities and related operations that it manages in accordance with the terms of our management agreements. Under our management agreements with Sunrise, we may elect, on an annual basis, whether we or Sunrise will bear responsibility for maintaining the required insurance coverage for the applicable properties, but the costs of such insurance are facility expenses paid from the revenues of those properties, regardless of who maintains the insurance.

Through our office operations, we provide engineering, construction and architectural services in connection with new development projects, and any design, construction or systems failures related to the properties we develop could result in substantial injury or damage to our clients or third parties. Any such injury or damage claims may arise in the ordinary course and may be asserted with respect to ongoing or completed projects. Although we maintain liability insurance to protect us against these claims, if any claim results in a loss, we cannot assure you that our policy limits would be adequate to cover the loss in full. If we sustain losses in excess of our insurance coverage, we may be required to pay the difference and we could lose our investment in, or experience reduced profits and cash flows from, the affected MOB, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

For various reasons, including to reduce and manage costs, many healthcare companies utilize different organizational and corporate structures coupled with self-insurance trusts or captive programs that may provide less coverage than a traditional insurance policy. As a result, companies that self-insure could incur large funded and unfunded general and professional liability expenses, which could have a material adverse effect on their liquidity, financial condition and results of operations. The implementation of a trust or captive by any of our tenants, operators or managers could adversely affect such person’s ability to satisfy its obligations under, or otherwise comply with the terms of, its respective lease, management and other agreements with us, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. Likewise, if we decide to implement a captive or self-insurance program, any large funded and unfunded general and professional liability expenses that we incur could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Additional Information

We maintain a website at www.ventasreit.com. The information on our website is not incorporated by reference in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and our web address is included as an inactive textual reference only.

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amendments to that document) and the charters for each of our Audit and Compliance, Nominating and Corporate Governance and Executive Compensation Committees are available on our website, and we will mail copies of the foregoing documents to stockholders, free of charge, upon request to our Corporate Secretary at Ventas, Inc., 353 North Clark Street, Suite 3300, Chicago, Illinois 60654.

GOVERNMENTAL REGULATION

Healthcare Regulation

Overview

Healthcare is a highly regulated industry and we expect that trend will, in general, continue in the future. Our tenants, operators and managers are typically subject to extensive and complex federal, state and local laws and regulations relating to quality of care, licensure and certificate of need, government reimbursement, fraud and abuse practices, qualifications of personnel, adequacy of plant and equipment, and other laws and regulations governing the operation of healthcare facilities. The applicable rules are wide-ranging and can subject our tenants, operators and managers to civil, criminal, and administrative sanctions, including: the possible loss of accreditation or license; denial of reimbursement; imposition of fines; suspension, decertification, or exclusion from federal and state healthcare programs; or facility closure. Changes in laws or regulations, reimbursement policies, enforcement activity and regulatory non-compliance by tenants, operators and managers can all have a significant effect on their operations and financial condition, which in turn may adversely impact us, as detailed below and set forth under “Risk Factors” in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The recent U.S. presidential election, coupled with a Republican-controlled Congress, makes the repeal of the Affordable Care Act (“ACA”) a possibility. Beyond this, significant changes to commercial health insurance, Medicare and Medicaid are all possible. Government payors, such as the federal Medicare program and state Medicaid programs, as well as private insurance carriers (including health maintenance organizations and other health plans), are likely to impose greater discounts and more stringent cost controls upon operators (through changes in reimbursement rates and methodologies, discounted fee structures, the assumption by healthcare providers of all or a portion of the financial risk or otherwise). A shift toward less comprehensive health insurance coverage and increased consumer cost-sharing on health expenditures could have a material adverse effect on certain of our operators’ liquidity, financial condition and results of operations and, in turn, their ability to satisfy their contractual obligations, including making rental payments under and otherwise complying with the terms of our leases.

Licensure, Certification and CONs

In general, the operators of our hospitals and skilled nursing facilities must be licensed and periodically certified through various regulatory agencies that determine compliance with federal, state and local laws to participate in the Medicare and Medicaid programs. Legal requirements pertaining to such licensure and certification relate to the quality of medical care provided by the operator, qualifications of the operator’s administrative personnel and clinical staff, adequacy of the physical plant and equipment and continuing compliance with applicable laws and regulations. A loss of licensure or certification could adversely affect a hospital or skilled nursing facility operator’s ability to receive payments from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, which, in turn, could adversely affect its ability to satisfy its obligations to us.

In addition, many of our skilled nursing facilities are subject to state CON laws that require governmental approval prior to the development or expansion of healthcare facilities and services. The approval process in these states generally requires a facility to demonstrate the need for additional or expanded healthcare facilities or services. CONs, where applicable, are also sometimes necessary for changes in ownership or control of licensed facilities, addition of beds, investment in major capital equipment, introduction of new services or termination of services previously approved through the CON process. CON laws and regulations may restrict an operator’s ability to expand our properties and grow its business in certain circumstances, which could have an adverse effect on the operator’s revenues and, in turn, its ability to make rental payments under and otherwise comply with the terms of our leases. See “Risk Factors-Risks Arising from Our Business-If we must replace any of our tenants or operators, we might be unable to reposition the properties on as favorable terms, or at all, and we could be subject to delays, limitations and expenses, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us” included in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

State CON laws remained largely unchanged in 2016, with the exceptions of New Hampshire and Tennessee. New Hampshire repealed its CON laws, effective June 30, 2016. Tennessee, on the other hand, deleted or liberalized several services from its CON requirements while adding others. Among the additions to CON requirements, hospitals in Tennessee are now required to obtain a CON when seeking to create a satellite emergency department, as well as prior to starting an organ donation/organ transplant service.

Compared to hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, seniors housing communities (other than those that receive

Medicaid payments) do not receive significant funding from governmental healthcare programs and are subject to relatively few, if any, federal regulations. Instead, to the extent they are regulated, such regulation consists primarily of state and local laws governing licensure, provision of services, staffing requirements and other operational matters, which vary greatly from one jurisdiction to another. Although recent growth in the U.S. seniors housing industry has attracted the attention of various federal agencies that believe more federal regulation of these properties is necessary, Congress thus far has deferred to state regulation of seniors housing communities. However, as a result of this growth and increased federal scrutiny, some states have revised and strengthened their regulation of seniors housing communities, and more states are expected to do the same in the future.

As discussed in greater detail below, a number of states have instituted Medicaid waiver programs that blend the functions of healthcare and custodial care providers, and expand the scope of services that can be provided under certain licenses. The trend toward this kind of experimentation is likely to continue, and even hasten, under current political leadership. The temporary and experimental nature of these programs means that states will also continue to adjust their licensing and certification processes, which may result in some of our operators facing increased competition and others facing new requirements.

Fraud and Abuse Enforcement

Skilled nursing facilities, hospitals and senior housing communities that receive Medicaid payments are subject to various complex federal, state and local laws and regulations that govern healthcare providers' relationships and arrangements and prohibit fraudulent and abusive business practices. These laws and regulations include, among others:

- Federal and state false claims acts, which, among other things, prohibit healthcare providers from filing false claims or making false statements to receive payment from Medicare, Medicaid or other governmental healthcare programs;
- Federal and state anti-kickback and fee-splitting statutes, including the Medicare and Medicaid anti-kickback statute, which prohibit the payment, receipt or solicitation of any remuneration to induce referrals of patients for items or services covered by a governmental healthcare program, including Medicare and Medicaid;
- Federal and state physician self-referral laws, including the federal Stark Law, which generally prohibits physicians from referring patients enrolled in certain governmental healthcare programs to providers of certain designated health services in which the referring physician or an immediate family member of the referring physician has an ownership or other financial interest;
- The federal Civil Monetary Penalties Law, which authorizes the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS") to impose civil penalties administratively for fraudulent acts; and
- State and federal data privacy and security laws, including the privacy and security rules of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, which provide for the privacy and security of certain individually identifiable health information.

Violating these healthcare fraud and abuse laws and regulations may result in criminal and civil penalties, such as punitive sanctions, damage assessments, monetary penalties, imprisonment, denial of Medicare and Medicaid payments, and exclusion from the Medicare and Medicaid programs. The responsibility for enforcing these laws and regulations lies with a variety of federal, state and local governmental agencies, however they can also be enforced by private litigants through federal and state false claims acts and other laws that allow private individuals to bring whistleblower suits known as qui tam actions.

Congress has significantly increased funding to the governmental agencies charged with enforcing the healthcare fraud and abuse laws to facilitate increased audits, investigations and prosecutions of providers suspected of healthcare fraud. As a result, government investigations and enforcement actions brought against healthcare providers have increased significantly in recent years and are expected to continue. A violation of federal or state anti-fraud and abuse laws or regulations by an operator of our properties could have a material adverse effect on the operator's liquidity, financial condition or results of operations, which could adversely affect its ability to satisfy its contractual obligations, including making rental payments under and otherwise complying with the terms of our leases.

It is too early to know whether the new presidential administration will expand on these efforts, but it is likely that states will devote additional resources to Medicaid fraud, waste, and abuse initiatives. Medicaid reform plans may include lowering the growth rate of Medicaid spending, which will put pressure on states to exert greater scrutiny over

the utilization of services.

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Medicare's fraud, waste, and abuse initiatives will also likely be retooled during the new presidential administration. A backlog of provider appeals in response to Medicare audits may require the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services ("CMS") to consider more expedited and conservative methods for determining recovery amounts. The Recovery Audit Contractor program, which has recovered more than \$2 billion for the Medicare program, continues to be controversial and may be modified under the new administration. Finally, the growth of value-based reimbursement models in Medicare may result in new rules regarding physician ownership of other providers, provider referrals, and provider affiliated charities buying down the cost of care for certain consumers. In total, Medicare program integrity might be less of a focus of the new administration, but there will be policy changes and as yet unknown pockets of increased oversight that are expected to create new risks for operators of healthcare facilities.

Reimbursement

The majority of skilled nursing facilities reimbursement, and a significant percentage of hospital reimbursement, is through Medicare and Medicaid. Medical buildings and other healthcare related properties have provider tenants that participate in Medicare and Medicaid. These programs are often their largest source of funding. Seniors housing communities generally do not receive funding from Medicare or Medicaid, but their ability to retain their residents is impacted by policy decisions and initiatives established by the administrators of Medicare and Medicaid. The passage of the ACA in 2010 allowed formerly uninsured Americans to acquire coverage and utilize additional health care services. In addition, the ACA gave the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services new authorities to implement Medicaid waiver and pilot programs that impact healthcare and long term custodial care reimbursement by Medicare and Medicaid. These activities promote "aging in place", allowing senior citizens to stay longer in seniors housing communities, and diverting or delaying their admission into skilled nursing facilities. The potential risks that accompany these regulatory and market changes are discussed below.

As a result of the ACA, and specifically Medicaid expansion and establishment of health insurance exchanges providing subsidized health insurance, an estimated seventeen million more Americans have health insurance than in 2010. These newly-insured Americans utilize services delivered by providers at medical buildings and other healthcare facilities. The new presidential administration and Republican-controlled Congress are committed to repealing the ACA and replacing it with a less federalized model for providing health insurance to individuals and families unable to purchase health insurance on their own. The details of the replacement model are not yet known, but potential end results could be fewer insured individuals and families or individuals and families maintaining less comprehensive insurance coverage. Either outcome could adversely impact the resources of our operators.

Enabled by the Medicare Modernization Act (2003) and subsequent laws, Medicare and Medicaid have implemented pilot programs (officially termed demonstrations or models) to "divert" elderly from skilled nursing facilities and promote "aging in place" in "the least restrictive environment." Several states have implemented home and community-based Medicaid waiver programs that increase the support services available to senior citizens in senior housing, lengthening the time that many seniors can live outside of a skilled nursing facility. These Medicaid waiver programs are subject to re-approval and pilots are time-limited. The new presidential administration may be generally supportive of these programs, but it is nonetheless likely that particular initiatives will gain or lose favor, and certain current initiatives might come to an end or be modified.

CMS is currently in the midst of transitioning Medicare from a traditional fee for service reimbursement model to capitated, value-based, and bundled payment approaches in which the government pays a set amount for each beneficiary for a defined period of time, based on that person's underlying medical needs, rather than the actual services provided. The result is increasing use of management tools to oversee individual providers and coordinate their services. This puts downward pressure on the number and expense of services provided. Roughly eight million Medicare beneficiaries now receive care via accountable care organizations, and another 18 million are enrolled in Medicare Advantage health plans. The continued trend toward capitated, value-based, and bundled payment approaches has the potential diminish the market for certain healthcare providers, particularly specialist physicians and providers of particular diagnostic technologies such medical resonance imaging services. This could adversely impact the medical properties that house these physicians and medical technology providers.

The majority of Medicare payments continue to be made through traditional Medicare Part A and Part B fee-for-service schedules. Medicare's payment regulations, particularly with respect to certain hospitals, skilled nursing care, and home health services have resulted in lower net pay increases than providers of those services often desire. In addition, the Medicare and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 establishes a multi-year transition into pay-for-quality approaches for Medicare physicians and other providers. This will include payment reductions for providers who do not meet government quality standards. The implementation of pay-for-quality models is

expected to produce funding disparities that could adversely impact some provider tenants in medical buildings and other health care properties.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, approximately 9.2% of our total revenues and 15.0% of our total NOI (in each case excluding amounts in discontinued operations) were attributable to skilled nursing facilities and hospitals in which our third-party tenants receive reimbursement for their services under governmental healthcare programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid. We are neither a participant in, nor a direct recipient of, any reimbursement under these programs with respect to those leased facilities.

Life Science and Innovation Centers

In 2016, we entered the life science and innovation sector (“life science”) through the Life Sciences Acquisition. The life science tenants of these assets are largely university-affiliated organizations. These university-affiliated life science tenants are dependent on government funding to varying degrees. Creating a new pharmaceutical product or medical device requires substantial investments of time and capital, in part because of the extensive regulation of the healthcare industry; it also entails considerable risk of failure in demonstrating that the product is safe and effective and in gaining regulatory approval and market acceptance. Therefore, our tenants in the life science industry face high levels of regulation, expense and uncertainty.

Environmental Regulation

As an owner of real property, we are subject to various federal, state and local laws and regulations regarding environmental, health and safety matters.

These laws and regulations address, among other things, asbestos, polychlorinated biphenyls, fuel oil management, wastewater discharges, air emissions, radioactive materials, medical wastes, and hazardous wastes, and, in certain cases, the costs of complying with these laws and regulations and the penalties for non-compliance can be substantial. With respect to our properties that are operated or managed by third parties, we may be held primarily or jointly and severally liable for costs relating to the investigation and clean-up of any property from which there is or has been an actual or threatened release of a regulated material and any other affected properties, regardless of whether we knew of or caused the release. Such costs typically are not limited by law or regulation and could exceed the property’s value. In addition, we may be liable for certain other costs, such as governmental fines and injuries to persons, property or natural resources, as a result of any such actual or threatened release. See “Risk Factors-Risks Arising from Our Business-We could incur substantial liabilities and costs if any of our properties are found to be contaminated with hazardous substances or we become involved in any environmental disputes” included in Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Under the terms of our lease, management and other agreements, we generally have a right to indemnification by the tenants, operators and managers of our properties for any contamination caused by them. However, we cannot assure you that our tenants, operators and managers will have the financial capability or willingness to satisfy their respective indemnification obligations to us, and any failure, inability or unwillingness to do so may require us to satisfy the underlying environmental claims.

In general, we have also agreed to indemnify our tenants and operators against any environmental claims (including penalties and clean-up costs) resulting from any condition arising in, on or under, or relating to, the leased properties at any time before the applicable lease commencement date. With respect to our senior living operating portfolio, we have agreed to indemnify our managers against any environmental claims (including penalties and clean-up costs) resulting from any condition on those properties, unless the manager caused or contributed to that condition.

We did not make any material capital expenditures in connection with environmental, health, and safety laws, ordinances and regulations in 2016 and do not expect that we will be required to make any such material capital expenditures during 2017.

Canada

In Canada, seniors housing communities are currently generally subject to significantly less regulation than skilled nursing facilities and hospitals, and the regulation of such facilities is principally a matter of provincial and municipal jurisdiction. As a result, the regulatory regimes that apply to seniors housing communities vary depending on the province (and in certain circumstances, the city) in which a facility is located. Recently, certain Canadian provinces have taken steps to implement regulatory measures that could result in enhanced regulation for seniors housing

communities in such provinces.

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CERTAIN U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS

The following discussion summarizes certain U.S. federal income tax considerations that may be relevant to you as a holder of our stock. It is not tax advice, nor does it purport to address all aspects of U.S. federal income taxation that may be important to particular stockholders in light of their personal circumstances or to certain types of stockholders, such as insurance companies, tax-exempt organizations (except to the extent discussed below under “Treatment of Tax-Exempt Stockholders”), financial institutions, pass-through entities (or investors in such entities) or broker-dealers, and non-U.S. individuals and entities (except to the extent discussed below under “Special Tax Considerations for Non-U.S. Stockholders”), that may be subject to special rules.

The statements in this section are based on the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), U.S. Treasury Regulations, Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) rulings, administrative interpretations and judicial decisions now in effect, all of which are subject to change or different interpretation, possibly with retroactive effect. The laws governing the U.S. federal income tax treatment of REITs and their stockholders are highly technical and complex, and this discussion is qualified in its entirety by the authorities listed above. We cannot assure you that new laws, interpretations of law or court decisions will not cause any statement herein to be inaccurate.

Federal Income Taxation of Ventas

We elected REIT status beginning with the year ended December 31, 1999. We believe that we have satisfied the requirements to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes for all tax years starting in 1999, and we intend to continue to do so. By qualifying for taxation as a REIT, we generally are not subject to federal income tax on net income that we currently distribute to stockholders, which substantially eliminates the “double taxation” (i.e., taxation at both the corporate and stockholder levels) that results from investment in a C corporation (i.e., a corporation generally subject to full corporate-level tax). Our qualification and taxation as a REIT depend upon our ability to meet the various qualification tests imposed under the Code, which are discussed below, including through actual operating results, asset composition, distribution levels and diversity of stock ownership.

Notwithstanding such qualification, we are subject to federal income tax on any undistributed taxable income, including undistributed net capital gains, at regular corporate rates. In addition, we are subject to a 4% excise tax if we do not satisfy specific REIT distribution requirements. See “Requirements for Qualification as a REIT-Annual Distribution Requirements.” Under certain circumstances, we may be subject to the “alternative minimum tax” on our undistributed items of tax preference. If we have net income from the sale or other disposition of “foreclosure property” (as described below) held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business or certain other non-qualifying income from foreclosure property, we are subject to tax at the highest corporate rate on that income. See “Requirements for Qualification as a REIT-Foreclosure Property.” In addition, if we have net income from “prohibited transactions” (which are, in general, certain sales or other dispositions of property (other than foreclosure property) held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business), that income is subject to a 100% tax. We also may be subject to “Built-in Gains Tax” on any appreciated asset that we own or acquire that was previously owned by a C corporation. If we dispose of any such asset and recognize gain on the disposition during the five-year period immediately after the asset was owned by a C corporation (either prior to our REIT election, or through stock acquisition or merger), then we generally are subject to regular corporate income tax on the gain equal to the lesser of the recognized gain at the time of disposition or the built-in gain in that asset as of the date it became a REIT asset. Certain exceptions may apply if the C corporation makes an election to receive different treatment or if we acquired the asset in an exchange under Section 1031 (a like-kind exchange) or 1033 (an involuntary conversion) of the Code. If we fail to satisfy either of the gross income tests for qualification as a REIT (as discussed below), but maintain such qualification under the relief provisions of the Code, we will be subject to a 100% tax on the gross income attributable to the amount by which we failed the applicable test, multiplied by a fraction intended to reflect our profitability. In addition, if we violate one or more of the REIT asset tests (as discussed below), we may avoid a loss of our REIT status if we qualify under certain relief provisions and, among other things, pay a tax equal to the greater of \$50,000 or the highest corporate tax rate multiplied by the net income generated by the non-qualifying asset during a specified period. If we fail to satisfy any requirement for REIT qualification, other than the gross income or assets tests mentioned above, but maintain such qualification by meeting certain other requirements, we may be subject to a

\$50,000 penalty for each failure. Finally, we will incur a 100% excise tax on the income derived from certain transactions with a taxable REIT subsidiary (including rental income derived from leasing properties to a taxable REIT subsidiary) that are not conducted on an arm's-length basis.

See “Requirements for Qualification as a REIT” below for other circumstances in which we may be required to pay federal taxes.

Requirements for Qualification as a REIT

To qualify as a REIT, we must meet the requirements discussed below relating to our organization, sources of income, nature of assets and distributions of income to our stockholders.

Organizational Requirements

The Code defines a REIT as a corporation, trust or association: (i) that is managed by one or more directors or trustees; (ii) the beneficial ownership of which is evidenced by transferable shares or by transferable certificates of beneficial interest; (iii) that would be taxable as a domestic corporation but for Sections 856 through 859 of the Code; (iv) that is neither a financial institution nor an insurance company subject to certain provisions of the Code; (v) the beneficial ownership of which is held by 100 or more persons during at least 335 days of a taxable year of 12 months, or during a proportionate part of a shorter taxable year (the “100 Shareholder Rule”); (vi) not more than 50% in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Code to include certain entities) during the last half of each taxable year (the “5/50 Rule”); (vii) that makes an election to be a REIT (or has made such election for a prior taxable year) and satisfies all relevant filing and other administrative requirements established by the IRS that must be met in order to elect and to maintain REIT status; (viii) that uses a calendar year for federal income tax purposes; and (ix) that meets certain other tests, described below, regarding the nature of its income and assets and the amount of its distributions.

We believe, but cannot assure you, that we have satisfied and will continue to satisfy the organizational requirements for qualification as a REIT. Although our certificate of incorporation contains certain limits on the ownership of our stock that are intended to prevent us from failing the 5/50 Rule or the 100 Shareholder Rule, we cannot assure you as to the effectiveness of those limits.

To qualify as a REIT, a corporation also may not have (as of the end of the taxable year) any earnings and profits that were accumulated in periods before it elected REIT status or that are from acquired non-REIT corporations. We believe that we have not had any accumulated earnings and profits that are attributable to non-REIT periods or from acquired corporations that were not REITs, although the IRS is entitled to challenge that determination.

Gross Income Tests

We must satisfy two annual gross income requirements to qualify as a REIT:

At least 75% of our gross income (excluding gross income from prohibited transactions, certain hedging transactions and certain foreign currency gains) for each taxable year must consist of defined types of income derived directly or indirectly from investments relating to real property or mortgages on real property (including pledges of equity interest in certain entities holding real property and also including “rents from real property” (as defined in the Code)) and, in certain circumstances, interest on certain types of temporary investment income; and

At least 95% of our gross income (excluding gross income from prohibited transactions, certain hedging transactions and certain foreign currency gains) for each taxable year must be derived from such real property or temporary investments, dividends, interest and gains from the sale or disposition of stock or securities, or from any combination of the foregoing.

We believe, but cannot assure you, that we have been and will continue to be in compliance with these gross income tests. If we fail to satisfy one or both tests for any taxable year, we nevertheless may qualify as a REIT for that year if we qualify under certain relief provisions of the Code, in which case we would be subject to a 100% tax on the gross income attributable to the amount by which we failed the applicable test, multiplied by a percentage intended to reflect our profitability. If we fail to satisfy one or both tests and do not qualify under the relief provisions for any taxable year, we will not qualify as a REIT for that year, which would have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Rents we receive from a tenant will qualify as “rents from real property” for the purpose of satisfying the gross income requirements for a REIT described above only if all of the following conditions are met:

The amount of rent is not based in whole or in part on the income or profits of any person. However, an amount we receive or accrue generally will not be excluded from the term “rents from real property” solely because it is based on a fixed percentage or percentages of receipts or sales;

Neither we nor an actual or constructive owner of 10% or more of our stock actually or constructively owns 10% or more of the interests in the assets or net profits of a non-corporate tenant, or, if the tenant is a corporation, 10% or more of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock entitled to vote or 10% or more of the total value of all classes of stock of the tenant, subject to limited exceptions for a tenant that is a taxable REIT subsidiary, or “TRS”;

Rent attributable to personal property, leased in connection with a lease of real property, is not greater than 15% of the total rent received under the lease. If this condition is not met, then the portion of the rent attributable to personal property will not qualify as “rents from real property”; and

We generally may not operate or manage the property or furnish or render services to our tenants, subject to a 1% de minimis exception and certain other exceptions.

Asset Tests

At the close of each quarter of our taxable year, we must satisfy the following tests relating to the nature of our assets: At least 75% of the value of our total assets must be represented by cash or cash items (including certain receivables), government securities, “real estate assets” (including interests in real property and in mortgages on real property and shares in other qualifying REITs) (for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, the term “real estate assets” also includes (i) unsecured debt instruments of REITs that are required to file annual and periodic reports with the SEC under the Exchange Act (“Publicly Offered REITs”) (ii) personal property securing a mortgage secured by both real property and personal property if the fair market value of such personal property does not exceed 15% of the combined fair market value of all such personal and real property and (iii) personal property leased in connection with a lease of real property for which the rent attributable to personal property is not greater than 15% of the total rent received under the lease) or, in cases where we raise new capital through stock or long-term (i.e., having a maturity of at least five years) public debt offerings, temporary investments in stock or debt instruments during the one-year period following our receipt of such capital (the “75% asset test”); and

Of the investments not meeting the requirements of the 75% asset test, the value of any single issuer’s debt and equity securities that we own (other than our equity interests in any entity classified as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, the stock or debt of a taxable REIT subsidiary or the stock or debt of a qualified REIT subsidiary or other disregarded entity subsidiary) may not exceed 5% of the value of our total assets (the “5% asset test”), and we may not own more than 10% of any single issuer’s outstanding voting securities (the “10% voting securities test”) or more than 10% of the value of any single issuer’s outstanding securities (the “10% value test”), subject to limited “safe harbor” exceptions.

No more than 25% (20% for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017) of the value of our total assets can be represented by securities of taxable REIT subsidiaries (the “25% TRS Test” or after December 31, 2017, the “20% TRS Test”).

For taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015, the aggregate value of all unsecured debt instruments of Publicly Offered REITs that we hold may not exceed 25% of the value of our total assets.”

We believe, but cannot assure you, that we have been and will continue to be in compliance with the asset tests described above. If we fail to satisfy one or more asset tests at the end of any quarter, we nevertheless may continue to qualify as a REIT if we satisfied all of the asset tests at the close of the preceding calendar quarter and the discrepancy between the value of our assets and the asset test requirements is due to changes in the market values and not caused in any part by our acquisition of non-qualifying assets.

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Furthermore, if we fail to satisfy any of the asset tests at the end of any calendar quarter without curing that failure within 30 days after quarter end, we would fail to qualify as a REIT unless we qualified under certain relief provisions enacted as part of the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004. Under one relief provision, we would continue to qualify as a REIT if our failure to satisfy the 5% asset test, the 10% voting securities test or the 10% value test is due to our ownership of assets having a total value not exceeding the lesser of 1% of our assets at the end of the relevant quarter or \$10 million and we disposed of those assets (or otherwise met such asset tests) within six months after the end of the quarter in which the failure was identified. If we fail to satisfy any of the asset tests for a particular quarter but do not qualify under the relief provision described in the preceding sentence, then we would be deemed to have satisfied the relevant asset test if: (i) following identification of the failure, we filed a schedule containing a description of each asset that caused the failure; (ii) the failure was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect; (iii) we disposed of the non-qualifying asset (or otherwise met the relevant asset test) within six months after the end of the quarter in which the failure was identified; and (iv) we paid a penalty tax equal to the greater of \$50,000 or the highest corporate tax rate multiplied by the net income generated by the non-qualifying asset during the period beginning on the first date of the failure and ending on the date we disposed of the asset (or otherwise cured the asset test failure). We cannot predict whether in all circumstances we would be entitled to the benefit of these relief provisions, and if we fail to satisfy any of the asset tests and do not qualify for the relief provisions, we will lose our REIT status, which would have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Foreclosure Property

The foreclosure property rules permit us (by our election) to foreclose or repossess properties without being disqualified as a REIT as a result of receiving income that does not qualify under the gross income tests. However, in such a case, we would be subject to a corporate tax on the net non-qualifying income from “foreclosure property,” and the after-tax amount would increase the dividends we would be required to distribute to stockholders. See “Annual Distribution Requirements”. This corporate tax would not apply to income that qualifies under the REIT 75% income test.

Foreclosure property treatment will end on the first day on which we enter into a lease of the applicable property that will give rise to income that does not constitute “good REIT income” under Section 856(c)(3) of the Code, but will not end if the lease will give rise only to good REIT income. Foreclosure property treatment also will end if any construction takes place on the property (other than completion of a building or other improvement that was more than 10% complete before default became imminent). Foreclosure property treatment (other than for qualified healthcare property) is available for an initial period of three years and may, in certain circumstances, be extended for an additional three years. Foreclosure property treatment for qualified healthcare property is available for an initial period of two years and may, in certain circumstances, be extended for an additional four years.

Taxable REIT Subsidiaries

A TRS is a corporation subject to tax as a regular C corporation. Generally, a TRS can own assets that cannot be owned by a REIT directly and can perform tenant services (excluding the direct or indirect operation or management of a lodging or healthcare facility) that would otherwise disqualify the REIT’s rental income under the gross income tests. Notwithstanding general restrictions on related party rent, a REIT can lease healthcare properties to a TRS if the TRS does not manage or operate the properties and instead engages an eligible independent contractor to manage them. We are permitted to own up to 100% of a TRS, subject to the 25% TRS Test (or 20% TRS Test, as applicable) but the Code imposes certain limits on the ability of the TRS to deduct interest payments made to us. In addition, we are subject to a 100% penalty tax on any excess payments received by us or any excess expenses deducted by the TRS if the economic arrangements between the REIT, the REIT’s tenants and the TRS are not comparable to similar arrangements among unrelated parties.

Annual Distribution Requirements

In order to be taxed as a REIT, we are required to distribute dividends (other than capital gain dividends) to our stockholders in an amount at least equal to the sum of (i) 90% of our “REIT taxable income” (computed without regard to the dividends paid deduction and our net capital gain) and (ii) 90% of the net income (after tax), if any, from

foreclosure property, minus the sum of certain items of non-cash income. These dividends must be paid in the taxable year to which they relate, but may be paid in the following taxable year if (i) they are declared in October, November or December, payable to stockholders of record on a specified date in one of those months and actually paid during January of such following year or (ii) they are declared before we timely file our tax return for such year and paid on or before the first regular dividend payment after such declaration, and we elect on our federal income tax return for the prior year to have a specified amount of the subsequent dividend treated as paid in the prior year. To the extent we do not distribute all of our net capital gain or at least 90%, but less than 100%, of our REIT taxable income, as adjusted, we will be subject to tax on the undistributed amount at regular capital gains and ordinary corporate tax rates, except to the extent of our net operating loss or capital loss carryforwards. If we pay any

Built-in Gains Taxes, those taxes will be deductible in computing REIT taxable income. Moreover, if we fail to distribute during each calendar year (or, in the case of distributions with declaration and record dates falling in the last three months of the calendar year, by the end of January following such year) at least the sum of 85% of our REIT ordinary income for such year, 95% of our REIT capital gain net income for such year (other than long-term capital gain we elect to retain and treat as having been distributed to stockholders), and any undistributed taxable income from prior periods, we will be subject to a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the excess of such required distribution over the amounts actually distributed.

We believe, but cannot assure you, that we have satisfied the annual distribution requirements for the year of our initial REIT election and each subsequent year through the year ended December 31, 2016. Although we intend to satisfy the annual distribution requirements to continue to qualify as a REIT for the year ending December 31, 2017 and thereafter, economic, market, legal, tax or other considerations could limit our ability to meet those requirements.

We have net operating loss carryforwards that we may use to reduce our annual distribution requirements. See “NOTE 13—INCOME TAXES” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Failure to Continue to Qualify

If we fail to satisfy one or more requirements for REIT qualification, other than by violating a gross income or asset test for which relief is available under the circumstances described above, we would retain our REIT qualification if the failure is due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect and if we pay a penalty of \$50,000 for each such failure. We cannot predict whether in all circumstances we would be entitled to the benefit of this relief provision.

If our election to be taxed as a REIT is revoked or terminated in any taxable year (e.g., due to a failure to meet the REIT qualification tests without qualifying for any applicable relief provisions), we would be subject to tax (including any applicable alternative minimum tax) on our taxable income at regular corporate rates (for all open tax years beginning with the year our REIT election is revoked or terminated), and we would not be required to make distributions to stockholders, nor would we be entitled to deduct any such distributions. All distributions to stockholders (to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits) would be taxable as ordinary income, except to the extent such dividends are eligible for the qualified dividends rate generally available to non-corporate holders, and, subject to certain limitations, corporate stockholders would be eligible for the dividends received deduction. In addition, we would be prohibited from re-electing REIT status for the four taxable years following the year during which we ceased to qualify as a REIT, unless certain relief provisions of the Code applied. We cannot predict whether we would be entitled to such relief.

New Partnership Audit Rules

The recently enacted Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 changes the rules applicable to U.S. federal income tax audits of partnerships. Under the new rules (which are generally effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017), among other changes and subject to certain exceptions, any audit adjustment to items of income, gain, loss, deduction, or credit of a partnership (and any partner’s distributive share thereof) is determined, and taxes, interest, or penalties attributable thereto are assessed and collected, at the partnership level. Although it is uncertain how these new rules will be implemented, it is possible that they could result in partnerships in which we directly or indirect invest being required to pay additional taxes, interest and penalties as a result of an audit adjustment, and we, as a direct or indirect partner of these partnerships, could be required to bear the economic burden of those taxes, interest, and penalties even though we, as a REIT, may not otherwise have been required to pay additional corporate-level taxes had we owned the assets of the partnership directly. The changes created by these new rules are sweeping and in many respects dependent on the promulgation of future regulations or other guidance by the U.S. Treasury. You should consult with your tax advisors with respect to these changes and their potential impact on your investment in our common stock.

Federal Income Taxation of U.S. Stockholders

As used in this discussion, the term “U.S. Stockholder” refers to any beneficial owner of our stock that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, an individual who is a citizen or resident of the United States, a corporation created or

organized in or under the laws of the United States, any state thereof or the District of Columbia, an estate the income of which must be included in gross income for U.S. federal income tax purposes regardless of its source, or a trust if (i) a U.S. court is able to exercise primary supervision over the administration of such trust and one or more U.S. persons have authority to control all substantial decisions of the trust or (ii) the trust has elected under applicable U.S. Treasury Regulations to retain its pre-August 20, 1996 classification as a U.S. person. If an entity treated as a partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes holds our stock, the tax treatment of a partner in the partnership will generally depend on the status of the partner and the activities of

the partnership. Partners in partnerships holding our stock should consult their tax advisors. This section assumes the U.S. Stockholder holds our stock as a capital asset (that is, for investment).

Provided we qualify as a REIT, distributions made to our taxable U.S. Stockholders out of current or accumulated earnings and profits (and not designated as capital gain dividends) generally will be taxable to such U.S. Stockholders as ordinary income and will not be eligible for the qualified dividends rate generally available to non-corporate holders or for the dividends received deduction generally available to corporations. Distributions that are designated as capital gain dividends will be taxed as a long-term capital gain (to the extent such distributions do not exceed our actual net capital gain for the taxable year) without regard to the period for which the stockholder has held our stock. The distributions we designate as capital gain dividends may not exceed our dividends paid for the taxable year, including dividends paid the following year that we treated as paid in the current year. Distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits will not be taxable to a U.S. Stockholder to the extent they do not exceed the U.S. Stockholder's adjusted basis of our stock (determined on a share-by-share basis), but rather will reduce the U.S. Stockholder's adjusted basis of our stock. To the extent that distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits exceed the U.S. Stockholder's adjusted basis of our stock, such distributions will be included in income as capital gains and taxable at a rate that will depend on the U.S. Stockholder's holding period for our stock. Any distribution declared by us and payable to a stockholder of record on a specified date in October, November or December of any year will be treated as both paid by us and received by the stockholder on December 31 of that year, provided that we actually pay the distribution during January of the following calendar year. Distributions of amounts previously subject to corporate-level tax (such as dividends we received from TRSs or other corporations, and income that we retained and paid taxes on) are subject to a 20% maximum rate if certain holding period requirements are met. We may elect to treat all or a part of our undistributed net capital gain as if it had been distributed to our stockholders. If we so elect, our U.S. Stockholders would be required to include in their income as long-term capital gain their proportionate share of our undistributed net capital gain, as designated by us. Each U.S. Stockholder would be deemed to have paid its proportionate share of the income tax imposed on us with respect to such undistributed net capital gain, and this amount would be credited or refunded to the U.S. Stockholder. In addition, the U.S. Stockholder's tax basis of our stock would be increased by its proportionate share of undistributed net capital gains included in its income, less its proportionate share of the income tax imposed on us with respect to such gains.

U.S. Stockholders may not include in their individual income tax returns any of our net operating losses or net capital losses. Instead, we may carry over those losses for potential offset against our future income, subject to certain limitations. Taxable distributions from us and gain from the disposition of our stock will not be treated as passive activity income, and, therefore, U.S. Stockholders generally will not be able to apply any "passive activity losses" (such as losses from certain types of limited partnerships in which the U.S. Stockholder is a limited partner) against such income. In addition, taxable distributions from us generally will be treated as investment income for purposes of the investment interest limitations.

We will notify stockholders after the close of our taxable year as to the portions of the distributions attributable to that year that constitute ordinary income, return of capital and capital gain. To the extent that a portion of the distribution is designated as a capital gain dividend, we will notify stockholders as to the portion that is a "20% rate gain distribution" and the portion that is an unrecaptured Section 1250 distribution. A 20% rate gain distribution is a capital gain distribution to U.S. Stockholders that are individuals, estates or trusts that is taxable at a maximum rate of 20%. An unrecaptured Section 1250 gain distribution is taxable to U.S. Stockholders that are individuals, estates or trusts at a maximum rate of 25%.

Taxation of U.S. Stockholders on the Disposition of Shares of Stock

In general, a U.S. Stockholder must treat any gain or loss realized upon a taxable disposition of our stock as long-term capital gain or loss if the U.S. Stockholder has held the stock for more than one year, and otherwise as short-term capital gain or loss. However, a U.S. Stockholder must treat any loss upon a sale or exchange of shares of our stock held for six months or less as a long-term capital loss to the extent of capital gain dividends and any other actual or deemed distributions from us which the U.S. Stockholder treats as long-term capital gain. All or a portion of any loss that a U.S. Stockholder realizes upon a taxable disposition of our stock may be disallowed if the U.S. Stockholder purchases other shares of our stock (or certain options to acquire our stock) within 30 days before or after the

disposition.

Medicare Tax on Investment Income

Certain U.S. Stockholders who are individuals, estates or trusts and whose income exceeds certain thresholds are required to pay a 3.8% Medicare tax on dividends and certain other investment income, including capital gains from the sale or other disposition of our stock.

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Treatment of Tax-Exempt Stockholders

Tax-exempt organizations, including qualified employee pension and profit sharing trusts and individual retirement accounts (collectively, “Exempt Organizations”), generally are exempt from U.S. federal income taxation but are subject to taxation on their unrelated business taxable income (“UBTI”). While many investments in real estate generate UBTI, a ruling published by the IRS states that dividend distributions by a REIT to an exempt employee pension trust do not constitute UBTI. Based on that ruling, and subject to the exceptions discussed below, amounts distributed by us to Exempt Organizations generally should not constitute UBTI. However, if an Exempt Organization finances its acquisition of our stock with debt, a portion of its income from us will constitute UBTI pursuant to the “debt-financed property” rules. Social clubs, voluntary employee benefit associations, supplemental unemployment benefit trusts and qualified group legal services plans that are exempt from taxation under paragraphs (7), (9), (17) and (20), respectively, of Section 501(c) of the Code are subject to different UBTI rules, which generally require them to characterize distributions from us as UBTI, and in certain circumstances, a pension trust that owns more than 10% of our stock is required to treat a percentage of the dividends from us as UBTI.

Special Tax Considerations for Non-U.S. Stockholders

As used herein, the term “Non-U.S. Stockholder” refers to any beneficial owner of our stock that is, for U.S. federal income tax purposes, a nonresident alien individual, foreign corporation, foreign estate or foreign trust, but does not include any foreign stockholder whose investment in our stock is “effectively connected” with the conduct of a trade or business in the United States. Such a foreign stockholder, in general, is subject to U.S. federal income tax with respect to its investment in our stock in the same manner as a U.S. Stockholder (subject to applicable alternative minimum tax and a special alternative minimum tax in the case of nonresident alien individuals), provided that, if required by an applicable income tax treaty, the foreign stockholder maintains a permanent establishment in the United States to which such income is attributable. In addition, a foreign corporation receiving income that is treated as effectively connected with a U.S. trade or business also may be subject to an additional 30% “branch profits tax” on its effectively connected earnings and profits (subject to adjustments) unless an applicable tax treaty provides a lower rate or an exemption. Certain certification requirements must be satisfied in order for effectively connected income to be exempt from withholding.

Distributions to Non-U.S. Stockholders that are not attributable to gain from sales or exchanges by us of U.S. real property interests and are not designated by us as capital gain dividends (or deemed distributions of retained capital gains) are treated as dividends of ordinary income to the extent that they are made out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits. Such distributions ordinarily are subject to a withholding tax equal to 30% of the gross amount of the distribution unless an applicable tax treaty reduces or eliminates that tax. Distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits are not taxable to a Non-U.S. Stockholder to the extent that such distributions do not exceed the Non-U.S. Stockholder’s adjusted basis of our stock (determined on a share-by-share basis), but rather reduce the Non-U.S. Stockholder’s adjusted basis of our stock. To the extent that distributions in excess of current and accumulated earnings and profits exceed the Non-U.S. Stockholder’s adjusted basis of our stock, such distributions will give rise to tax liability if the Non-U.S. Stockholder would otherwise be subject to tax on any gain from the sale or disposition of our stock, as described below.

We expect to withhold U.S. tax at the rate of 30% on the gross amount of any dividends, other than dividends treated as attributable to gain from sales or exchanges of U.S. real property interests and capital gain dividends, paid to a Non-U.S. Stockholder, unless (i) a lower treaty rate applies and the required IRS Form W-8BEN or IRS Form W-8BEN-E (or other applicable documentation) evidencing eligibility for that reduced rate is filed with us or the appropriate withholding agent or (ii) the Non-U.S. Stockholder files an IRS Form W-8ECI or a successor form with us or the appropriate withholding agent properly claiming that the distributions are effectively connected with the Non-U.S. Stockholder’s conduct of a U.S. trade or business.

For any year in which we qualify as a REIT, distributions to a Non-U.S. Stockholder that owns more than 10% of our shares (assuming our shares are regularly traded on an established securities market located in the United States) at any time during the one-year period ending on the date of distribution and that are attributable to gain from sales or exchanges by us of U.S. real property interests will be taxed to the Non-U.S. Stockholder under the provisions of the

Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980 (“FIRPTA”) as if such gain were effectively connected with a U.S. business. Accordingly, a Non-U.S. Stockholder that owns more than 10% of our shares (assuming our shares are regularly traded on an established securities market located in the United States) will be taxed at the normal capital gain rates applicable to a U.S. Stockholder (subject to any applicable alternative minimum tax and a special alternative minimum tax in the case of nonresident alien individuals) and would be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return. Distributions subject to FIRPTA also may be subject to a branch profits tax equal to 30% of its effectively connected earnings and profits (subject to adjustments) if the recipient is a corporate Non-U.S. Stockholder not entitled to treaty relief or exemption. Under FIRPTA, we are required to withhold 35% (which is higher than the maximum rate on long-term capital gains of non-corporate persons) of any distribution to a Non-U.S.

Stockholder that owns more than 10% of our shares which is or could be designated as a capital gain dividend attributable to U.S. real property interests. Moreover, if we designate previously made distributions as capital gain dividends attributable to U.S. real property interests, subsequent distributions (up to the amount of such prior distributions) will be treated as capital gain dividends subject to FIRPTA withholding. This amount is creditable against the Non-U.S. Stockholder's FIRPTA tax liability.

Distributions by us to a "qualified foreign pension fund," within the meaning of Section 897(l) of the Code ("Qualified Foreign Pension Fund"), or any entity all of the interests of which are held by a Qualified Foreign Pension Fund, is exempt from FIRPTA, but may nonetheless be subject to U.S. federal dividend withholding tax unless an applicable tax treaty or Section 892 of the Code provides an exemption from such dividend withholding tax. Non-U.S. Stockholders who are Qualified Foreign Pension Funds should consult their tax advisors regarding the application of these rules.

If a Non-U.S. Stockholder does not own more than 10% of our shares at any time during the one-year period ending on the date of a distribution (assuming our shares are regularly traded on an established securities market located in the United States), any capital gain distributions, to the extent attributable to sales or exchanges by us of U.S. real property interests, will not be considered to be effectively connected with a U.S. business, and the Non-U.S. Stockholder would not be required to file a U.S. federal income tax return solely as a result of receiving such a distribution. In that case, the distribution will be treated as an ordinary dividend to that Non-U.S. Stockholder and taxed as an ordinary dividend that is not a capital gain distribution (and subject to withholding), as described above. In addition, the branch profits tax will not apply to the distribution. Any capital gain distribution, to the extent not attributable to sales or exchanges by us of U.S. real property interests, generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation (regardless of the amount of our shares owned by a Non-U.S. Stockholder).

For so long as our stock continues to be regularly traded on an established securities market, the sale of such stock by any Non-U.S. Stockholder who is not a Ten Percent Non-U.S. Stockholder (as defined below) generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax (unless the Non-U.S. Stockholder is a nonresident alien individual who was present in the United States for more than 182 days during the taxable year of the sale and certain other conditions apply, in which case such gain (net of certain sources within the U.S., if any) will be subject to a 30% tax on a gross basis). A "Ten Percent Non-U.S. Stockholder" is a Non-U.S. Stockholder who, at some time during the five-year period preceding such sale or disposition, beneficially owned (including under certain attribution rules) more than 10% of the total fair market value of our stock (as outstanding from time to time).

In general, the sale or other taxable disposition of our stock by a Ten Percent Non-U.S. Stockholder also will not be subject to U.S. federal income tax if we are a "domestically controlled qualified investment entity." A REIT is a "domestically controlled qualified investment entity" if, at all times during the five-year period preceding the disposition in question, less than 50% in value of its shares is held directly or indirectly by non-U.S. persons. For purposes of determining whether a REIT is a domestically controlled qualified investment entity, certain special rules apply including the rule that a person who at all applicable times holds less than 5 percent of a class of stock that is "regularly traded" is treated as a U.S. person unless the REIT has actual knowledge that such person is not a U.S. person. Because our common stock is publicly traded, we believe, but cannot assure you, that we currently qualify as a domestically controlled qualified investment entity, nor can we assure you that we will so qualify at any time in the future. If we do not constitute a domestically controlled qualified investment entity, a Ten Percent Non-U.S. Stockholder generally will be taxed in the same manner as a U.S. Stockholder with respect to gain on the sale of our stock (subject to applicable alternative minimum tax and a special alternative minimum tax in the case of nonresident alien individuals). The sale or other taxable disposition of our stock by a Qualified Foreign Pension Fund, or any entity all of the interests of which are held by a Qualified Foreign Pension Fund, is exempt from U.S. tax irrespective of the level of its shareholding in us and of whether we are a domestically controlled qualified investment entity. Special rules apply to certain collective investment funds that are "qualified shareholders" as defined in Section 897(k)(3) of the Code of a REIT. Such investors, which include publicly traded vehicles that meet certain requirements, should consult with their own tax advisors prior to making an investment in our shares.

Additional Withholding Tax on Payments Made to Foreign Accounts

A 30% withholding tax will currently be imposed on dividends paid on our stock and will be imposed on gross proceeds from a sale or redemption of our stock paid after December 31, 2018 to (i) foreign financial institutions including non-U.S. investment funds, unless they agree to collect and disclose to the IRS information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. account holders and (ii) certain other foreign entities, unless they certify certain information regarding their direct and indirect U.S. owners. To avoid withholding, foreign financial institutions will need to (i) enter into agreements with the IRS that state that they will provide the IRS information, including the names, addresses and taxpayer identification numbers of direct and indirect U.S. account holders, comply with due diligence procedures with respect to the identification of U.S. accounts, report

to the IRS certain information with respect to U.S. accounts maintained, agree to withhold tax on certain payments made to non-compliant foreign financial institutions or to account holders who fail to provide the required information, and determine certain other information as to their account holders, or (ii) in the event that an applicable intergovernmental agreement and implementing legislation are adopted, provide local revenue authorities with similar account holder information or otherwise comply with the terms of the intergovernmental agreement and implementing legislation. Other foreign entities will need to either provide the name, address, and taxpayer identification number of each substantial U.S. owner or certifications of no substantial U.S. ownership unless certain exceptions apply or agree to provide certain information to other revenue authorities for transmittal to the IRS.

Information Reporting Requirements and Backup Withholding

Information returns may be filed with the IRS and backup withholding (at a rate of 28%) may be collected in connection with distributions paid or required to be treated as paid during each calendar year and payments of the proceeds of a sale or other disposition of our stock by a stockholder. A U.S. Stockholder will not be subject to backup withholding if such stockholder is a corporation or comes within certain other exempt categories and, when required, demonstrates this fact or provides a taxpayer identification number, certifies as to no loss of exemption from backup withholding and otherwise complies with the applicable requirements of the backup withholding rules. A stockholder who does not provide us with its correct taxpayer identification number also may be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS.

Payments of dividends on our common stock to Non-U.S. Stockholders generally will not be subject to backup withholding, provided the applicable withholding agent does not have actual knowledge or reason to know the stockholder is a United States person and the holder either certifies its non-U.S. status, such as by furnishing a valid IRS Form W-8BEN, W-8BEN-E or W-8ECI, or otherwise establishes an exemption. However, information returns are required to be filed with the IRS in connection with any dividends on our common stock paid to the Non-U.S. Stockholder, regardless of whether any tax was actually withheld. In addition, proceeds of the sale or other taxable disposition of such stock within the United States or conducted through certain U.S.-related brokers generally will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting, if the applicable withholding agent receives the certification described above and does not have actual knowledge or reason to know that such stockholder is a United States person, or the stockholder otherwise establishes an exemption. Proceeds of a disposition of such stock conducted through a non-U.S. office of a non-U.S. broker generally will not be subject to backup withholding or information reporting. Copies of information returns that are filed with the IRS may also be made available under the provisions of an applicable treaty or agreement to the tax authorities of the country in which the Non-U.S. Stockholder resides or is established.

Backup withholding is not an additional tax. Rather, the U.S. federal income tax liability of persons subject to backup withholding will be offset by the amount of tax withheld. If backup withholding results in an overpayment of U.S. federal income taxes, a refund or credit may be obtained from the IRS, provided the required information is furnished timely thereto.

Other Tax Consequences

State and Local Taxes

We and our stockholders may be subject to taxation by various states and localities, including those in which we or a stockholder transact business, own property or reside. State and local tax treatment may differ from the U.S. federal income tax treatment described above. Consequently, stockholders should consult their own tax advisers regarding the effect of state and local tax laws, in addition to federal, foreign and other tax laws, in connection with an investment in our stock.

Possible Legislative or Other Actions Affecting Tax Consequences

You should recognize that future legislative, judicial and administrative actions or decisions, which may be retroactive in effect, could adversely affect our federal income tax treatment or the tax consequences of an investment in shares of

our stock. The rules dealing with U.S. federal income taxation are continually under review by persons involved in the legislative process and by the IRS and the U.S. Treasury Department, resulting in statutory changes as well as promulgation of new, or revisions to existing, regulations and revised interpretations of established concepts. We cannot predict the likelihood of passage of any new tax legislation or other provisions, either directly or indirectly, affecting us or our stockholders or the value of an investment in our stock. Changes to the tax laws, such as the Protecting Americans From Tax Hikes Act of 2015 enacted on December 18, 2015 or the Bipartisan Budget Act of 2015 enacted on November 2, 2015, or interpretations thereof by the IRS and the Treasury, with or without retroactive application, could materially and adversely affect us or our stockholders.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

This section discusses the most significant factors that affect our business, operations and financial condition. It does not describe all risks and uncertainties applicable to us, our industry or ownership of our securities. If any of the following risks, or any other risks and uncertainties that are not addressed below or that we have not yet identified, actually occur, we could be materially adversely affected and the value of our securities could decline.

We have grouped these risk factors into three general categories:

• Risks arising from our business;

• Risks arising from our capital structure; and

• Risks arising from our status as a REIT.

Risks Arising from Our Business

The properties managed by Atria and Sunrise account for a significant portion of our revenues and operating income; adverse developments in Atria's or Sunrise's business and affairs or financial condition could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

As of December 31, 2016, Atria and Sunrise, collectively, managed 266 of our seniors housing communities pursuant to long-term management agreements. These properties represent a substantial portion of our portfolio, based on their gross book value, and account for a significant portion of our revenues and NOI. Although we have various rights as the property owner under our management agreements, we rely on Atria's and Sunrise's personnel, expertise, technical resources and information systems, proprietary information, good faith and judgment to manage our senior living operations efficiently and effectively. We also rely on Atria and Sunrise to set appropriate resident fees, to provide accurate property-level financial results for our properties in a timely manner and to otherwise operate our seniors housing communities in compliance with the terms of our management agreements and all applicable laws and regulations. For example, we depend on Atria's and Sunrise's ability to attract and retain skilled management personnel who are responsible for the day-to-day operations of our seniors housing communities. A shortage of nurses or other trained personnel or general inflationary pressures may force Atria or Sunrise to enhance its pay and benefits package to compete effectively for such personnel, but it may not be able to offset these added costs by increasing the rates charged to residents. Any increase in labor costs and other property operating expenses, any failure by Atria or Sunrise to attract and retain qualified personnel, or significant changes in Atria's or Sunrise's senior management or equity ownership could adversely affect the income we receive from our seniors housing communities and have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Because Atria and Sunrise manage our properties in exchange for the receipt of a management fee from us, we are not directly exposed to the credit risk of our managers in the same manner or to the same extent as our triple-net tenants. However, any adverse developments in Atria's or Sunrise's business and affairs or financial condition could impair its ability to manage our properties efficiently and effectively and could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. If Atria or Sunrise experiences any significant financial, legal, accounting or regulatory difficulties due to a weak economy or otherwise, such difficulties could result in, among other adverse events, acceleration of its indebtedness, impairment of its continued access to capital, the enforcement of default remedies by its counterparties, or the commencement of insolvency proceedings by or against it under the U.S. Bankruptcy Code, any one or a combination of which indirectly could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Our leases and other agreements with Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent account for a significant portion of our revenues and operating income; any failure, inability or unwillingness by Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent to satisfy its obligations under our agreements could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

The properties we lease and loans we make to Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent account for a significant portion of our revenues and NOI, and we depend on Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent to pay all insurance, taxes, utilities and maintenance and repair expenses in connection with the leased properties and properties that are collateral for the loans. We cannot assure you that Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent will have sufficient assets, income and access to financing to enable them to satisfy their respective obligations to us, and any failure, inability or unwillingness by Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent to do so could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. In addition, any failure by Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent to effectively conduct its operations or to maintain and improve such properties could adversely affect its business reputation and its ability to attract and retain patients and residents in such properties, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent have agreed to indemnify, defend and hold us harmless from and against various claims, litigation and liabilities arising in connection with their respective businesses, and we cannot assure you that Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent will have sufficient assets, income, access to financing and insurance coverage to enable them to satisfy their respective indemnification obligations.

We face potential adverse consequences of bankruptcy or insolvency by our tenants, operators, borrowers, managers and other obligors.

We are exposed to the risk that our tenants, operators, borrowers, managers or other obligors may become bankrupt or insolvent. Although our lease, loan and management agreements give us the right to exercise certain remedies in the event of default on the obligations owing to us or upon the occurrence of certain insolvency events, federal laws afford certain rights to a party that has filed for bankruptcy or reorganization. For example, a debtor-lessee may reject our lease in a bankruptcy proceeding, in which case our claim against the debtor-lessee for unpaid and future rents would be limited by the statutory cap of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. This statutory cap could be substantially less than the remaining rent actually owed under the lease, and any claim we have for unpaid rent might not be paid in full. In addition, a debtor-lessee may assert in a bankruptcy proceeding that our lease should be re-characterized as a financing agreement, in which case our rights and remedies as a lender, compared to a landlord, generally would be more limited. If a debtor-manager seeks bankruptcy protection, the automatic stay provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code would preclude us from enforcing our remedies against the manager unless relief is first obtained from the court having jurisdiction over the bankruptcy case. In any of these events, we also may be required to fund certain expenses and obligations (e.g., real estate taxes, debt costs and maintenance expenses) to preserve the value of our properties, avoid the imposition of liens on our properties or transition our properties to a new tenant, operator or manager.

We have rights to terminate our management agreements with Atria and Sunrise in whole or with respect to specific properties under certain circumstances, and we may be unable to replace Atria or Sunrise if our management agreements are terminated or not renewed.

We are parties to long-term management agreements pursuant to which Atria and Sunrise, collectively, provided comprehensive property management and accounting services with respect to 266 of our seniors housing communities as of December 31, 2016. Most of our management agreements with Atria have terms expiring either July 31, 2024 or December 31, 2027, with successive automatic ten-year renewal periods, and our management agreements with Sunrise have terms ranging from 25 to 30 years (which commenced as early as 2004 and as recently as 2012). Our ability to terminate these long-term management agreements is limited to specific circumstances set forth in the agreements and may relate to all properties or a specific property or group of properties.

We may terminate any of our Atria management agreements upon the occurrence of an event of default by Atria in the performance of a material covenant or term thereof (including, in certain circumstances, the revocation of any license or certificate necessary for operation), subject in most cases to Atria's right to cure such default, or upon the occurrence of certain insolvency events relating to Atria. In addition, we may terminate our management agreements with Atria based on the failure to achieve certain NOI targets or upon the payment of a fee.

Similarly, we may terminate any of our Sunrise management agreements upon the occurrence of an event of default by Sunrise in the performance of a material covenant or term thereof (including, in certain circumstances, the revocation of any license or certificate necessary for operation), subject in most cases to Sunrise's right to cure such default, or upon the occurrence of certain insolvency events relating to Sunrise. We also may terminate most of our management agreements with Sunrise based on the failure to achieve certain NOI targets or to comply with certain expense control covenants, subject to certain rights of Sunrise to make cure payments to us, and upon the occurrence of certain other events or the existence of certain other conditions.

We continually monitor and assess our contractual rights and remedies under our management agreements with Atria and Sunrise. When determining whether to pursue any existing or future rights or remedies under those agreements, including termination rights, we consider numerous factors, including legal, contractual, regulatory, business and other relevant considerations. In the event that we exercise our rights to terminate the Atria or Sunrise management agreements for any reason or such agreements are not renewed upon expiration of their terms, we would attempt to reposition the affected properties with another manager. Although we believe that many qualified national and regional seniors housing operators would be interested in managing our seniors housing communities, we cannot assure you that we would be able to locate another suitable manager or, if we are successful in locating such a manager, that it would manage the properties effectively. Moreover, the transition to a replacement manager would require approval by the applicable regulatory authorities and, in most cases, the mortgage lenders for the properties, and we cannot assure you that such approvals would be granted on a timely basis, if at all. Any inability to replace, or a lengthy delay in replacing, Atria or Sunrise as the manager of our seniors housing communities following

termination or non-renewal of the applicable management agreements could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

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If we must replace any of our tenants or operators, we might be unable to reposition the properties on as favorable terms, or at all, and we could be subject to delays, limitations and expenses, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

We cannot predict whether our tenants will renew existing leases beyond their current term. If our leases with Brookdale Senior Living or Ardent, the Kindred master leases or any of our other triple-net leases are not renewed, we would attempt to reposition those properties with another tenant or operator. In case of non-renewal, we generally have one year prior to expiration of the lease term to arrange for repositioning of the properties and our tenants are required to continue to perform all of their obligations (including the payment of all rental amounts) for the non-renewed assets until such expiration. However, following expiration of a lease term or if we exercise our right to replace a tenant or operator in default, rental payments on the related properties could decline or cease altogether while we reposition the properties with a suitable replacement tenant or operator. We also might not be successful in identifying suitable replacements or entering into leases or other arrangements with new tenants or operators on a timely basis or on terms as favorable to us as our current leases, if at all, and we may be required to fund certain expenses and obligations (e.g., real estate taxes, debt costs and maintenance expenses) to preserve the value of, and avoid the imposition of liens on, our properties while they are being repositioned. In addition, we may incur certain obligations and liabilities, including obligations to indemnify the replacement tenant or operator, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

In the event of non-renewal or a tenant default, our ability to reposition our properties with a suitable replacement tenant or operator could be significantly delayed or limited by state licensing, receivership, CON or other laws, as well as by the Medicare and Medicaid change-of-ownership rules, and we could incur substantial additional expenses in connection with any licensing, receivership or change-of-ownership proceedings. Our ability to locate and attract suitable replacement tenants also could be impaired by the specialized healthcare uses or contractual restrictions on use of the properties, and we may be forced to spend substantial amounts to adapt the properties to other uses. Any such delays, limitations and expenses could adversely impact our ability to collect rent, obtain possession of leased properties or otherwise exercise remedies for tenant default and could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Moreover, in connection with certain of our properties, we have entered into intercreditor agreements with the tenants' lenders or tri-party agreements with our lenders. Our ability to exercise remedies under the applicable leases or management agreements or to reposition the applicable properties may be significantly delayed or limited by the terms of the intercreditor agreement or tri-party agreement. Any such delay or limit on our rights and remedies could adversely affect our ability to mitigate our losses and could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Merger and acquisition activity or consolidation in the seniors housing and healthcare industries resulting in a change of control of, or a competitor's investment in, one or more of our tenants, operators or managers could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

The seniors housing and healthcare industries have recently experienced increased consolidation, including among owners of real estate and care providers. We compete with other healthcare REITs, healthcare providers, healthcare lenders, real estate partnerships, banks, insurance companies, private equity firms and other investors that pursue a variety of investments, which may include investments in our tenants, operators or managers. A competitor's investment in one of our tenants, operators or managers could enable our competitor to influence that tenant's, operator's or manager's business and strategy in a manner that impairs our relationship with the tenant, operator or manager or is otherwise adverse to our interests. Depending on our contractual agreements and the specific facts and circumstances, we may have the right to consent to, or otherwise exercise rights and remedies, including termination rights, on account of, a competitor's investment in, a change of control of, or other transactions impacting a tenant, operator or manager. In deciding whether to exercise our rights and remedies, including termination rights, we assess numerous factors, including legal, contractual, regulatory, business and other relevant considerations. In addition, in connection with any change of control of a tenant, operator or manager, the tenant's, operator's or manager's management team may change, which could lead to a change in the tenant's, operator's or manager's strategy or adversely affect the business of the tenant, operator or manager, either of which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Market conditions, including, but not limited to, interest rates and credit spreads, the availability of credit and the actual and perceived state of the real estate markets and public capital markets generally could negatively impact our

business, results of operations, and financial condition.

The markets in which we operate are affected by a number of factors that are largely beyond our control but may nevertheless have a significant negative impact on us. These factors include, but are not limited to:

• Interest rates and credit spreads;

• The availability of credit, including the price, terms and conditions under which it can be obtained; and

• The actual and perceived state of the real estate market, the market for dividend-paying stocks and public capital markets in general.

In addition, increased inflation may have a pronounced negative impact on the interest expense we pay in connection with our outstanding indebtedness and our general and administrative expenses, as these costs could increase at a rate higher than our rents.

Deflation may result in a decline in general price levels, often caused by a decrease in the supply of money or credit. The predominant effects of deflation are high unemployment, credit contraction and weakened consumer demand. Restricted lending practices may impact our ability to obtain financing for our properties, which could adversely impact our growth and profitability.

Our ongoing strategy depends, in part, upon future investments in and acquisitions of, or our development or redevelopment of, seniors housing and healthcare assets, and we may not be successful in identifying and consummating these transactions.

An important part of our business strategy is to continue to expand and diversify our portfolio through accretive acquisition, investment, development and redevelopment opportunities in domestic and international seniors housing and healthcare properties. Our execution of this strategy by successfully identifying, securing and consummating beneficial transactions is made more challenging by increased competition and can be affected by many factors, including our relationships with current and prospective clients, our ability to obtain debt and equity capital at costs comparable to or better than our competitors and lower than the yield we earn on our acquisitions or investments, and our ability to negotiate favorable terms with property owners seeking to sell and other contractual counterparties. Our competitors for these opportunities include other healthcare REITs, real estate partnerships, healthcare providers, healthcare lenders and other investors, including developers, banks, insurance companies, pension funds, government-sponsored entities and private equity firms, some of whom may have greater financial resources and lower costs of capital than we do. See “Business—Competition” included in Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. If we are unsuccessful at identifying and capitalizing on investment, acquisition, development and redevelopment opportunities, our growth and profitability may be adversely affected.

Investments in and acquisitions of seniors housing and healthcare properties entail risks associated with real estate investments generally, including risks that the investment will not achieve expected returns, that the cost estimates for necessary property improvements will prove inaccurate or that the tenant, operator or manager will fail to meet performance expectations. Investments outside the United States raise legal, economic and market risks associated with doing business in foreign countries, such as currency exchange fluctuations, costly regulatory requirements and foreign tax risks. Domestic and international real estate development and redevelopment projects present additional risks, including construction delays or cost overruns that increase expenses, the inability to obtain required zoning, occupancy and other governmental approvals and permits on a timely basis, and the incurrence of significant costs prior to completion of the project. Furthermore, healthcare properties are often highly customized and the development or redevelopment of such properties may require costly tenant-specific improvements. As a result, we cannot assure you that we will achieve the economic benefit we expect from acquisition, investment, development and redevelopment opportunities.

Our significant acquisition and investment activity presents certain risks to our business and operations.

We have made and expect to continue to make significant acquisitions and investments as part of our overall business strategy. Our significant acquisition and investment activity presents certain risks to our business and operations, including, among other things, that:

- We may be unable to successfully integrate the operations, personnel or systems of acquired companies, maintain consistent standards, controls, policies and procedures, or realize the anticipated benefits of acquisitions and other investments within the anticipated time frame or at all;

- We may be unable to effectively monitor and manage our expanded portfolio of properties, retain key employees or attract highly qualified new employees;

- Projections of estimated future revenues, costs savings or operating metrics that we develop during the due diligence and integration planning process might be inaccurate;

- Our leverage could increase or our per share financial results could decline if we incur additional debt or issue equity securities to finance acquisitions and investments;

- Acquisitions and other new investments could divert management’s attention from our existing assets;

¶The value of acquired assets or the market price of our common stock may decline; and

¶We may be unable to continue paying dividends at the current rate.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to integrate acquisitions and investments without encountering difficulties or that any such difficulties will not have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

If the liabilities we assume in connection with acquisitions, including indemnification obligations in favor of third parties, are greater than expected, or if there are unknown liabilities, our business could be materially and adversely affected.

We may assume or incur liabilities in connection with our acquisitions, including, in some cases, contingent liabilities. As we integrate these acquisitions, we may learn additional information about the sellers, the properties, their operations and their liabilities that adversely affects us, such as:

• Liabilities relating to the clean-up or remediation of undisclosed environmental conditions;

• Unasserted claims of vendors or other persons dealing with the sellers;

• Liabilities, claims and litigation, including indemnification obligations, whether or not incurred in the ordinary course of business, relating to periods prior to or following our acquisition;

• Claims for indemnification by general partners, directors, officers and others indemnified by the sellers; and

• Liabilities for taxes relating to periods prior to our acquisition.

As a result, we cannot assure you that our past or future acquisitions will be successful or will not, in fact, harm our business. Among other things, if the liabilities we assume in connection with acquisitions are greater than expected, or if we discover obligations relating to the acquired properties or businesses of which we were not aware at the time of acquisition, our business and results of operations could be materially adversely affected.

In addition, we have now, and may have in the future, certain surviving indemnification obligations in favor of third parties under the terms of acquisition agreements to which we are a party. Most of these indemnification obligations will be capped as to amount and survival period, and we do not believe that these obligations will be material in the aggregate. However, there can be no assurances as to the ultimate amount of such obligations or whether such obligations will have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Our future results will suffer if we do not effectively manage the expansion of our hospital and life science portfolios and operations following the acquisition of AHS and the Life Sciences Acquisition.

As a result of our acquisition of AHS in 2015, we entered into the general acute care hospital sector. Also, as a result of the Life Sciences Acquisition in 2016, we entered into the university-affiliated life science sector. Part of our long-term business strategy involves expanding our hospital and life science portfolios through additional acquisitions. Both the asset management of our existing general acute care hospital and university-affiliated life science portfolios and such additional acquisitions may involve complex challenges. Our future success will depend, in part, upon our ability to manage our expansion opportunities, integrate new investments into our existing business in an efficient and timely manner, successfully monitor the operations, costs, regulatory compliance and service quality of our operators and leverage our relationships with Ardent and other operators of hospitals and Wexford and other operators and developers of life science properties. It is possible that our expansion or acquisition opportunities within the general acute care hospital and life science sectors will not be successful, which could adversely impact our growth and future results.

Our investments are concentrated in seniors housing and healthcare real estate, making us more vulnerable economically to adverse changes in the real estate market and the seniors housing and healthcare industries than if our investments were diversified.

We invest primarily in seniors housing and healthcare properties and are constrained by the terms of our existing indebtedness from making investments outside those industries. This investment focus exposes us to greater economic risk than if our portfolio were to include real estate assets in other industries or assets unrelated to real estate.

The healthcare industry is highly regulated, and changes in government regulation and reimbursement can have material adverse consequences on its participants, some of which may be unintended. The healthcare industry is also highly competitive, and our operators and managers may encounter increased competition for residents and patients, including with respect to the scope and quality of care and services provided, reputation and financial condition, physical appearance of the properties, price and location. Our tenants, operators and managers are large employers who compete for labor, making their results sensitive to changes in the labor market and/or wages and benefits offered to their employees. If our tenants, operators and managers are unable to successfully compete with other operators and managers by maintaining profitable occupancy and rate levels or controlling labor costs, their ability to meet their respective obligations to us may be materially adversely affected. We cannot assure you that future changes in

government regulation will not adversely affect the healthcare industry, including our seniors housing and healthcare operations, tenants and operators, nor can we be certain that our tenants, operators and managers will achieve and maintain occupancy and rate levels or labor costs levels that will enable them to satisfy their obligations to us. Any adverse changes in the regulation of the healthcare industry, or the competitiveness of our tenants,

operators and managers, or costs of labor, could have a more pronounced effect on us than if we had investments outside the seniors housing and healthcare industries.

Real estate investments are relatively illiquid, and our ability to quickly sell or exchange our properties in response to changes in economic or other conditions is limited. In the event we market any of our properties for sale, the value of those properties and our ability to sell at prices or on terms acceptable to us could be adversely affected by a downturn in the real estate industry or any economic weakness in the seniors housing and healthcare industries. In addition, transfers of healthcare properties may be subject to regulatory approvals that are not required for transfers of other types of commercial properties. We cannot assure you that we will recognize the full value of any property that we sell for liquidity or other reasons, and the inability to respond quickly to changes in the performance of our investments could adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

Our operating assets expose us to various operational risks, liabilities and claims that could adversely affect our ability to generate revenues or increase our costs and could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Our senior living operating assets and office assets expose us to various operational risks, liabilities and claims that could increase our costs or adversely affect our ability to generate revenues, thereby reducing our profitability. These operational risks include fluctuations in occupancy levels, the inability to achieve economic resident fees (including anticipated increases in those fees), increases in the cost of food, materials, energy, labor (as a result of unionization or otherwise) or other services, rent control regulations, national and regional economic conditions, the imposition of new or increased taxes, capital expenditure requirements, professional and general liability claims, and the availability and cost of professional and general liability insurance. Any one or a combination of these factors could result in operating deficiencies in our senior living operations or office operations reportable business segments, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Our ownership of properties outside the United States exposes us to different risks than those associated with our domestic properties.

Our current or future ownership of properties outside the United States subjects us to risks that may be different or greater than those we face with our domestic properties. These risks include, but are not limited to:

- Challenges with respect to repatriation of foreign earnings and cash;
- Foreign ownership restrictions with respect to operations in countries in which we own properties;
- Regional or country-specific business cycles and economic instability;
- Challenges of complying with a wide variety of foreign laws and regulations, including those relating to real estate, corporate governance, operations, taxes, employment and legal proceedings;
- Differences in lending practices and the willingness of domestic or foreign lenders to provide financing; and
- Failure to comply with applicable laws and regulations in the United States that affect foreign operations, including, but not limited to, the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Increased construction and development in the markets in which our seniors housing communities and MOBs are located could adversely affect our future occupancy rates, operating margins and profitability.

Limited barriers to entry in the seniors housing and MOB industries could lead to the development of new seniors housing communities or MOBs that outpaces demand. In particular, data published by the National Investment Center for Seniors Housing & Care has indicated that seniors housing construction starts have been increasing and deliveries on seniors housing communities will accelerate in 2017, especially in certain geographic markets. If development outpaces demand for those assets in the markets in which our properties are located, those markets may become saturated and we could experience decreased occupancy, reduced operating margins and lower profitability, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

We have now, and may have in the future, exposure to contingent rent escalators, which could hinder our growth and profitability.

We derive a significant portion of our revenues from leasing properties pursuant to long-term triple-net leases that generally provide for fixed rental rates, subject to annual escalations. In certain cases, the annual escalations are contingent upon the achievement of specified revenue parameters or based on changes in CPI, with caps and floors. If, as a result of weak economic conditions or other factors, the properties subject to these leases do not generate sufficient revenue to achieve the specified rent escalation parameters or CPI does not increase, our growth and profitability may be hindered. If strong economic conditions result in significant increases in CPI, but the escalations

under our leases are capped, our growth and profitability also may be limited.

We own certain properties subject to ground lease, air rights or other restrictive agreements that limit our uses of the properties, restrict our ability to sell or otherwise transfer the properties and expose us to loss of the properties if such agreements are breached by us or terminated.

Our investments in MOBAs and other properties may be made through leasehold interests in the land on which the buildings are located, leases of air rights for the space above the land on which the buildings are located, or other similar restrictive arrangements. Many of these ground lease, air rights and other restrictive agreements impose significant limitations on our uses of the subject properties, restrict our ability to sell or otherwise transfer our interests in the properties or restrict the leasing of the properties. These restrictions may limit our ability to timely sell or exchange the properties, impair the properties' value or negatively impact our ability to find suitable tenants for the properties. In addition, we could lose our interests in the subject properties if the ground lease, air rights or other restrictive agreements are breached by us or terminated.

We may be unable to successfully foreclose on the collateral securing our loans and other investments, and even if we are successful in our foreclosure efforts, we may be unable to successfully sell any acquired equity interests or reposition any acquired properties, which could adversely affect our ability to recover our investments.

If a borrower defaults under mortgage or other secured loans for which we are the lender, we may attempt to foreclose on the collateral securing those loans, including by acquiring any pledged equity interests or acquiring title to the subject properties, to protect our investment. In response, the defaulting borrower may contest our enforcement of foreclosure or other available remedies, seek bankruptcy protection against our exercise of enforcement or other available remedies, or bring claims against us for lender liability. If a defaulting borrower seeks bankruptcy protection, the automatic stay provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code would preclude us from enforcing foreclosure or other available remedies against the borrower unless relief is first obtained from the court with jurisdiction over the bankruptcy case. In addition, we may be subject to intercreditor or tri-party agreements that delay, impact, govern or limit our ability to foreclose on a lien securing a loan or otherwise delay or limit our pursuit of our rights and remedies. Any such delay or limit on our ability to pursue our rights or remedies could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Even if we successfully foreclose on the collateral securing our mortgage loans and other investments, costs related to enforcement of our remedies, high loan-to-value ratios or declines in the value of the collateral could prevent us from realizing the full amount of our secured loans, and we could be required to record a valuation allowance for such losses. Moreover, the collateral may include equity interests that we are unable to sell due to securities law restrictions or otherwise, or properties that we are unable to reposition with new tenants or operators on a timely basis, if at all, or without making improvements or repairs. Any delay or costs incurred in selling or repositioning acquired collateral could adversely affect our ability to recover our investments.

Some of our loan investments are subordinated to loans held by third parties.

Our mezzanine loan investments are subordinated to senior secured loans held by other investors that encumber the same real estate. If a senior secured loan is foreclosed, that foreclosure would extinguish our rights in the collateral for our mezzanine loan. In order to protect our economic interest in that collateral, we would need to be prepared, on an expedited basis, to advance funds to the senior lenders in order to cure defaults under the senior secured loans and prevent such a foreclosure. If a senior secured loan has matured or has been accelerated, then in order to protect our economic interest in the collateral, we would need to be prepared, on an expedited basis, to purchase or pay off that senior secured loan, which could require an infusion of fresh capital as large or larger than our initial investment. Our ability to sell or syndicate a mezzanine loan could be limited by transfer restrictions in the intercreditor agreement with the senior secured lenders. Our ability to negotiate modifications to the mezzanine loan documents with our borrowers could be limited by restrictions on modifications in the intercreditor agreement. Since mezzanine loans are typically secured by pledges of equity rather than direct liens on real estate, our mezzanine loan investments are more vulnerable than our mortgage loan investments to losses caused by competing creditor claims, unauthorized transfers, or bankruptcies.

Our tenants, operators and managers may be adversely affected by healthcare regulation and enforcement.

Regulation of the healthcare industry generally has intensified over time both in the number and type of regulations and in the efforts to enforce those regulations. This is particularly true for large for-profit, multi-facility providers like Atria, Sunrise, Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent. Federal, state and local laws and regulations affecting

the healthcare industry include those relating to, among other things, licensure, conduct of operations, ownership of facilities, addition of facilities and equipment, allowable costs, services, prices for services, qualified beneficiaries, quality of care, patient rights, fraudulent or abusive behavior, financial and other arrangements that may be entered into by healthcare providers and the research, development, clinical testing, manufacture and marketing of life science products. In addition, changes in enforcement policies by federal and state governments have resulted in an increase in the number of inspections, citations of regulatory deficiencies and other regulatory sanctions, including terminations from the Medicare and Medicaid programs, bars

on Medicare and Medicaid payments for new admissions, civil monetary penalties and even criminal penalties. See “Governmental Regulation—Healthcare Regulation” included in Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We are unable to predict the scope of future federal, state and local regulations and legislation, including the Medicare and Medicaid statutes and regulations, or the intensity of enforcement efforts with respect to such regulations and legislation, and any changes in the regulatory framework could have a material adverse effect on our tenants, operators and managers, which, in turn, could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

If our tenants, operators and managers fail to comply with the extensive laws, regulations and other requirements applicable to their businesses and the operation of our properties, they could become ineligible to receive reimbursement from governmental and private third-party payor programs, face bans on admissions of new patients or residents, suffer civil or criminal penalties or be required to make significant changes to their operations. Our tenants, operators and managers also could face increased costs related to changes in healthcare regulation, such as the possible repeal of the ACA by the new presidential administration and Republican-controlled Congress and a shift toward less comprehensive health coverage, or be forced to expend considerable resources in responding to an investigation or other enforcement action under applicable laws or regulations. In such event, the results of operations and financial condition of our tenants, operators and managers and the results of operations of our properties operated or managed by those entities could be adversely affected, which, in turn, could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. Changes in the reimbursement rates or methods of payment from third-party payors, including insurance companies and the Medicare and Medicaid programs, could have a material adverse effect on certain of our tenants and operators and on us.

Certain of our tenants and operators rely on reimbursement from third-party payors, including the Medicare (both traditional Medicare and "managed" Medicare/Medicare Advantage) and Medicaid programs, for substantially all of their revenues. Federal and state legislators and regulators have adopted or proposed various cost-containment measures that would limit payments to healthcare providers, and budget crises and financial shortfalls have caused states to implement or consider Medicaid rate freezes or cuts. See “Governmental Regulation—Healthcare Regulation” included in Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Private third-party payors also have continued their efforts to control healthcare costs. In addition, coverage expansions via the ACA through Medicaid expansion and health insurance exchanges may be scaled back as the new presidential administration leads efforts to repeal and replace the ACA. We cannot assure you that our tenants and operators who currently depend on governmental or private payor reimbursement will be adequately reimbursed for the services they provide. Significant limits by governmental and private third-party payors on the scope of services reimbursed or on reimbursement rates and fees, whether from legislation, administrative actions or private payor efforts, could have a material adverse effect on the liquidity, financial condition and results of operations of certain of our tenants and operators, which could affect adversely their ability to comply with the terms of our leases and have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

The healthcare industry trend away from a traditional fee for service reimbursement model towards value-based payment approaches may negatively impact certain of our tenants’ revenues and profitability. Certain of our tenants, specifically those providers in the post-acute and general acute care hospital space, are subject to the broad trend in the healthcare industry toward value-based purchasing of healthcare services.

These value-based purchasing programs include both public reporting of quality data and preventable adverse events tied to the quality and efficiency of care provided by facilities. Medicare and Medicaid require healthcare facilities, including hospitals and skilled nursing facilities, to report certain quality data to receive full reimbursement updates. In addition Medicare does not reimburse for care related to certain preventable adverse events (also called “never events”). Many large commercial payors currently require healthcare facilities to report quality data, and several commercial payors do not reimburse hospitals for certain preventable adverse events.

During the Obama administration, HHS focused on tying Medicare payments to quality or value through alternative payment models, which generally aim to make providers attentive to the total costs of treatment. Examples of alternative payment models include bundled-payment arrangements. It is unclear whether such models will successfully coordinate care and reduce costs or whether they will decrease reimbursement. The value-based purchasing trend is not limited to the public sector. Several of the nation’s largest commercial payors have also expressed an intent to increase reliance on value-based reimbursement arrangements. Further, many large commercial payors require hospitals to report quality data, and several commercial payors do not reimburse hospitals for certain

preventable adverse events.

While the transition of presidential administrations and possible repeal of the ACA create unpredictability, we expect value-based purchasing programs, including programs that condition reimbursement on patient outcome measures, to become more common and to involve a higher percentage of reimbursement amounts. We are unable at this time to predict how this trend will affect the revenues and profitability of those of our tenants who are providers of healthcare services; however, if

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this trend significantly and adversely affects their profitability, it could in turn negatively affect their ability and willingness to comply with the terms of their leases with us and or renew those leases upon expiration, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

If controls imposed on certain of our tenants who provide healthcare services that are reimbursed by Medicare, Medicaid and other third-party payors to reduce admissions and length of stay affect inpatient volumes at our healthcare facilities, the financial condition or results of operations of those tenants could be adversely affected.

Controls imposed by Medicare, Medicaid and commercial third-party payors designed to reduce admissions and lengths of stay, commonly referred to as “utilization reviews,” have affected and are expected to continue to affect certain of our healthcare facilities, specifically our acute care hospitals and post-acute facilities. Utilization review entails the review of the admission and course of treatment of a patient by managed care plans. Inpatient utilization, average lengths of stay and occupancy rates continue to be negatively affected by payor-required preadmission authorization and utilization review and by payor pressures to maximize outpatient and alternative healthcare delivery services for less acutely ill patients. Efforts to impose more stringent cost controls and reductions are expected to continue, which could negatively impact the financial condition of our tenants who provide healthcare services in our hospitals and post-acute facilities. If so, this could adversely affect these tenants’ ability and willingness to comply with the terms of their leases with us and or renew those leases upon expiration, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

The implementation of new patient criteria for LTACs will change the basis upon which certain of our tenants are reimbursed by Medicare, which could adversely affect those tenants’ revenues and profitability.

As part of the Pathway for SGR Reform Act of 2013 enacted on December 26, 2013, Congress adopted various legislative changes impacting LTACs. These legislative changes create new Medicare criteria and payment rules for LTACs, and could have a material adverse impact on the revenues and profitability of the tenants of our LTACs. This material adverse impact could, in turn, negatively affect those tenants’ ability and willingness to comply with the terms of their leases with us or renew those leases upon expiration, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

The hospitals on or near whose campuses our MOBs are located and their affiliated health systems could fail to remain competitive or financially viable, which could adversely impact their ability to attract physicians and physician groups to our MOBs.

Our MOB operations depend on the competitiveness and financial viability of the hospitals on or near whose campuses our MOBs are located and their ability to attract physicians and other healthcare-related clients to our MOBs. The viability of these hospitals, in turn, depends on factors such as the quality and mix of healthcare services provided, competition for patients, physicians and physician groups, demographic trends in the surrounding community, market position and growth potential, as well as the ability of the affiliated health systems to provide economies of scale and access to capital. If a hospital on or near whose campus one of our MOBs is located fails or becomes unable to meet its financial obligations, and if an affiliated health system is unable to support that hospital, the hospital may be unable to compete successfully or could be forced to close or relocate, which could adversely impact its ability to attract physicians and other healthcare-related clients. Because we rely on proximity to and affiliations with hospitals to create leasing demand in our MOBs, a hospital’s inability to remain competitive or financially viable, or to attract physicians and physician groups, could materially adversely affect our MOB operations and have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Our development and redevelopment projects, including projects undertaken through our joint ventures, may not yield anticipated returns.

We consider and, when appropriate, invest in various development and redevelopment projects. In deciding whether to make an investment in a particular project, we make certain assumptions regarding the expected future performance of the property. Our assumptions are subject to risks generally associated with development and redevelopment projects, including, among others, that:

⚡We may be unable to obtain financing for the project on favorable terms or at all;

⚡We may not complete the project on schedule or within budgeted amounts;

We may encounter delays in obtaining or fail to obtain all necessary zoning, land use, building, occupancy, environmental and other governmental permits and authorizations, or underestimate the costs necessary to develop or redevelop the property to market standards;

Construction or other delays may provide tenants or residents the right to terminate preconstruction leases or cause us to incur additional costs;

• Volatility in the price of construction materials or labor may increase our project costs;

• In the case of our MOB developments, hospitals or health systems may maintain significant decision-making authority with respect to the development schedule;

• Our builders may fail to perform or satisfy the expectations of our clients or prospective clients;

• We may incorrectly forecast risks associated with development in new geographic regions;

• Tenants may not lease space at the quantity or rental rate levels or on the schedule projected;

• Demand for our project may decrease prior to completion, including due to competition from other developments; and
• Lease rates and rents at newly developed or redeveloped properties may fluctuate based on factors beyond our control, including market and economic conditions.

If any of the risks described above occur, our development and redevelopment projects, including projects undertaken through our joint ventures, may not yield anticipated returns, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Our investments in joint ventures and unconsolidated entities could be adversely affected by our lack of sole decision-making authority, our reliance on our joint venture partners' financial condition, any disputes that may arise between us and our joint venture partners, and our exposure to potential losses from the actions of our joint venture partners.

As of December 31, 2016, we owned 33 MOBs, 13 seniors housing communities, eight life science and innovation centers and one specialty hospital through consolidated joint ventures, and we had ownership interests ranging between 5% and 25% in five MOBs, 21 seniors housing communities and 13 skilled nursing facilities through investments in unconsolidated entities. In addition, we had a 34% ownership interest in Atria and a 9.9% interest in Ardent as of December 31, 2016. These joint ventures and unconsolidated entities involve risks not present with respect to our wholly owned properties, including the following:

• We may be unable to take actions that are opposed by our joint venture partners under arrangements that require us to share decision-making authority over major decisions affecting the ownership or operation of the joint venture and any property owned by the joint venture, such as the sale or financing of the property or the making of additional capital contributions for the benefit of the property;

• For joint ventures in which we have a noncontrolling interest, our joint venture partners may take actions that we oppose;

• Our ability to sell or transfer our interest in a joint venture to a third party may be restricted if we fail to obtain the prior consent of our joint venture partners;

• Our joint venture partners may become bankrupt or fail to fund their share of required capital contributions, which could delay construction or development of a property or increase our financial commitment to the joint venture;

• Our joint venture partners may have business interests or goals with respect to a property that conflict with our business interests and goals, including with respect to the timing, terms and strategies for investment, which could increase the likelihood of disputes regarding the ownership, management or disposition of the property;

• Disagreements with our joint venture partners could result in litigation or arbitration that increases our expenses, distracts our officers and directors, and disrupts the day-to-day operations of the property, including by delaying important decisions until the dispute is resolved; and

• We may suffer losses as a result of actions taken by our joint venture partners with respect to our joint venture investments.

Events that adversely affect the ability of seniors and their families to afford daily resident fees at our seniors housing communities could cause our occupancy rates, resident fee revenues and results of operations to decline.

Assisted and independent living services generally are not reimbursable under government reimbursement programs, such as Medicare and Medicaid. A large majority of the resident fee revenues generated by our senior living operations, therefore, are derived from private pay sources consisting of the income or assets of residents or their family members. In light of the significant expense associated with building new properties and staffing and other costs of providing services, typically only seniors with income or assets that meet or exceed the comparable region median can afford the daily resident and care fees

at our seniors housing communities, and a weak economy, depressed housing market or changes in demographics could adversely affect their continued ability to do so. If the managers of our seniors housing communities are unable to attract and retain seniors that have sufficient income, assets or other resources to pay the fees associated with assisted and independent living services, the occupancy rates, resident fee revenues and results of operations of our senior living operations could decline, which, in turn, could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Our tenants in the life science industry face high levels of regulation, expense and uncertainty.

Life science tenants, particularly those involved in developing and marketing pharmaceutical products, are subject to certain unique risks, including the following:

Some of our tenants require significant outlays of funds for the research and development and clinical testing of their products and technologies. The economic environment in recent years has significantly impacted the ability of these companies to access the capital markets and venture capital funding. In addition, state and federal government and university budgets have been negatively impacted by the recent economic environment and, as a result certain programs, including grants related to biotechnology research and development, may be at risk of being eliminated or cut back significantly. If private investors, the government, universities, public markets or other sources of funding are unavailable to support such development, a tenant's business may fail.

The research and development, clinical testing, manufacture and marketing of some of our tenants' products require federal, state and foreign regulatory approvals. The approval process is typically long, expensive and uncertain. Even if our tenants have sufficient funds to seek approvals, one or all of their products may fail to obtain the required regulatory approvals on a timely basis or at all. Furthermore, our tenants may only have a small number of products under development. If one product fails to receive the required approvals at any stage of development, it could significantly adversely affect our tenant's entire business and its ability to pay rent.

Our tenants may be unable to adequately protect their intellectual property under patent, copyright or trade secret laws. Failure to do so could jeopardize their ability to profit from their efforts and to protect their products from competition.

Collaborative relationships with other life science entities may be crucial to the development, manufacturing, distribution or marketing of our tenants' products. If these other entities fail to fulfill their obligations under these collaborative arrangements, our tenants' businesses will suffer.

Legislation to reform the U.S. healthcare system, including regulations and legislation relating to the ACA, may include government intervention in product pricing and other changes that adversely affect reimbursement for our tenants' marketable products. In addition, sales of many of our tenants' marketable products are dependent, in large part, on the availability and extent of reimbursement from government health administration authorities, private health insurers and other organizations. Changes in government regulations, price controls or third-party payors' reimbursement policies may reduce reimbursement for our tenants' marketable products and adversely impact our tenants' businesses.

We cannot assure you that our tenants in the life science industry will be successful in their businesses. If our tenants' businesses are adversely affected, they may have difficulty making payments to us, which could materially adversely affect our business, results of operations and financial condition.

The amount and scope of insurance coverage provided by our policies and policies maintained by our tenants, operators and managers may not adequately insure against losses.

We maintain or require in our lease, management and other agreements that our tenants, operators and managers maintain all applicable lines of insurance on our properties and their operations. Although we regularly review the amount and scope of insurance provided by our policies and required to be maintained by our tenants, operators and managers and believe the coverage provided to be customary for similarly situated companies in our industry, we cannot assure you that we or our tenants, operators and managers will continue to be able to maintain adequate levels of insurance. We also cannot assure you that we or our tenants, operators and managers will maintain the required coverages, that we will continue to require the same levels of insurance under our lease, management and other

agreements, that such insurance will be available at a reasonable cost in the future or that the policies maintained will fully cover all losses on our properties upon the occurrence of a catastrophic event, nor can we make any guaranty as to the future financial viability of the insurers that underwrite our policies and the policies maintained by our tenants, operators and managers.

For various reasons, including to reduce and manage costs, many healthcare companies utilize different organizational and corporate structures coupled with self-insurance trusts or captive programs that may provide less insurance coverage than a traditional insurance policy. Companies that insure any part of their general and professional liability risks through their own

captive limited purpose entities generally estimate the future cost of general and professional liability through actuarial studies that rely primarily on historical data. However, due to the rise in the number and severity of professional claims against healthcare providers, these actuarial studies may underestimate the future cost of claims, and reserves for future claims may not be adequate to cover the actual cost of those claims. As a result, the tenants and operators of our properties who self-insure could incur large funded and unfunded general and professional liability expenses, which could materially adversely affect their liquidity, financial condition and results of operations and, in turn, their ability to satisfy their obligations to us. If we or the managers of our senior living operations decide to implement a captive or self-insurance program, any large funded and unfunded general and professional liability expenses incurred could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Should an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of insured limits occur, we could incur substantial liability or lose all or a portion of the capital we have invested in a property, as well as the anticipated future revenues from the property. Following the occurrence of such an event, we might nevertheless remain obligated for any mortgage debt or other financial obligations related to the property. We cannot assure you that material uninsured losses, or losses in excess of insurance proceeds, will not occur in the future.

Significant legal actions or regulatory proceedings could subject us or our tenants, operators and managers to increased operating costs and substantial uninsured liabilities, which could materially adversely affect our or their liquidity, financial condition and results of operations.

From time to time, we may be subject to claims brought against us in lawsuits and other legal or regulatory proceedings arising out of our alleged actions or the alleged actions of our tenants, operators and managers for which such tenants, operators and managers may have agreed to indemnify, defend and hold us harmless. An unfavorable resolution of any such litigation or proceeding could materially adversely affect our or their liquidity, financial condition and results of operations and have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

In certain cases, we and our tenants, operators and managers may be subject to professional liability claims brought by plaintiffs' attorneys seeking significant punitive damages and attorneys' fees. Due to the historically high frequency and severity of professional liability claims against seniors housing and healthcare providers, the availability of professional liability insurance has decreased and the premiums on such insurance coverage remain costly. As a result, insurance protection against such claims may not be sufficient to cover all claims against us or our tenants, operators or managers, and may not be available at a reasonable cost. If we or our tenants, operators and managers are unable to maintain adequate insurance coverage or are required to pay punitive damages, we or they may be exposed to substantial liabilities.

The occurrence of cyber incidents could disrupt our operations, result in the loss of confidential information and/or damage our business relationships and reputation.

As our reliance on technology has increased, our business is subject to greater risk from cyber incidents, including attempts to gain unauthorized access to our or our managers' systems to disrupt operations, corrupt data or steal confidential information, and other electronic security breaches. While we and our managers have implemented measures to help mitigate these threats, such measures cannot guarantee that we will be successful in preventing a cyber incident. The occurrence of a cyber incident could disrupt our operations, or the operations of our managers, compromise the confidential information of our employees or the residents in our seniors housing communities, and/or damage our business relationships and reputation.

Our operators may be sued under a federal whistleblower statute.

Our operators who engage in business with the federal government may be sued under a federal whistleblower statute designed to combat fraud and abuse in the healthcare industry. See "Governmental Regulation—Healthcare Regulation" included in Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. These lawsuits can involve significant monetary damages and award bounties to private plaintiffs who successfully bring these suits. If any of these lawsuits were brought against our operators, such suits combined with increased operating costs and substantial uninsured liabilities could have a material adverse effect on our operators' liquidity, financial condition and results of operations and on their ability to satisfy their obligations under our leases, which, in turn, could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

We could incur substantial liabilities and costs if any of our properties are found to be contaminated with hazardous substances or we become involved in any environmental disputes.

Under federal and state environmental laws and regulations, a current or former owner of real property may be liable for costs related to the investigation, removal and remediation of hazardous or toxic substances or petroleum that are released from or are present at or under, or that are disposed of in connection with such property. Owners of real property may also face other environmental liabilities, including government fines and penalties imposed by regulatory authorities and damages for injuries to persons, property or natural resources. Environmental laws and regulations often impose liability without regard to whether the owner was aware of, or was responsible for, the presence, release or disposal of hazardous or toxic substances or

petroleum. In certain circumstances, environmental liability may result from the activities of a current or former operator of the property. Although we generally have indemnification rights against the current operators of our properties for contamination caused by them, such indemnification may not adequately cover all environmental costs. See “Governmental Regulation—Environmental Regulation” included in Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Our success depends, in part, on our ability to attract and retain talented employees, and the loss of any one of our key personnel could adversely impact our business.

The success of our business depends, in part, on the leadership and performance of our executive management team and key employees, and our ability to attract, retain and motivate talented employees could significantly impact our future performance. Competition for these individuals is intense, and we cannot assure you that we will retain our key officers and employees or that we will be able to attract and retain other highly qualified individuals in the future. Losing any one or more of these persons could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Failure to maintain effective internal controls could harm our business, results of operations and financial condition. Pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we are required to provide a report by management on internal control over financial reporting, including management’s assessment of the effectiveness of such control. Because of its inherent limitations, including the possibility of human error, the circumvention or overriding of controls, or fraud, effective internal controls over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatement and can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements. If we fail to maintain the adequacy of our internal controls over financial reporting and our operating internal controls, including any failure to implement required new or improved controls as a result of changes to our business or otherwise, or if we experience difficulties in their implementation, our business, results of operations and financial condition could be materially adversely harmed and we could fail to meet our reporting obligations.

Economic and other conditions that negatively affect geographic locations to which a greater percentage of our NOI is attributed could adversely affect our financial results.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, approximately 36.5% of our total NOI (excluding amounts in discontinued operations) was derived from properties located in California (13.8%), New York (5.9%), Texas (7.0%), Illinois (5.3%), and Florida (4.5%). As a result, we are subject to increased exposure to adverse conditions affecting these regions, including downturns in the local economies or changes in local real estate conditions, increased construction and competition or decreased demand for our properties, regional climate events and changes in state-specific legislation, which could adversely affect our business and results of operations.

We may be adversely affected by fluctuations in currency exchange rates.

Our ownership of properties in Canada and the United Kingdom currently subjects us to fluctuations in the exchange rates between U.S. dollars and Canadian dollars or the British pound, which may, from time to time, impact our financial condition and results of operations. If we continue to expand our international presence through investments in, or acquisitions or development of, seniors housing or healthcare assets outside the United States, Canada or the United Kingdom, we may transact business in other foreign currencies. Although we may pursue hedging alternatives, including borrowing in local currencies, to protect against foreign currency fluctuations, we cannot assure you that such fluctuations will not have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Risks Arising from Our Capital Structure

We may become more leveraged.

As of December 31, 2016, we had approximately \$11.1 billion of outstanding indebtedness. The instruments governing our existing indebtedness permit us to incur substantial additional debt, including secured debt, and we may satisfy our capital and liquidity needs through additional borrowings. A high level of indebtedness would require us to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to the payment of debt service, thereby reducing the funds available to implement our business strategy and make distributions to stockholders. A high level of indebtedness could also have the following consequences:

- Potential limits on our ability to adjust rapidly to changing market conditions and vulnerability in the event of a downturn in general economic conditions or in the real estate or healthcare industries;
- Potential impairment of our ability to obtain additional financing to execute on our business strategy; and
- Potential downgrade in the rating of our debt securities by one or more rating agencies, which could have the effect of, among other things, limiting our access to capital and increasing our cost of borrowing.

In addition, from time to time, we mortgage certain of our properties to secure payment of indebtedness. If we are unable to meet our mortgage payments, then the encumbered properties could be foreclosed upon or transferred to the mortgagee with a resulting loss of income and asset value.

We are exposed to increases in interest rates, which could reduce our profitability and adversely impact our ability to refinance existing debt, sell assets or engage in acquisition, investment, development and redevelopment activity, and our decision to hedge against interest rate risk might not be effective.

We receive a significant portion of our revenues by leasing assets under long-term triple-net leases that generally provide for fixed rental rates subject to annual escalations, while certain of our debt obligations are floating rate obligations with interest and related payments that vary with the movement of LIBOR, Bankers' Acceptance or other indexes. The generally fixed rate nature of a significant portion of our revenues and the variable rate nature of certain of our debt obligations create interest rate risk. Although our operating assets provide a partial hedge against interest rate fluctuations, if interest rates rise, the costs of our existing floating rate debt and any new debt that we incur would increase. These increased costs could reduce our profitability, impair our ability to meet our debt obligations, or increase the cost of financing our acquisition, investment, development and redevelopment activity. An increase in interest rates also could limit our ability to refinance existing debt upon maturity or cause us to pay higher rates upon refinancing, as well as decrease the amount that third parties are willing to pay for our assets, thereby limiting our ability to promptly reposition our portfolio in response to changes in economic or other conditions.

We may seek to manage our exposure to interest rate volatility with hedging arrangements that involve additional risks, including the risks that counterparties may fail to honor their obligations under these arrangements, that these arrangements may not be effective in reducing our exposure to interest rate changes, that the amount of income we earn from hedging transactions may be limited by federal tax provisions governing REITs, and that these arrangements may cause us to pay higher interest rates on our debt obligations than otherwise would be the case.

Moreover, no amount of hedging activity can fully insulate us from the risks associated with changes in interest rates. Failure to hedge effectively against interest rate risk, if we choose to engage in such activities, could adversely affect our results of operations and financial condition.

Limitations on our ability to access capital could have an adverse effect on our ability to make required payments on our debt obligations, make distributions to our stockholders or make future investments necessary to implement our business strategy.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to raise the capital necessary to meet our debt service obligations, make distributions to our stockholders or make future investments necessary to implement our business strategy, if our cash flow from operations is insufficient to satisfy these needs, and the failure to do so could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. Although we believe that we have sufficient access to capital and other sources of funding to meet our expected liquidity needs, we cannot assure you that conditions in the capital markets will not deteriorate or that our access to capital and other sources of funding will not become constrained, which could adversely affect the availability and terms of future borrowings, renewals or refinancings and our results of operation and financial condition. If we cannot access capital at an acceptable cost or at all, we may be required to liquidate one or more investments in properties at times that may not permit us to maximize the return on those investments or that could result in adverse tax consequences to us.

As a public company, our access to debt and equity capital depends, in part, on the trading prices of our senior notes and common stock, which, in turn, depend upon market conditions that change from time to time, such as the market's perception of our financial condition, our growth potential and our current and expected future earnings and cash distributions. Our failure to meet the market's expectation with regard to future earnings and cash distributions or a significant downgrade in the ratings assigned to our long-term debt could impact our ability to access capital or increase our borrowing costs. We also rely on the financial institutions that are parties to our unsecured revolving credit facility. If these institutions become capital constrained, tighten their lending standards or become insolvent or if they experience excessive volumes of borrowing requests from other borrowers within a short period of time, they may be unable or unwilling to honor their funding commitments to us, which would adversely affect our ability to draw on our unsecured revolving credit facility and, over time, could negatively impact our ability to consummate acquisitions, repay indebtedness as it matures, fund capital expenditures or make distributions to our stockholders.

Covenants in the instruments governing our and our subsidiaries' existing indebtedness limit our operational flexibility, and a covenant breach could materially adversely affect our operations.

The terms of the instruments governing our existing indebtedness require us to comply with certain customary financial and other covenants, such as maintaining debt service coverage, leverage ratios and minimum net worth requirements. Our continued ability to incur additional debt and to conduct business in general is subject to our compliance with these covenants, which limit our operational flexibility. Breaches of these covenants could result in defaults under the applicable debt

instruments and could trigger defaults under any of our other indebtedness that is cross-defaulted against such instruments, even if we satisfy our payment obligations. In addition, covenants contained in the instruments governing our subsidiaries' outstanding mortgage indebtedness may restrict our ability to obtain cash distributions from such subsidiaries for the purpose of meeting our debt service obligations. Financial and other covenants that limit our operational flexibility, as well as defaults resulting from our breach of any of these covenants, could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Risks Arising from Our Status as a REIT

Loss of our status as a REIT would have significant adverse consequences for us and the value of our common stock. If we lose our status as a REIT (currently or with respect to any tax years for which the statute of limitations has not expired), we will face serious tax consequences that will substantially reduce the funds available to satisfy our obligations, to implement our business strategy and to make distributions to our stockholders for each of the years involved because:

- We would not be allowed a deduction for distributions to stockholders in computing our taxable income and would be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates;

- We could be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax and increased state and local taxes; and

- Unless we are entitled to relief under statutory provisions, we could not elect to be subject to tax as a REIT for four taxable years following the year during which we were disqualified.

In addition, in such event we would no longer be required to pay dividends to maintain REIT status, which could adversely affect the value of our common stock.

Qualification as a REIT involves the application of highly technical and complex Code provisions for which there are only limited judicial and administrative interpretations. The determination of factual matters and circumstances not entirely within our control, as well as new legislation, regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions, may adversely affect our investors or our ability to remain qualified as a REIT for tax purposes. Although we believe that we currently qualify as a REIT, we cannot assure you that we will continue to qualify for all future periods. The 90% distribution requirement will decrease our liquidity and may limit our ability to engage in otherwise beneficial transactions.

To comply with the 90% distribution requirement applicable to REITs and to avoid the nondeductible excise tax, we must make distributions to our stockholders. See "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—Requirements for Qualification as a REIT—Annual Distribution Requirements" included in Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Such distributions reduce the funds we have available to finance our investment, acquisition, development and redevelopment activity and may limit our ability to engage in transactions that are otherwise in the best interests of our stockholders.

Although we do not anticipate any inability to satisfy the REIT distribution requirement, from time to time, we may not have sufficient cash or other liquid assets to do so. For example, timing differences between the actual receipt of income and actual payment of deductible expenses, on the one hand, and the inclusion of that income and deduction of those expenses in arriving at our taxable income, on the other hand, or non-deductible expenses such as principal amortization or repayments or capital expenditures in excess of non-cash deductions may prevent us from having sufficient cash or liquid assets to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement.

In the event that timing differences occur or we decide to retain cash or to distribute such greater amount as may be necessary to avoid income and excise taxation, we may seek to borrow funds, issue additional equity securities, pay taxable stock dividends, distribute other property or securities or engage in a transaction intended to enable us to meet the REIT distribution requirements. Any of these actions may require us to raise additional capital to meet our obligations; however, see "Risks Arising from Our Capital Structure—Limitations on our ability to access capital could have an adverse effect on our ability to make required payments on our debt obligations, make distributions to our stockholders or make future investments necessary to implement our business strategy." The terms of the instruments governing our existing indebtedness restrict our ability to engage in certain of these transactions.

To preserve our qualification as a REIT, our certificate of incorporation contains ownership limits with respect to our capital stock that may delay, defer or prevent a change of control of our company.

To assist us in preserving our qualification as a REIT, our certificate of incorporation provides that if a person acquires beneficial ownership of more than 9.0% of our outstanding common stock or more than 9.9% of our

outstanding preferred stock, the shares that are beneficially owned in excess of the applicable limit are considered “excess shares” and are automatically deemed transferred to a trust for the benefit of a charitable institution or other qualifying organization selected by our Board of Directors. The trust is entitled to all dividends with respect to the excess shares and the trustee may exercise all

voting power over the excess shares. In addition, we have the right to purchase the excess shares for a price equal to the lesser of (i) the price per share in the transaction that created the excess shares or (ii) the market price on the day we purchase the shares, but if we do not purchase the excess shares, the trustee of the trust is required to transfer the shares at the direction of our Board of Directors. These ownership limits could delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change of control that might involve a premium price for our common stock or might otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

Our use of TRSs is limited under the Code.

Under the Code, no more than 25% (20% for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017) of the value of the gross assets of a REIT may be represented by securities of one or more TRSs. This limitation may affect our ability to increase the size of our TRSs' operations and assets, and there can be no assurance that we will be able to comply with the applicable limitation, or that such compliance will not adversely affect our business. Also, our TRSs may not, among other things, operate or manage certain health care facilities, which may cause us to forego investments we might otherwise make. Finally, we may be subject to a 100% excise tax on the income derived from certain transactions with our TRSs that are not on an arm's-length basis. We believe our arrangements with our TRSs are on arm's-length terms and intend to continue to operate in a manner that allows us to avoid incurring the 100% excise tax described above, but there can be no assurance that we will be able to avoid application of that tax.

The tax imposed on REITs engaging in "prohibited transactions" may limit our ability to engage in transactions which would be treated as sales for federal income tax purposes.

A REIT's net income from prohibited transactions is subject to a 100% penalty tax. In general, prohibited transactions are sales or other dispositions of property, other than foreclosure property, held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business. Although we do not intend to hold any properties that would be characterized as held for sale to customers in the ordinary course of our business, unless a sale or disposition qualifies under certain statutory safe harbors, such characterization is a factual determination and no guarantee can be given that the IRS would agree with our characterization of our properties or that we will always be able to make use of the available safe harbors.

Legislative or other actions could have a negative effect on our stockholders or us.

The rules dealing with federal income taxation are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process and by the IRS and the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The recent U.S. president election, coupled with a Republican-controlled Congress, makes tax reform more likely in the near-term. Changes to the tax laws, with or without retroactive application, could adversely affect our investors or us. We cannot predict how changes in the tax laws might affect our investors or us. New legislation, Treasury regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions could significantly and negatively affect our ability to qualify as a REIT, the federal income tax consequences of such qualification, or the federal income tax consequences of an investment in us. Also, the law relating to the tax treatment of other entities, or an investment in other entities, could change, making an investment in such other entities more attractive relative to an investment in a REIT.

ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

ITEM 2. Properties

Seniors Housing and Healthcare Properties

As of December 31, 2016, we owned approximately 1,300 properties (including properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and properties classified as held for sale), consisting of seniors housing communities, MOBs, life science and innovation centers, skilled nursing facilities, specialty hospitals and general acute care hospitals, and we had six properties under development, including one property that is owned by an unconsolidated real estate entity. We believe that maintaining a balanced portfolio of high-quality assets diversified by investment type, geographic location, asset type, tenant/operator, revenue source and operating model makes us less susceptible to single-state regulatory or reimbursement changes, regional climate events and local economic downturns and diminishes the risk that any single factor or event could materially harm our business.

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$1.7 billion aggregate principal amount of mortgage loan indebtedness outstanding, secured by 123 of our properties. Excluding those portions attributed to our joint venture partners, our share of mortgage loan indebtedness outstanding was \$1.6 billion.

The following table provides additional information regarding the geographic diversification of our portfolio of properties as of December 31, 2016 (including properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities, but excluding properties classified as held for sale):

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Geographic Location	Seniors Housing Communities		Skilled Nursing Facilities		MOBs		Life Science and Innovation Centers		Specialty Hospitals		General Acute Care	
	# of Properties	Units	# of Properties	Licensed Beds	# of Properties	Square Feet ⁽¹⁾	# of Properties	Square Feet ⁽¹⁾	# of Properties	Licensed Beds	# of Properties	Licensed Beds
Alabama	6	382	—	—	4	469	—	—	—	—	—	—
Arizona	28	2,562	—	—	13	830	—	—	1	60	—	—
Arkansas	4	287	—	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—
California	86	9,743	4	483	25	2,034	—	—	6	503	—	—
Colorado	19	1,689	2	190	13	891	—	—	1	68	—	—
Connecticut	14	1,625	—	—	—	—	2	1,032	—	—	—	—
District of Columbia	—	—	—	—	2	102	—	—	—	—	—	—
Florida	49	4,582	—	—	19	583	1	259	6	511	—	—
Georgia	20	1,751	1	162	14	1,188	—	—	—	—	—	—
Idaho	1	70	6	513	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Illinois	25	2,942	1	82	37	1,547	1	129	4	430	—	—
Indiana	11	921	8	1,109	23	1,603	—	—	1	59	—	—
Kansas	9	541	—	—	1	33	—	—	—	—	—	—
Kentucky	10	911	3	377	4	173	—	—	1	384	—	—
Louisiana	1	58	—	—	5	361	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maine	6	445	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Maryland	5	360	—	—	2	83	5	489	—	—	—	—
Massachusetts	19	2,104	8	963	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Michigan	23	1,457	—	—	14	599	—	—	—	—	—	—
Minnesota	18	1,029	—	—	4	241	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mississippi	—	—	—	—	1	51	—	—	—	—	—	—
Missouri	2	153	—	—	20	1,096	3	465	2	227	—	—
Montana	2	182	2	276	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nebraska	1	134	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Nevada	5	589	—	—	5	416	—	—	1	52	—	—
New Hampshire	1	125	1	290	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Jersey	13	1,184	1	153	3	37	—	—	—	—	—	—
New Mexico	4	468	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	123	4	544
New York	42	4,638	—	—	4	244	—	—	—	—	—	—
North Carolina	23	1,894	3	297	20	832	6	1,141	1	124	—	—
North Dakota	2	115	—	—	1	114	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ohio	21	1,267	6	907	28	1,225	—	—	1	50	—	—
Oklahoma	8	463	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4	954
Oregon	29	2,581	—	—	1	105	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pennsylvania	32	2,362	4	620	10	878	3	566	1	52	—	—
Rhode Island	6	596	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Carolina	5	402	—	—	20	1,104	—	—	—	—	—	—
South Dakota	4	182	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tennessee	18	1,420	—	—	11	405	—	—	1	49	—	—
Texas	51	3,916	—	—	22	1,332	—	—	9	590	1	445
Utah	3	321	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vermont	—	—	1	144	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

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Virginia	8	655	3	432	5	231	2	191	—	—	—	—
Washington	25	2,417	8	737	10	579	—	—	—	—	—	—
West Virginia	2	124	4	326	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wisconsin	51	2,256	—	—	21	1,105	—	—	—	—	—	—
Wyoming	2	168	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total U.S.	714	62,071	66	8,061	363	20,496	23	4,272	38	3,282	9	1,943
Canada	41	4,499	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
United Kingdom	10	663	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	121
Total	765	67,233	66	8,061	363	20,496	23	4,272	38	3,282	12	2,064

(1) Square Feet are in thousands

Corporate Offices

Our headquarters are located in Chicago, Illinois, and we have additional corporate offices in: Louisville, Kentucky; Plano, Texas; and Irvine, California. We lease all of our corporate offices.

ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings

The information contained in “NOTE 14—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 3. Except as set forth therein, we are not a party to, nor is any of our property the subject of, any material pending legal proceedings.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. Market for Registrant’s Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

Market Information

Our common stock, par value \$0.25 per share, is listed and traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) under the symbol “VTR.” The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices of our common stock as reported on the NYSE and the dividends declared per share.

	Sales Price of Common Stock		Cash Dividends Declared
	High	Low	
2015			
First Quarter	\$80.95	\$69.12	\$ 0.79
Second Quarter	76.90	61.82	0.79
Third Quarter	68.52	52.66	0.73
Fourth Quarter	58.38	49.68	0.73
2016			
First Quarter	\$63.22	\$48.43	\$ 0.73
Second Quarter	72.82	59.69	0.73
Third Quarter	76.56	67.33	0.73
Fourth Quarter	69.19	57.86	0.775

As of February 9, 2017, we had 354.6 million shares of our common stock outstanding held by approximately 4,750 stockholders of record.

Dividends and Distributions

We pay regular quarterly dividends to holders of our common stock to comply with the provisions of the Code governing REITs. On February 10, 2017, our Board of Directors declared the first quarterly installment of our 2017 dividend on our common stock in the amount of \$0.775 per share, payable in cash on March 31, 2017 to stockholders of record on March 7, 2017. We expect to distribute at least 100% of our taxable net income, after the use of any net operating loss carryforwards, to our stockholders for 2017. See “Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—Requirements for Qualification as a REIT—Annual Distribution Requirements” included in Part I, Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

In general, our Board of Directors makes decisions regarding the nature, frequency and amount of our dividends on a quarterly basis. Because the Board considers many factors when making these decisions, including our present and future liquidity needs, our current and projected financial condition and results of operations and the performance and credit quality of our tenants, operators, borrowers and managers, we cannot assure you that we will maintain the practice of paying regular quarterly dividends to continue to qualify as a REIT. Please see “Cautionary Statements” and the risk factors included in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a description of other factors that may affect our distribution policy.

Prior to its suspension in July 2014, our stockholders were entitled to reinvest all or a portion of any cash distribution on their shares of our common stock by participating in our Distribution Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (“DRIP”), subject to the terms of the plan. See “NOTE 16—PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EQUITY” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We may determine whether or not to reinstate the DRIP at any time, in our sole discretion.

Director and Employee Stock Sales

Certain of our directors, executive officers and other employees have adopted and, from time to time in the future, may adopt non-discretionary, written trading plans that comply with Rule 10b5-1 under the Exchange Act, or otherwise monetize, gift or transfer their equity-based compensation. These transactions typically are conducted for estate, tax and financial planning purposes and are subject to compliance with our Amended and Restated Securities Trading Policy and Procedures (“Securities Trading Policy”), the minimum stock ownership requirements contained in our Guidelines on Governance and all applicable laws and regulations.

Our Securities Trading Policy expressly prohibits our directors, executive officers and employees from buying or selling derivatives with respect to our securities or other financial instruments that are designed to hedge or offset a decrease in the market value of our securities and from engaging in short sales with respect to our securities. In addition, our Securities Trading Policy prohibits our directors and executive officers from holding our securities in margin accounts or pledging our securities to secure loans without the prior approval of our Audit and Compliance Committee. Each of our executive officers has advised us that he or she is in compliance with the Securities Trading Policy and has not pledged any of our equity securities to secure margin or other loans.

Stock Repurchases

The table below summarizes repurchases of our common stock made during the quarter ended December 31, 2016:

	Number of Shares Repurchased (1)	Average Price Per Share
October 1 through October 31	106	\$ 67.95
November 1 through November 30	—	\$ —
December 1 through December 31	—	\$ —

Repurchases represent shares withheld to pay taxes on the vesting of restricted stock granted to employees under our 2006 Incentive Plan or 2012 Incentive Plan or restricted stock units granted to employees under the Nationwide Health Properties, Inc. (“NHP”) 2005 Performance Incentive Plan and assumed by us in connection with our acquisition of NHP. The value of the shares withheld is the closing price of our common stock on the date the vesting or exercise occurred (or, if not a trading day, the immediately preceding trading day) or the fair market value of our common stock at the time of the exercise, as the case may be.

Stock Performance Graph

The following performance graph compares the cumulative total return (including dividends) to the holders of our common stock from December 31, 2011 through December 31, 2016, with the cumulative total returns of the NYSE Composite Index, the FTSE NAREIT Composite REIT Index (the "Composite REIT Index") and the S&P 500 Index over the same period. The comparison assumes \$100 was invested on December 31, 2011 in our common stock and in each of the foregoing indexes and assumes reinvestment of dividends, as applicable. We have included the NYSE Composite Index in the performance graph because our common stock is listed on the NYSE, and we have included the S&P 500 Index because we are a member of the S&P 500. We have included the Composite REIT Index because we believe that it is most representative of the industries in which we compete, or otherwise provides a fair basis for comparison with us, and is therefore particularly relevant to an assessment of our performance. The figures in the table below are rounded to the nearest dollar.

	12/31/2011	12/31/2012	12/31/2013	12/31/2014	12/31/2015	12/31/2016
Ventas	\$100	\$122.31	\$112.96	\$147.89	\$139.68	\$162.23
NYSE Composite Index	\$100	\$116.26	\$146.95	\$157.05	\$150.81	\$168.99
Composite REIT Index	\$100	\$119.73	\$122.53	\$155.89	\$159.09	\$174.00
S&P 500 Index	\$100	\$115.99	\$153.55	\$174.55	\$176.95	\$198.10

ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data

You should read the following selected financial data in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” included in Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and our Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as acquisitions, dispositions, changes in accounting policies and other items may impact the comparability of the financial data.

	As of and For the Years Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	(Dollars in thousands, except per share data)				
Operating Data					
Rental income	\$ 1,476,176	\$ 1,346,046	\$ 1,138,457	\$ 1,036,356	\$ 894,495
Resident fees and services	1,847,306	1,811,255	1,552,951	1,406,005	1,227,124
Interest expense	419,740	367,114	292,065	249,009	199,801
Property-level operating expenses	1,434,762	1,383,640	1,195,388	1,109,925	966,812
General, administrative and professional fees	126,875	128,035	121,738	115,083	98,489
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders, including real estate dispositions	650,153	406,740	376,032	374,338	202,159
Discontinued operations	(922	) 11,103	99,735	79,171	160,641
Net income attributable to common stockholders	649,231	417,843	475,767	453,509	362,800
Per Share Data					
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders, including real estate dispositions:					
Basic	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.23	\$ 1.28	\$ 1.28	\$ 0.69
Diluted	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.27	\$ 0.68
Net income attributable to common stockholders:					
Basic	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.62	\$ 1.55	\$ 1.24
Diluted	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.25	\$ 1.60	\$ 1.54	\$ 1.23
Dividends declared per common share	\$ 2.965	\$ 3.04	\$ 2.965	\$ 2.735	\$ 2.48
Other Data					
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,367,457	\$ 1,391,767	\$ 1,254,845	\$ 1,194,755	\$ 992,816
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,234,643	) (2,423,692	) (2,055,040	) (1,282,760	) (2,169,689
Net cash provided by financing activities	101,722	1,030,122	758,057	114,996	1,198,914
FFO ⁽¹⁾	1,440,544	1,365,408	1,273,680	1,208,458	1,024,567
Normalized FFO ⁽¹⁾	1,438,643	1,493,683	1,330,018	1,220,709	1,120,225
Balance Sheet Data					
Real estate investments, at cost	\$ 25,327,215	\$ 23,802,454	\$ 20,196,770	\$ 21,403,592	\$ 19,745,607
Cash and cash equivalents	286,707	53,023	55,348	94,816	67,908
Total assets	23,166,600	22,261,918	21,165,913	19,731,494	18,980,000
Senior notes payable and other debt	11,127,326	11,206,996	10,844,351	9,364,992	8,413,646

⁽¹⁾ We consider Funds From Operations (“FFO”) and normalized FFO to be useful supplemental measures of our operating performance. In particular, we believe that normalized FFO is useful because it allows investors, analysts and our management to compare our operating performance to the operating performance of other real estate companies and between periods on a consistent basis without having to account for differences caused by unanticipated items and other events such as transactions and litigation. In some cases, we provide information about identified non-cash components of FFO and normalized FFO because it allows investors, analysts and our

management to assess the impact of those items on our financial results.

We use the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“NAREIT”) definition of FFO. NAREIT defines FFO as net income attributable to common stockholders (computed in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”)), excluding gains (or losses) from sales of real estate property, including gain or loss on re-measurement of equity method investments, and impairment write-downs of depreciable real estate, plus real estate depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. Adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures will be calculated to reflect FFO on the same basis. We define normalized FFO as FFO excluding the following income and expense items (which may be recurring in nature): (a) merger-related costs and expenses, including amortization of intangibles, transition and integration expenses, and deal costs and expenses, including expenses and recoveries relating to our acquisition lawsuits; (b) the impact of any expenses related to asset impairment and valuation allowances, the write-off of unamortized deferred financing fees, or additional costs, expenses, discounts, make-whole payments, penalties or premiums incurred as a result of early retirement or payment of our debt; (c) the non-cash effect of income tax benefits or expenses, the non-cash impact of changes to the Company’s executive equity compensation plan and derivative transactions that have non-cash mark-to-market impacts on our Consolidated Statements of Income; (d) the financial impact of contingent consideration, severance-related costs and charitable donations made to the Ventas Charitable Foundation; (e) gains and losses for non-operational foreign currency hedge agreements and changes in the fair value of financial instruments; (f) gains and losses on non-real estate dispositions and other unusual items related to unconsolidated entities; and (g) expenses related to the re-audit and re-review in 2014 of our historical financial statements and related matters. We believe that income from continuing operations is the most comparable GAAP measure because it provides insight into our continuing operations.

FFO and normalized FFO presented in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, or otherwise disclosed by us, may not be comparable to FFO and normalized FFO presented by other real estate companies due to the fact that not all real estate companies use the same definitions. FFO and normalized FFO should not be considered as alternatives to net income or income from continuing operations (both determined in accordance with GAAP) as indicators of our financial performance or as alternatives to cash flow from operating activities (determined in accordance with GAAP) as measures of our liquidity, nor are FFO and normalized FFO necessarily indicative of sufficient cash flow to fund all of our needs. See “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Funds From Operations and Normalized Funds from Operations” included in Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K for a reconciliation of FFO and normalized FFO to our GAAP earnings.

ITEM 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion provides information that management believes is relevant to an understanding and assessment of the consolidated financial condition and results of operations of Ventas, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated or except where the context otherwise requires, “we,” “us” or “our”). You should read this discussion in conjunction with our Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, as it will help you understand:

- Our company and the environment in which we operate;
- Our 2016 highlights and other recent developments;
- Our critical accounting policies and estimates;
- Our results of operations for the last three years;
- How we manage our assets and liabilities;
- Our liquidity and capital resources;
- Our cash flows; and
- Our future contractual obligations.

Corporate and Operating Environment

We are a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) with a highly diversified portfolio of seniors housing and healthcare properties located throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. As of December 31, 2016, we owned approximately 1,300 properties (including properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and properties classified as held for sale), consisting of seniors housing communities, medical office buildings (“MOBs”),

life science and innovation centers, skilled nursing facilities, specialty hospitals and general acute care hospitals, and we had six properties under development, including one property that is owned by an unconsolidated real estate entity. We are an S&P 500 company and headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

We primarily invest in seniors housing and healthcare properties through acquisitions and lease our properties to unaffiliated tenants or operate them through independent third-party managers. As of December 31, 2016, we leased a total of 549 properties (excluding MOBs and 33 properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities) to various healthcare operating companies under “triple-net” or “absolute-net” leases that obligate the tenants to pay all property-related expenses, including maintenance, utilities, repairs, taxes, insurance and capital expenditures, and we engaged independent operators, such as Atria Senior Living, Inc. (“Atria”) and Sunrise Senior Living, LLC (together with its subsidiaries, “Sunrise”), to manage 298 of our seniors housing communities (excluding one property owned through investments in unconsolidated entities) for us pursuant to long-term management agreements.

Our three largest tenants, Brookdale Senior Living Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, “Brookdale Senior Living”), Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, “Kindred”) and Ardent Health Partners, LLC (together with its subsidiaries, “Ardent”), leased from us 140 properties (excluding six properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and excluding one property managed by Brookdale Senior Living pursuant to a long-term management agreement), 68 properties (excluding one MOB) and ten properties, respectively, as of December 31, 2016.

Through our Lillibridge Healthcare Services, Inc. (“Lillibridge”) subsidiary and our ownership interest in PMB Real Estate Services LLC (“PMBRES”), we also provide MOB management, leasing, marketing, facility development and advisory services to highly rated hospitals and health systems throughout the United States. In addition, from time to time, we make secured and non-mortgage loans and other investments relating to seniors housing and healthcare operators or properties.

We conduct our operations through three reportable business segments: triple-net leased properties; senior living operations; and office operations. See “NOTE 19—SEGMENT INFORMATION” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

As of December 31, 2016, our consolidated portfolio included 100% ownership interests in 1,180 properties and controlling joint venture interests in 55 properties, and we had non-controlling ownership interests in 39 properties through investments in unconsolidated entities. Through Lillibridge and PMBRES, we provided management and leasing services to third parties with respect to 90 MOBs as of December 31, 2016.

We aim to enhance shareholder value by delivering consistent, superior total returns through a strategy of:

(1) generating reliable and growing cash flows; (2) maintaining a balanced, diversified portfolio of high-quality assets; and (3) preserving our financial strength, flexibility and liquidity.

Our ability to access capital in a timely and cost-effective manner is critical to the success of our business strategy because it affects our ability to satisfy existing obligations, including the repayment of maturing indebtedness, and to make future investments. Factors such as general market conditions, interest rates, credit ratings on our securities, expectations of our potential future earnings and cash distributions, and the trading price of our common stock that are beyond our control and fluctuate over time all impact our access to and cost of external capital. For that reason, we generally attempt to match the long-term duration of our investments in real property with long-term financing through the issuance of shares of our common stock or the incurrence of long-term fixed rate debt. At December 31, 2016, 15.3% of our consolidated debt was variable rate debt, including the effects of interest rate hedges.

2016 Highlights and Other Recent Developments

Investments and Dispositions

In September 2016, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the university affiliated life science and innovation real estate assets of Wexford Science & Technology, LLC (“Wexford”) from affiliates of Blackstone Real Estate Partners VIII, L.P. (together with its affiliates, “Blackstone”) (the “Life Sciences Acquisition”) for total consideration of \$1.5 billion. The Life Sciences Acquisition added to our portfolio 23 operating properties, two development assets and nine future development sites.

In October 2016, we committed to provide secured debt financing in the amount of \$700.0 million to a subsidiary of Ardent to facilitate Ardent’s acquisition of LHP Hospital Group, Inc. (“LHP”). The loan (the “Loan”) has a five-year term and is LIBOR-based with an initial interest rate of approximately 8.0% and is guaranteed by Ardent’s parent company. Ardent will also receive an equity contribution from its majority owner, an affiliate of Equity Group Investments. The Loan is subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. Ardent’s acquisition of LHP is expected to close in

the first quarter of 2017, but there can be no assurance as to whether, when or on what terms Ardent's acquisition of LHP or the Loan will be completed.

During 2016, we made a \$140.0 million secured mezzanine loan investment relating to Class A life sciences properties in California and Massachusetts, that has an annual interest rate of 9.95%, and we acquired two MOBs, one triple-net leased seniors housing asset and other investments for approximately \$42.3 million.

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we sold 29 triple-net leased properties, 1 seniors housing community included in our senior living operations reportable business segment and six MOBs for aggregate consideration of \$300.8 million. We recognized a gain on the sales of these assets of \$98.2 million (net of taxes).

During 2016, we received aggregate proceeds of \$309.0 million in final repayment of three secured loans receivable and partial repayment of one secured loan receivable and recognized gains of \$9.6 million on the repayment of these loans receivable.

Capital and Dividends

During 2016, we issued and sold 18.9 million shares of common stock under our “at-the-market” (“ATM”) equity offering program and public offerings. Aggregate net proceeds for these activities were \$1.3 billion, after sales agent commissions.

In May 2016, we repaid \$100.0 million outstanding on our unsecured term loan due 2019 using cash on hand.

In May 2016, we issued and sold \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.125% senior notes due 2023 at a public offering price equal to 99.343% of par, for total proceeds of \$397.4 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

In June 2016, we redeemed \$455.5 million aggregate principal amount then outstanding of our 1.55% senior notes due September 2016 at a public offering price of 100.335% of par, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date. In July 2016, we repaid the remaining balance then outstanding of our 1.55% senior notes due September 2016.

In September 2016, we issued and sold \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.25% senior notes due 2026 at a public offering price equal to 99.811% of par, for total proceeds of \$449.1 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

In 2016, we paid an annual cash dividend on our common stock of \$2.965 per share. In December 2016, our fourth quarter 2016 dividend grew by 6% over third quarter 2016 to \$0.775.

Portfolio

In April 2016, we entered into several agreements with Kindred to improve the quality and productivity of the long term acute care hospital (“LTAC”) portfolio leased by Ventas to Kindred. Certain of the agreements consist of lease amendments to the Kindred master leases, for which we received a \$3.5 million fee. Under these lease amendments, annual rent on seven identified LTACs (the “7 LTACs”), which was approximately \$8 million, was immediately re-allocated to other more productive post-acute assets subject to the Kindred master leases. Separately, in October 2016, we sold the 7 LTACs to an unrelated third party for \$3.0 million, and recognized a gain of \$2.9 million.

In September 2016, we modified existing agreements with Sunrise related to the management of certain of the seniors housing communities owned by us and operated by Sunrise to reduce management fees payable to Sunrise under such agreements, maintain the existing term of such agreements and provide Sunrise with incentives for future outperformance. We also entered into a new multi-year development pipeline agreement with Sunrise that gives us the option to fund certain future Sunrise developments.

In November 2016, we entered into agreements with Kindred providing that (i) Kindred will either acquire all 36 SNFs owned by us and operated by Kindred for \$700 million, in connection with Kindred’s previously announced plan to exit its SNF business, or renew the current lease on all unpurchased SNFs through 2025 at the current rent level;

and (ii) Kindred has extended the lease term to 2025 for all of our LTACs operated by Kindred that were scheduled to mature in 2018 and 2020, at the current rent level.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) set forth in the Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”), as published by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”). GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions regarding future events that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. We base these estimates on our experience and assumptions we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, if our judgment or interpretation of the facts and circumstances relating to various transactions or other matters had been different, we may have applied a different accounting treatment, resulting in a different presentation of our financial statements. We periodically reevaluate our estimates and assumptions, and in the event they prove to be different from actual results, we make adjustments in subsequent periods to reflect more current estimates and assumptions about matters that are inherently uncertain. We believe that the critical accounting policies described below, among others, affect our more significant estimates and judgments used in the preparation of our financial statements. For more information regarding our critical accounting policies, see “NOTE 2—ACCOUNTING POLICIES” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Principles of Consolidation

The Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K include our accounts and the accounts of our wholly owned subsidiaries and the joint venture entities over which we exercise control. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation, and our net earnings are reduced by the portion of net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests.

GAAP requires us to identify entities for which control is achieved through means other than voting rights and to determine which business enterprise is the primary beneficiary of variable interest entities (“VIEs”). A VIE is broadly defined as an entity with one or more of the following characteristics: (a) the total equity investment at risk is insufficient to finance the entity’s activities without additional subordinated financial support; (b) as a group, the holders of the equity investment at risk lack (i) the ability to make decisions about the entity’s activities through voting or similar rights, (ii) the obligation to absorb the expected losses of the entity, or (iii) the right to receive the expected residual returns of the entity; and (c) the equity investors have voting rights that are not proportional to their economic interests, and substantially all of the entity’s activities either involve, or are conducted on behalf of, an investor that has disproportionately few voting rights. We consolidate our investment in a VIE when we determine that we are its primary beneficiary. We may change our original assessment of a VIE upon subsequent events such as the modification of contractual arrangements that affects the characteristics or adequacy of the entity’s equity investments at risk and the disposition of all or a portion of an interest held by the primary beneficiary.

We identify the primary beneficiary of a VIE as the enterprise that has both: (i) the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the entity’s economic performance; and (ii) the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits of the VIE that could be significant to the entity. We perform this analysis on an ongoing basis.

As it relates to investments in joint ventures, GAAP may preclude consolidation by the sole general partner in certain circumstances based on the type of rights held by the limited partner(s). We assess limited partners’ rights and their impact on our consolidation conclusions, and we reassess if there is a change to the terms or in the exercisability of the rights of the limited partners, the sole general partner increases or decreases its ownership of limited partnership interests, or there is an increase or decrease in the number of outstanding limited partnership interests. We also apply this guidance to managing member interests in limited liability companies.

On January 1, 2016, we adopted Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) 2015-02, Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis (“ASU 2015-02”), which makes certain changes to both the variable interest and voting models. The adoption of ASU 2015-02 did not result in any changes to our conclusions regarding the consolidation of investments under the new standard. We identified several entities already consolidated under the previous standard but not considered VIEs, which under the new standard are considered VIEs and will continue to be consolidated.

Business Combinations

We account for acquisitions using the acquisition method and record the cost of the businesses acquired among tangible and recognized intangible assets and liabilities based upon their estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. Recognized intangibles primarily include the value of in-place leases, acquired lease contracts, tenant and customer relationships, trade names/trademarks and goodwill. We do not amortize goodwill, which represents the excess of the purchase price paid over the fair value of the net assets of the acquired business.

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Our method for recording the purchase price to acquired investments in real estate requires us to make subjective assessments for determining fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed. This includes determining the value of the buildings, land and improvements, construction in progress, ground leases, tenant improvements, in-place leases, above and/or below market leases, purchase option intangible assets and/or liabilities, and any debt assumed. These estimates require significant judgment and in some cases involve complex calculations. These assessments directly impact our results of operations, as amounts estimated for certain assets and liabilities have different depreciation or amortization lives. In addition, we amortize the value assigned to above and/or below market leases as a component of revenue, unlike in-place leases and other intangibles, which we include in depreciation and amortization in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

We estimate the fair value of buildings acquired on an as-if-vacant basis, or replacement cost basis, and depreciate the building value over the estimated remaining life of the building, generally not to exceed 35 years. We determine the fair value of other fixed assets, such as site improvements and furniture, fixtures and equipment, based upon the replacement cost and depreciate such value over the assets' estimated remaining useful lives as determined at the applicable acquisition date. We determine the value of land either by considering the sales prices of similar properties in recent transactions or based on internal analysis of recently acquired and existing comparable properties within our portfolio. We generally determine the value of construction in progress based upon the replacement cost. However, for certain acquired properties that are part of a ground-up development, we determine fair value by using the same valuation approach as for all other properties and deducting the estimated cost to complete the development. During the remaining construction period, we capitalize project costs until the development has reached substantial completion. Construction in progress, including capitalized interest, is not depreciated until the development has reached substantial completion.

The fair value of acquired lease-related intangibles, if any, reflects: (i) the estimated value of any above and/or below market leases, determined by discounting the difference between the estimated market rent and in-place lease rent; and (ii) the estimated value of in-place leases related to the cost to obtain tenants, including leasing commissions, and an estimated value of the absorption period to reflect the value of the rent and recovery costs foregone during a reasonable lease-up period as if the acquired space was vacant. We amortize any acquired lease-related intangibles to revenue or amortization expense over the remaining life of the associated lease plus any assumed bargain renewal periods. If a lease is terminated prior to its stated expiration or not renewed upon expiration, we recognize all unamortized lease-related intangibles associated with that lease in operations at that time.

We estimate the fair value of purchase option intangible assets and liabilities by discounting the difference between the applicable property's acquisition date fair value and an estimate of its future option price. We do not amortize the resulting intangible asset or liability over the term of the lease, but rather adjust the recognized value of the asset or liability upon sale.

We estimate the fair value of tenant or other customer relationships acquired, if any, by considering the nature and extent of existing business relationships with the tenant or customer, growth prospects for developing new business with the tenant or customer, the tenant's credit quality, expectations of lease renewals with the tenant, and the potential for significant, additional future leasing arrangements with the tenant, and we amortize that value over the expected life of the associated arrangements or leases, including the remaining terms of the related leases and any expected renewal periods. We estimate the fair value of trade names and trademarks using a royalty rate methodology and amortize that value over the estimated useful life of the trade name or trademark.

In connection with a business combination, we may assume rights and obligations under certain lease agreements pursuant to which we become the lessee of a given property. We assume the lease classification previously determined by the prior lessee absent a modification in the assumed lease agreement. We assess assumed operating leases, including ground leases, to determine whether the lease terms are favorable or unfavorable to us given current market conditions on the acquisition date. To the extent the lease terms are favorable or unfavorable relative to market conditions on the acquisition date, we recognize an intangible asset or liability, as applicable, at fair value and amortize that asset or liability (excluding purchase option intangibles) to interest or rental expense in our Consolidated Statements of Income over the applicable lease term. We include all lease-related intangible assets and liabilities within acquired lease intangibles and accounts payable and other liabilities, respectively, on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

We determine the fair value of loans receivable acquired in connection with a business combination by discounting the estimated future cash flows using current interest rates at which similar loans on the same terms with the same length to maturity would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings. We do not establish a valuation allowance at the acquisition date because the estimated future cash flows already reflect our judgment regarding their uncertainty. We recognize the difference between the acquisition date fair value and the total expected cash flows as interest income using an effective interest method over the life of the applicable loan. Subsequent to the acquisition date, we evaluate changes regarding the uncertainty of future cash flows and the need for a valuation allowance, as appropriate.

We estimate the fair value of noncontrolling interests assumed consistent with the manner in which we value all of the underlying assets and liabilities.

We calculate the fair value of long-term debt by discounting the remaining contractual cash flows on each instrument at the current market rate for those borrowings, which we approximate based on the rate at which we would expect to incur a replacement instrument on the date of acquisition, and recognize any fair value adjustments related to long-term debt as effective yield adjustments over the remaining term of the instrument.

Impairment of Long-Lived and Intangible Assets

We periodically evaluate our long-lived assets, primarily consisting of investments in real estate, for impairment indicators. If indicators of impairment are present, we evaluate the carrying value of the related real estate investments in relation to the future undiscounted cash flows of the underlying operations. In performing this evaluation, we consider market conditions and our current intentions with respect to holding or disposing of the asset. We adjust the net book value of leased properties and other long-lived assets to fair value if the sum of the expected future undiscounted cash flows, including sales proceeds, is less than book value. We recognize an impairment loss at the time we make any such determination.

If impairment indicators arise with respect to intangible assets with finite useful lives, we evaluate impairment by comparing the carrying amount of the asset to the estimated future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If estimated future undiscounted net cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, then we estimate the fair value of the asset and compare the estimated fair value to the intangible asset's carrying value. We recognize any shortfall from carrying value as an impairment loss in the current period.

We evaluate our investments in unconsolidated entities for impairment at least annually, and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of our investment may exceed its fair value. If we determine that a decline in the fair value of our investment in an unconsolidated entity is other-than-temporary, and if such reduced fair value is below the carrying value, we record an impairment.

We test goodwill for impairment at least annually, and more frequently if indicators arise. We first assess qualitative factors, such as current macroeconomic conditions, state of the equity and capital markets and our overall financial and operating performance, to determine the likelihood that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If we determine it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, we proceed with the two-step approach to evaluating impairment. First, we estimate the fair value of the reporting unit and compare it to the reporting unit's carrying value. If the carrying value exceeds fair value, we proceed with the second step, which requires us to assign the fair value of the reporting unit to all of the assets and liabilities of the reporting unit as if it had been acquired in a business combination at the date of the impairment test. The excess fair value of the reporting unit over the amounts assigned to the assets and liabilities is the implied value of goodwill and is used to determine the amount of impairment. We recognize an impairment loss to the extent the carrying value of goodwill exceeds the implied value in the current period.

Estimates of fair value used in our evaluation of goodwill (if necessary based on our qualitative assessment), investments in real estate, investments in unconsolidated entities and intangible assets are based upon discounted future cash flow projections or other acceptable valuation techniques that are based, in turn, upon all available evidence including level three inputs, such as revenue and expense growth rates, estimates of future cash flows, capitalization rates, discount rates, general economic conditions and trends, or other available market data. Our ability to accurately predict future operating results and cash flows and to estimate and allocate fair values impacts the timing and recognition of impairments. While we believe our assumptions are reasonable, changes in these assumptions may have a material impact on our financial results.

Fair Value

Fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and we determine fair value based on the assumptions that we expect market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs that are classified within levels one and two of the hierarchy) and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions (unobservable inputs classified within level three of the hierarchy).

Level one inputs utilize unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that we have the ability to access. Level two inputs consist of inputs other than quoted prices included in level one that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability. Level two inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and other inputs for the asset or liability that are observable at commonly quoted intervals, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and yield curves. Level three inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which typically are based on our own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. If the determination of the fair value

measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the entire fair value measurement falls is the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. If the volume and level of market activity for an asset or liability has decreased significantly relative to the normal market activity for such asset or liability (or similar assets or liabilities), then transactions or quoted prices may not accurately reflect fair value. In addition, if there is evidence that a transaction for an asset or liability is not orderly, little, if any, weight is placed on that transaction price as an indicator of fair value. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

Revenue Recognition

Triple-Net Leased Properties and Office Operations

Certain of our triple-net leases and most of our MOB and life science and innovation center (collectively, “office operations”) leases provide for periodic and determinable increases in base rent. We recognize base rental revenues under these leases on a straight-line basis over the applicable lease term when collectibility is reasonably assured. Recognizing rental income on a straight-line basis generally results in recognized revenues during the first half of a lease term exceeding the cash amounts contractually due from our tenants, creating a straight-line rent receivable that is included in other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Certain of our leases provide for periodic increases in base rent only if certain revenue parameters or other substantive contingencies are met. We recognize the increased rental revenue under these leases as the related parameters or contingencies are met, rather than on a straight-line basis over the applicable lease term.

Senior Living Operations

We recognize resident fees and services, other than move-in fees, monthly as services are provided. We recognize move-in fees on a straight-line basis over the average resident stay. Our lease agreements with residents generally have terms of 12 to 18 months and are cancelable by the resident upon 30 days’ notice.

Other

We recognize interest income from loans and investments, including discounts and premiums, using the effective interest method when collectibility is reasonably assured. We apply the effective interest method on a loan-by-loan basis and recognize discounts and premiums as yield adjustments over the related loan term. We recognize interest income on an impaired loan to the extent our estimate of the fair value of the collateral is sufficient to support the balance of the loan, other receivables and all related accrued interest. When the balance of the loan, other receivables and all related accrued interest is equal to or less than our estimate of the fair value of the collateral, we recognize interest income on a cash basis. We provide a reserve against an impaired loan to the extent our total investment in the loan exceeds our estimate of the fair value of the loan collateral.

We recognize income from rent, lease termination fees, development services, management advisory services, and all other income when all of the following criteria are met in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) Staff Accounting Bulletin 104: (i) the applicable agreement has been fully executed and delivered; (ii) services have been rendered; (iii) the amount is fixed or determinable; and (iv) collectibility is reasonably assured.

Allowances

We assess the collectibility of our rent receivables, including straight-line rent receivables. We base our assessment of the collectibility of rent receivables (other than straight-line rent receivables) on several factors, including, among other things, payment history, the financial strength of the tenant and any guarantors, the value of the underlying collateral, if any, and current economic conditions. If our evaluation of these factors indicates it is probable that we will be unable to recover the full value of the receivable, we provide a reserve against the portion of the receivable that we estimate may not be recovered. We also base our assessment of the collectibility of straight-line rent receivables on several factors, including, among other things, the financial strength of the tenant and any guarantors, the historical operations and operating trends of the property, the historical payment pattern of the tenant and the type of property. If our evaluation of these factors indicates it is probable that we will be unable to receive the rent payments due in the future, we provide a reserve against the recognized straight-line rent receivable asset for the portion, up to its full value, that we estimate may not be recovered. If we change our assumptions or estimates regarding the collectibility of future rent payments required by a lease, we may adjust our reserve to increase or reduce the rental revenue recognized in the period we make such change in our assumptions or estimates.

Federal Income Tax

We have elected to be treated as a REIT under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), for every year beginning with the year ended December 31, 1999. Accordingly, we generally are not subject to federal income tax on net income that we distribute to our stockholders, provided that we continue to qualify as a REIT. However, with respect to certain of our subsidiaries that have elected to be treated as “taxable REIT subsidiaries” (“TRSs”), we record income tax expense or benefit, as those entities are subject to federal income tax similar to regular corporations. Certain foreign subsidiaries are subject to foreign income tax, although they did not elect to be treated as TRSs.

We account for deferred income taxes using the asset and liability method and recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in our financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, we determine deferred tax assets and liabilities based on the differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Any increase or decrease in the deferred tax liability that results from a change in circumstances, and that causes us to change our judgment about expected future tax consequences of events, is included in the tax provision when such changes occur. Deferred income taxes also reflect the impact of operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. A valuation allowance is provided if we believe it is more likely than not that all or some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Any increase or decrease in the valuation allowance that results from a change in circumstances, and that causes us to change our judgment about the realizability of the related deferred tax asset, is included in the tax provision when such changes occur.

We recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. Management considers the existing tax law and interpretations, court rulings and specific circumstances surrounding the tax position in order to make this determination. We recognize interest and penalties, if applicable, related to uncertain tax positions as part of income tax benefit (expense).

Recently Issued or Adopted Accounting Standards

On January 1, 2016, we adopted ASU 2015-16, Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments (“ASU 2015-16”) to simplify the accounting for business combinations, specifically as it relates to measurement-period adjustments. Acquiring entities in a business combination must recognize measurement-period adjustments in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. Also, ASU 2015-16 requires entities to present separately on the face of the income statement (or disclose in the notes to the financial statements) the portion of the amount recorded in the current period earnings, by line item, that would have been recorded in previous reporting periods if the adjustment to the provisional amounts had been recognized as of the acquisition date. Adoption of this ASU did not have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

On January 1, 2017 we adopted ASU 2017-01, Clarifying the Definition of a Business (“ASU 2017-01”) which narrows the FASB’s definition of a business and provides a framework that gives entities a basis for making reasonable judgments about whether a transaction involves an asset or a business. ASU 2017-01 states that when substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired (or disposed of) is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets, the set is not a business. If this initial test is not met, a set cannot be considered a business unless it includes an acquired input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create outputs. This ASU is to be applied prospectively and we expect that certain of our future real estate acquisitions will be accounted for as asset acquisitions in accordance with ASC 805, which provides for the capitalization of transaction costs and no recognition of goodwill.

On January 1, 2017 we adopted ASU 2016-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation (“ASU 2016-09”) which simplifies several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payment transactions, including the accounting for forfeitures and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification in the statement of cash flows.

Adoption of this ASU is not expected to have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) (“ASU 2016-02”), which introduces a lessee model that brings most leases on the balance sheet and amongst other changes, eliminates the requirement in current

GAAP for an entity to use bright-line tests in determining lease classification. The amendments in ASU 2016-02 do not significantly change the current lessor accounting model. ASU 2016-02 is not effective for the Company until January 1, 2019 with early adoption permitted. We have begun our process for implementing this guidance, including developing an inventory of all leases as well as identifying any non-lease components in our lease arrangements. We are continuing to evaluate this guidance and the impact to us, as both lessor and lessee, on our consolidated financial statements.

In 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue From Contracts With Customers (“ASU 2014-09”), which outlines a comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. ASU 2014-09 states that “an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.” While ASU 2014-09 specifically references contracts with customers, it may apply to certain other transactions such as the sale of real estate or equipment. In 2015, the FASB provided for a one-year deferral of the effective date for ASU 2014-09, which is now effective for us beginning January 1, 2018. We have begun our process for implementing this guidance, including performing a preliminary review of all revenue streams to identify any differences in the timing, measurement of presentation of revenue recognition. We are continuing to evaluate ASU 2014-09 (and related clarifying guidance issued by the FASB) and the allowable methods of adoption; however, we do not expect its adoption to have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements, as a substantial portion of our revenue consists of rental income from leasing arrangements, which is specifically excluded from ASU 2014-09.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments (“ASU 2016-13”) which provides for an impairment model that is based on expected losses rather than incurred losses. Under ASU 2016-13, an entity recognizes as an allowance its estimate of expected credit losses. ASU 2016-13 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2020 and we do not expect its adoption will have a significant effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Results of Operations

As of December 31, 2016, we operated through three reportable business segments: triple-net leased properties, senior living operations and office operations. In our triple-net leased properties segment, we acquire and own seniors housing and healthcare properties throughout the United States and the United Kingdom and lease those properties to healthcare operating companies under “triple-net” or “absolute-net” leases that obligate the tenants to pay all property-related expenses. In our senior living operations segment, we invest in seniors housing communities throughout the United States and Canada and engage independent operators, such as Atria and Sunrise, to manage those communities. In our office operations segment, we primarily acquire, own, develop, lease, and manage MOBs and life science innovation centers throughout the United States. Information provided for “all other” includes income from loans and investments and other miscellaneous income and various corporate-level expenses not directly attributable to any of our three reportable business segments. Assets included in “all other” consist primarily of corporate assets, including cash, restricted cash, loans receivable and investments, and miscellaneous accounts receivable. We evaluate performance of the combined properties in each reportable business segment based on segment NOI and related measures. For further information regarding our business segments and a discussion of our definition of segment NOI, see “NOTE 19—SEGMENT INFORMATION” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part II, Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The historical results of operations of the CCP properties are presented as discontinued operations in the accompanying results of operations. Throughout this discussion, “continuing operations” does not include properties disposed of as part of the CCP Spin-Off.

Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

The table below shows our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and the effect of changes in those results from period to period on our net income attributable to common stockholders.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Net Income	
	2016	2015	\$	%
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Segment NOI:				
Triple-Net Leased Properties	\$850,755	\$784,234	\$66,521	8.5 %
Senior Living Operations	604,328	601,840	2,488	0.4
Office Operations	444,276	399,891	44,385	11.1
All Other	101,214	89,176	12,038	13.5
Total segment NOI	2,000,573	1,875,141	125,432	6.7
Interest and other income	876	1,052	(176)	(16.7)
Interest expense	(419,740)	(367,114)	(52,626)	(14.3)
Depreciation and amortization	(898,924)	(894,057)	(4,867)	(0.5)
General, administrative and professional fees	(126,875)	(128,035)	1,160	0.9
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	(2,779)	(14,411)	11,632	80.7
Merger-related expenses and deal costs	(24,635)	(102,944)	78,309	76.1
Other	(9,988)	(17,957)	7,969	44.4
Income before unconsolidated entities, income taxes, discontinued operations, real estate dispositions and noncontrolling interest	518,508	351,675	166,833	47.4
Income (loss) from unconsolidated entities	4,358	(1,420)	5,778	nm
Income tax benefit	31,343	39,284	(7,941)	(20.2)
Income from continuing operations	554,209	389,539	164,670	42.3
Discontinued operations	(922)	11,103	(12,025)	nm
Gain on real estate dispositions	98,203	18,580	79,623	nm
Net income	651,490	419,222	232,268	55.4
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,259	1,379	(880)	(63.8)
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$649,231	\$417,843	231,388	55.4

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Segment NOI—Triple-Net Leased Properties

NOI for our triple-net leased properties reportable business segment equals the rental income and other services revenue earned from our triple-net assets. We incur no direct operating expenses for this segment.

The following table summarizes results of operations in our triple-net leased properties reportable business segment, including assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016, but excluding assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2016	2015	\$	%
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Segment NOI—Triple-Net Leased Properties:				
Rental income	\$845,834	\$779,801	\$66,033	8.5 %
Other services revenue	4,921	4,433	488	11.0
Segment NOI	\$850,755	\$784,234	66,521	8.5

Triple-net leased properties segment NOI increased in 2016 over the prior year primarily due to rent from the properties we acquired and developed during 2016 and 2015, contractual escalations in rent pursuant to the terms of our leases, and increases in base and other rent under certain of our leases, partially offset by 2015 lease termination fees.

In our triple-net leased properties segment, our revenues generally consist of fixed rental amounts (subject to annual contractual escalations) received from our tenants in accordance with the applicable lease terms. However, occupancy rates may affect the profitability of our tenants' operations. The following table sets forth average continuing occupancy rates related to the triple-net leased properties we owned at December 31, 2016 for the trailing 12 months ended September 30, 2016 (which is the most recent information available to us from our tenants) and average continuing occupancy rates related to the triple-net leased properties we owned at December 31, 2015 for the trailing 12 months ended September 30, 2015.

	Number of Properties at December 31, 2016 ⁽¹⁾	Average Occupancy for the Trailing 12 Months Ended September 30, 2016 ⁽¹⁾		Number of Properties at December 31, 2015 ⁽¹⁾	Average Occupancy for the Trailing 12 Months Ended September 30, 2015 ⁽¹⁾	
Seniors Housing Communities	431	88.2	%	453	88.2	%
Skilled Nursing Facilities	53	79.9		53	81.4	
Specialty Hospitals	38	59.1		46	57.8	

Excludes properties included in discontinued operations during 2015 and properties classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016, non-stabilized properties, properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and certain properties for which we do not receive occupancy information. Also excludes properties acquired during the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, including properties acquired as part of the 2015 AHS acquisition, and properties that transitioned operators for which we do not have eight full quarters of results subsequent to the transition.

The following table compares results of operations for our 511 same-store triple-net leased properties, unadjusted for foreign currency movements between comparison periods. With regard to our triple-net leased properties segment, "same-store" refers to properties that we owned for the full period in both comparison periods, excluding assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016 and assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2016	2015	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				
Same-Store Segment NOI—Triple-Net Leased Properties:				
Rental income	\$695,124	\$673,706	\$21,418	3.2 %
Other services revenue	4,921	4,433	488	11.0
Segment NOI	\$700,045	\$678,139	21,906	3.2

Segment NOI—Senior Living Operations

The following table summarizes results of operations in our senior living operations reportable business segment, including assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016, but excluding assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2016	2015	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				

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Segment NOI—Senior Living Operations:

Total revenues	\$1,847,306	\$1,811,255	\$36,051	2.0	%
Less:					
Property-level operating expenses	(1,242,978)	(1,209,415)	(33,563)	(2.8)	
Segment NOI	\$604,328	\$601,840	2,488	0.4	

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	Number of Properties at December 31,		Average Unit Occupancy for the Year Ended December 31,		Average Monthly Revenue Per Occupied Room for the Year Ended December 31,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Total communities	298	305	90.3%	91.2%	\$5,474	\$5,255

Revenues attributed to our senior living operations segment consist of resident fees and services, which include all amounts earned from residents at our seniors housing communities, such as rental fees related to resident leases, extended health care fees and other ancillary service income. Our senior living operations segment revenues increased in 2016 over the prior year primarily due to seniors housing communities we acquired during 2015 and an increase in average monthly revenue per occupied room, partially offset by decreased occupancy at our seniors housing communities.

Property-level operating expenses related to our senior living operations segment include labor, food, utilities, marketing, management and other costs of operating the properties. Property-level operating expenses also increased year over year primarily due to the acquired properties described above and increases in salaries, bonus, benefits, insurance, real estate tax expenses and other operating expenses.

The following table compares results of operations for our 262 same-store senior living operating communities, unadjusted for foreign currency movements between periods. With regard to our senior living operations segment, “same-store” refers to properties that we owned and were operational for the full period in both comparison periods, excluding properties that transitioned operators since the start of the prior comparison period, assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016 and assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2016	2015	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				
Same-Store Segment NOI—Senior Living Operations:				
Total revenues	\$1,667,279	\$1,617,757	\$49,522	3.1 %
Less:				
Property-level operating expenses	(1,116,109)	(1,077,510)	(38,599)	(3.6)
Segment NOI	\$551,170	\$540,247	10,923	2.0

	Number of Properties at December 31,		Average Unit Occupancy for the Year Ended December 31,		Average Monthly Revenue Per Occupied Room for the Year Ended December 31,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Same-store communities	262	262	90.4	91.1	5,578	5,379

Segment NOI—Office Operations

The following table summarizes results of operations in our office operations reportable business segment, including assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016, but excluding assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2016	2015	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				
Segment NOI—Office Operations:				
Rental income	\$630,342	\$566,245	\$64,097	11.3 %
Office building services revenue	13,029	34,436	(21,407)	(62.2)
Total revenues	643,371	600,681	42,690	7.1
Less:				
Property-level operating expenses	(191,784)	(174,225)	(17,559)	(10.1)
Office building services costs	(7,311)	(26,565)	19,254	72.5
Segment NOI	\$444,276	\$399,891	44,385	11.1

	Number of Properties at December 31,	Occupancy at December 31,	Annualized Average Rent Per Occupied Square Foot for the Year Ended Ended December 31,	
			2016	2015
Total office buildings	388	369	91.7%	91.7%
			\$ 31	\$ 29

The increase in our office operations segment rental income in 2016 over the prior year is attributed primarily to the MOBs we acquired during 2016 and 2015 and the Life Sciences Acquisition, as well as in place lease escalations. The increase in our office building property-level operating expenses is due primarily to those acquired MOBs and life science and innovation centers and increases in real estate taxes and other operating expenses.

Office building services revenue and costs both decreased in 2016 over the prior year primarily due to decreased construction activity during 2016 compared to 2015.

The following table compares results of continuing operations for our 272 same-store office buildings. With regard to our office operations segment, “same-store” refers to properties that we owned for the full period in both comparison periods, excluding assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016 and assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2016	2015	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				
Same-Store Segment NOI—Office Operations:				
Rental income	\$432,657	\$434,022	\$(1,365)	(0.3)%
Less:				
Property-level operating expenses	(142,826)	(144,218)	1,392	1.0
Segment NOI	\$289,831	\$289,804	27	0.0

	Number of Properties at December 31,		Occupancy at December 31,		Annualized Average Rent Per Occupied Square Foot for the Year Ended December 31,	
	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015
Same-store office buildings	272	272	90.6	91.2	31	31

Segment NOI—All Other

All other NOI consists solely of income from loans and investments. Income from loans and investments increased in 2016 over the prior year due primarily to a February 2016 \$140.0 million secured mezzanine loan investment that has an annual interest rate of 9.95%, partially offset by decreased interest income due to loans repaid during 2016.

Interest Expense

The \$7.8 million decrease in total interest expense, including interest allocated to discontinued operations of \$60.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2015, is attributed primarily to a \$11.5 million reduction in interest due to lower debt balances, partially offset by a \$3.7 million increase due to higher effective interest rates, including the amortization of any fair value adjustments. Our effective interest rate was 3.63% for 2016, compared to 3.60% for 2015.

Loss on Extinguishment of Debt, Net

The loss on extinguishment of debt, net in 2016 and 2015 resulted primarily from various debt repayments we made to improve our credit profile. The 2016 activity related to the redemption and repayment of the \$550.0 million aggregate principal amount then outstanding of our 1.55% senior notes due 2016 and term loan repayments. The 2015 repayments were made primarily with proceeds from the distribution paid to us at the time of the CCP Spin-Off.

Merger-Related Expenses and Deal Costs

Merger-related expenses and deal costs in both years consist of transition, integration, deal and severance-related expenses primarily related to pending and consummated transactions required by GAAP to be expensed rather than capitalized into the asset value. The \$78.3 million decrease in merger-related expenses and deal costs in 2016 over the prior year is primarily due to the January 2015 HCT acquisition and the August 2015 acquisition of Ardent Health Services, Inc., partially offset by costs incurred relating to the September 2016 Life Sciences Acquisition.

Income Tax Benefit

Income tax benefit for 2016 was due primarily to losses of certain taxable REIT subsidiaries (“TRS entities”), the reversal of a net deferred tax liability at one TRS and the release of a tax reserve. Income tax benefit for 2015 was due primarily to the income tax benefit of ordinary losses of certain TRS entities. The TRS losses were mainly attributable to the depreciation and amortization of fixed and intangible assets recorded as deferred tax liabilities in purchase accounting.

Discontinued Operations

Discontinued operations for 2016 reflects \$0.9 million of separation costs relating to the CCP Spin-Off. Discontinued operations for 2015 are primarily the result of \$46.4 million of transaction and separation costs associated with the CCP Spin-Off and net income for the CCP operations from January 1, 2015 through August 17, 2015, the date of the CCP Spin-Off.

Gain on Real Estate Dispositions

The \$79.6 million increase in gain on real estate dispositions in 2016 over the same period in 2015 primarily relates to the 2016 sale of one triple-net leased property.

Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014

The table below shows our results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the effect of changes in those results from period to period on our net income attributable to common stockholders.

	For the Year Ended		Increase (Decrease)	
	December 31,		to Net Income	
	2015	2014	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				
Segment NOI:				
Triple-Net Leased Properties	\$784,234	\$679,112	\$105,122	15.5 %
Senior Living Operations	601,840	516,395	85,445	16.5
Office Operations	399,891	310,515	89,376	28.8
All Other	89,176	54,048	35,128	65.0
Total segment NOI	1,875,141	1,560,070	315,071	20.2
Interest and other income	1,052	4,263	(3,211)	(75.3)
Interest expense	(367,114)	(292,065)	(75,049)	(25.7)
Depreciation and amortization	(894,057)	(725,216)	(168,841)	(23.3)
General, administrative and professional fees	(128,035)	(121,738)	(6,297)	(5.2)
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	(14,411)	(5,564)	(8,847)	nm
Merger-related expenses and deal costs	(102,944)	(43,304)	(59,640)	nm
Other	(17,957)	(25,743)	7,786	30.2
Income before unconsolidated entities, income taxes, discontinued operations, real estate dispositions and noncontrolling interest	351,675	350,703	972	0.3
Loss from unconsolidated entities	(1,420)	(139)	(1,281)	nm
Income tax benefit	39,284	8,732	30,552	nm
Income from continuing operations	389,539	359,296	30,243	8.4
Discontinued operations	11,103	99,735	(88,632)	(88.9)
Gain on real estate dispositions	18,580	17,970	610	3.4
Net income	419,222	477,001	(57,779)	(12.1)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	1,379	1,234	(145)	(11.8)
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$417,843	\$475,767	(57,924)	(12.2)

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Segment NOI—Triple-Net Leased Properties

The following table summarizes results of operations in our triple-net leased properties reportable business segment, including assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2015, but excluding assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations:

	For the Year Ended		Increase to	
	December 31,		Segment NOI	
	2015	2014	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				
Segment NOI—Triple-Net Leased Properties:				
Rental income	\$779,801	\$674,547	\$105,254	15.6 %
Other services revenue	4,433	4,565	(132)	(2.9)
Segment NOI	\$784,234	\$679,112	105,122	15.5

Triple-net leased properties segment NOI increased in 2015 over the prior year primarily due to rent from the properties we acquired during 2015 and 2014, contractual escalations in rent pursuant to the terms of our leases, and increases in base and other rent under certain of our leases.

The following table compares results of operations for our 481 same-store triple-net leased properties, unadjusted for foreign currency movements between comparison periods. With regard to our triple-net leased properties segment, “same-store” refers to properties that we owned for the full period in both comparison periods, excluding assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2015 and assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2015	2014	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				
Same-Store Segment NOI—Triple-Net Leased Properties:				
Rental income	\$625,711	\$598,858	\$26,853	4.5 %
Other services revenue	4,433	4,565	(132)	(2.9)
Segment NOI	\$630,144	\$603,423	26,721	4.4

Segment NOI—Senior Living Operations

The following table summarizes results of operations in our senior living operations reportable business segment, including assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2015, but excluding assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2015	2014	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				
Segment NOI—Senior Living Operations:				
Total revenues	\$1,811,255	\$1,552,951	\$258,304	16.6 %
Less:				
Property-level operating expenses	(1,209,415)	(1,036,556)	(172,859)	(16.7)
Segment NOI	\$601,840	\$516,395	85,445	16.5

	Number of Properties at December 31,		Average Occupancy for the Year Ended December 31,		Average Monthly Revenue Per Occupied Room for the Year Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Total communities	305	270	91.2%	91.1%	\$5,255	\$5,407

Our senior living operations segment revenues increased in 2015 over the prior year primarily due to seniors housing communities we acquired during 2015 and 2014, including the 2015 HCT acquisition and the 2014 acquisition of 29 seniors housing communities located in Canada from Holiday Retirement (the “Holiday Canada Acquisition”). Property-level operating expenses also increased year over year primarily due to the acquired properties described above, increases in salaries, repairs and maintenance costs, real estate taxes and higher management fees primarily due to increased revenues, partially offset by decreased incentive fees payable to our operators and property insurance costs.

The following table compares results of operations for our 229 same-store senior living operating communities, unadjusted for foreign currency movements between periods. With regard to our senior living operations segment, “same-store” refers to properties that we owned and were operational for the full period in both comparison periods, excluding properties that transitioned operators since the start of the prior comparison period, assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2015 and assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2015	2014	\$	%
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Same-Store Segment NOI—Senior Living Operations:				
Total revenues	\$1,486,751	\$1,449,603	\$37,148	2.6 %
Less:				
Property-level operating expenses	(1,004,126)	(973,401)	(30,725)	(3.2)
Segment NOI	\$482,625	\$476,202	\$6,423	1.3
			Average	
			Average Unit Monthly	
			Occupancy Revenue Per	
			Occupied	
			Room for	
			the Year	
			December 31, Ended	
			December 31,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Same-store communities	229	229	91.0	91.0
			5,800	5,660

Segment NOI—Office Operations

The following table summarizes results of operations in our office operations reportable business segment, including assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2015, but excluding assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2015	2014	\$	%
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Segment NOI—Office Operations:				
Rental income	\$566,245	\$463,910	\$102,335	22.1 %
Office building services revenue	34,436	22,529	11,907	52.9
Total revenues	600,681	486,439	114,242	23.5
Less:				
Property-level operating expenses	(174,225)	(158,832)	(15,393)	(9.7)
Office building services costs	(26,565)	(17,092)	(9,473)	(55.4)
Segment NOI	\$399,891	\$310,515	\$89,376	28.8
			Annualized	
			Average Rent	
			Per Occupied	
			Square Foot	
			for the Year	
			Ended	
			December 31,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Total office buildings	369	311	91.4 %	91.7 %
			\$ 29	\$ 30

The increase in our office operations segment rental income in 2015 over the prior year is attributed primarily to the MOBs we acquired during 2015 and 2014 as well as same-store revenue growth and an increase in lease termination fees. The increase in our office building property-level operating expenses is due primarily to those acquired MOBs and increases in cleaning, administrative wages and real estate tax expenses, partially offset by decreases in operating costs resulting from expense controls.

Office building services revenue and costs both increased in 2015 over the prior year primarily due to increased construction activity during 2015 compared to 2014. Management fee revenue also increased due to insourcing completed during 2014 and 2015.

The following table compares results of operations for our 270 same-store office buildings. With regard to our office operations segment, “same-store” refers to properties that we owned for the full period in both comparison periods, excluding assets sold or classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2015 and assets whose operations were classified as discontinued operations.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Segment NOI	
	2015	2014	\$	%
(Dollars in thousands)				
Same-Store Segment NOI—Office Operations:				
Rental income	\$432,652	\$429,670	\$2,982	0.7 %
Less:				
Property-level operating expenses	(144,149)	(143,763)	(386)	(0.3)
Segment NOI	\$288,503	\$285,907	2,596	0.9

	Number of Properties at December 31,		Occupancy at December 31,		Annualized Average Rent Per Occupied Square Foot for the Year Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
Same-store office buildings	270	270	91.2	91.5	31	31

Segment NOI—All Other

All other NOI consists solely of income from loans and investments. Income from loans and investments increased in 2015 over the prior year due primarily to higher investment balances and prepayment income during 2015, partially offset by lower weighted average interest rates on loan balances in 2015 compared to 2014.

Interest Expense

The \$49.0 million increase in total interest expense, including interest allocated to discontinued operations of \$60.4 million and \$86.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, is attributed primarily to \$53.6 million of additional interest due to higher debt balances, partially offset by a \$6.5 million reduction in interest due to lower effective interest rates, including the amortization of any fair value adjustments. Our effective interest rate was 3.6% for 2015, compared to 3.7% for 2014.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense increased \$168.8 million in 2015 primarily due to real estate acquisitions we made in 2014 and 2015.

General, Administrative and Professional Fees

General, administrative and professional fees increased \$6.3 million in 2015 primarily due to our increased employee head count as a result of organizational growth, partially offset by savings related to the CCP Spin-Off.

Loss on Extinguishment of Debt, Net

The loss on extinguishment of debt, net in 2015 and 2014 resulted primarily from various debt repayments we made to improve our credit profile. The 2015 repayments were made primarily with proceeds from the distribution paid to us at the time of the CCP Spin-Off.

Merger-Related Expenses and Deal Costs

Merger-related expenses and deal costs in both years consist of transition, integration, deal and severance-related expenses primarily related to pending and consummated transactions required by GAAP to be expensed rather than capitalized

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into the asset value. The \$59.6 million increase in merger-related expenses and deal costs in 2015 over the prior year is primarily due to increased 2015 investment activity and costs related to the CCP Spin-Off.

Income Tax Benefit

Income tax benefit for 2015 was due primarily to the income tax benefit of ordinary losses of certain TRS entities. The TRS losses were mainly attributable to the depreciation and amortization of fixed and intangible assets recorded as deferred tax liabilities in purchase accounting. Income tax benefit for 2014 was due primarily to the income tax benefit of ordinary losses and the reversal of a net deferred tax liability at one TRS.

Discontinued Operations

Discontinued operations primarily relates to the operations of assets and liabilities disposed of as part of the CCP Spin-Off. The decrease in income from discontinued operations for 2015 compared to 2014 is primarily the result of \$46.4 million of transaction and separation costs associated with the spin-off. Also, 2014 includes a full year of net income for the CCP operations, whereas 2015 only includes net income through August 17, 2015, the date of the CCP Spin-Off.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We consider certain non-GAAP financial measures to be useful supplemental measures of our operating performance. A non-GAAP financial measure is a measure of historical or future financial performance, financial position or cash flows that excludes or includes amounts that are not so excluded from or included in the most directly comparable measure calculated and presented in accordance with GAAP. Described below are the non-GAAP financial measures used by management to evaluate our operating performance and that we consider most useful to investors, together with reconciliations of these measures to the most directly comparable GAAP measures.

The non-GAAP financial measures we present in this Annual Report on Form 10-K may not be comparable to those presented by other real estate companies due to the fact that not all real estate companies use the same definitions. You should not consider these measures as alternatives to net income or income from continuing operations (both determined in accordance with GAAP) as indicators of our financial performance or as alternatives to cash flow from operating activities (determined in accordance with GAAP) as measures of our liquidity, nor are these measures necessarily indicative of sufficient cash flow to fund all of our needs. In order to facilitate a clear understanding of our consolidated historical operating results, you should examine these measures in conjunction with net income and income from continuing operations as presented in our Consolidated Financial Statements and other financial data included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Funds From Operations and Normalized Funds From Operations

Historical cost accounting for real estate assets implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. However, since real estate values historically have risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors deem presentations of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by themselves. For that reason, we consider Funds From Operations (“FFO”) and normalized FFO to be appropriate supplemental measures of operating performance of an equity REIT. In particular, we believe that normalized FFO is useful because it allows investors, analysts and our management to compare our operating performance to the operating performance of other real estate companies and between periods on a consistent basis without having to account for differences caused by non-recurring items and other non-operational events such as transactions and litigation. In some cases, we provide information about identified non-cash components of FFO and normalized FFO because it allows investors, analysts and our management to assess the impact of those items on our financial results.

We use the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“NAREIT”) definition of FFO. NAREIT defines FFO as net income attributable to common stockholders (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding gains or losses from sales of real estate property, including gains or losses on re-measurement of equity method investments, and impairment write-downs of depreciable real estate, plus real estate depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. Adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures will be calculated to reflect FFO on the same basis. We define normalized FFO as FFO excluding the following income and expense items (which may be recurring in nature): (a) merger-related costs and expenses,

including amortization of intangibles, transition and integration expenses, and deal costs and expenses, including expenses and recoveries relating to acquisition lawsuits; (b) the impact of any expenses related to asset impairment and valuation allowances, the write-off of unamortized deferred financing fees, or additional costs, expenses, discounts, make-whole payments, penalties or premiums incurred as a result of early retirement or payment of our debt; (c) the non-cash effect of income tax benefits or expenses, the non-cash impact of changes to our executive equity compensation plan and derivative transactions that have non-cash mark-to-market impacts on our

Consolidated Statements of Income; (d) the financial impact of contingent consideration, severance-related costs and charitable donations made to the Ventas Charitable Foundation; (e) gains and losses for non-operational foreign currency hedge agreements and changes in the fair value of financial instruments; (f) gains and losses on non-real estate dispositions and other unusual items related to unconsolidated entities; and (g) expenses related to the re-audit and re-review in 2014 of our historical financial statements and related matters. We believe that income from continuing operations is the most comparable GAAP measure because it provides insight into our continuing operations.

The following table summarizes our FFO and normalized FFO for each of the five years ended December 31, 2016. Our normalized FFO for the year ended December 31, 2016 decreased over the prior year due primarily to results in 2015 from the properties that were disposed of as part of the CCP Spin-Off, partially offset by 2015 and 2016 acquisitions, net of related capital costs, and an increase in income from loans and investments due to gains recognized on repayments we received during 2016 and a February 2016 \$140.0 million secured mezzanine loan investment that has an annual interest rate of 9.95%.

	For the Year Ended December 31,				
	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
	(In thousands)				
Income from continuing operations	\$554,209	\$389,539	\$359,296	\$375,498	\$200,815
Discontinued operations	(922	) 11,103	99,735	79,171	160,641
Gain on real estate dispositions	98,203	18,580	17,970	—	—
Net income	651,490	419,222	477,001	454,669	361,456
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,259	1,379	1,234	1,160	(1,344
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$649,231	\$417,843	\$475,767	\$453,509	\$362,800
Adjustments:					
Real estate depreciation and amortization	891,985	887,126	718,649	624,245	616,095
Real estate depreciation related to noncontrolling interest	(7,785	) (7,906	) (10,314	) (10,512	) (8,503
Real estate depreciation related to unconsolidated entities	5,754	7,353	5,792	6,543	7,516
(Gain) loss on real estate dispositions related to unconsolidated entities	(439	) 19	—	—	—
Loss (gain) on re-measurement of equity interest upon acquisition, net	—	176	—	(1,241	) (16,645
Gain on real estate dispositions discontinued operations:	(98,203	) (18,580	) (17,970) —	—
Loss (gain) on real estate dispositions	1	(231	) (1,494	) (4,059	) (80,952
Depreciation on real estate assets	—	79,608	103,250	139,973	144,256
FFO attributable to common stockholders	1,440,544	1,365,408	1,273,680	1,208,458	1,024,567
Adjustments:					
Change in fair value of financial instruments	62	460	5,121	449	99
Non-cash income tax benefit	(34,227	) (42,384	) (9,431	) (11,828	) (6,286
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	2,779	15,797	5,013	1,048	37,640
Gain on non-real estate dispositions related to unconsolidated entities	(557) —	—	—	—
Merger-related expenses, deal costs and re-audit costs	28,290	152,344	54,389	21,560	63,183
Amortization of other intangibles	1,752	2,058	1,246	1,022	1,022
Normalized FFO attributable to common stockholders	\$1,438,643	\$1,493,683	\$1,330,018	\$1,220,709	\$1,120,225

Adjusted EBITDA

We consider Adjusted EBITDA an important supplemental measure because it provides another manner in which to evaluate our operating performance and serves as another indicator of our credit strength and our ability to service our debt obligations. We define Adjusted EBITDA as consolidated earnings, which includes amounts in discontinued operations, before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (including non-cash stock-based compensation expense), excluding gains or losses on extinguishment of debt, our consolidated joint venture partners' share of EBITDA, merger-related expenses and deal costs, expenses related to the re-audit and re-review in 2014 of our historical financial statements, net gains or losses on real estate activity, gains or losses on re-measurement of equity interest upon acquisition, changes in the fair value of financial instruments and unrealized foreign currency gains or losses, and including our share of EBITDA from unconsolidated entities and adjustments for other immaterial or identified items. The following table sets forth a reconciliation of income from continuing operations to Adjusted EBITDA for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		
Income from continuing operations	\$554,209	\$389,539	\$359,296
Discontinued operations	(922	) 11,103	99,735
Gain on real estate dispositions	98,203	18,580	17,970
Net income	651,490	419,222	477,001
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,259	1,379	1,234
Net income attributable to common stockholders	649,231	417,843	475,767
Adjustments:			
Interest	419,740	427,542	378,556
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	2,779	14,411	5,564
Taxes (including amounts in general, administrative and professional fees)	(29,129	) (37,112	) (4,770
Depreciation and amortization	898,924	973,665	828,466
Non-cash stock-based compensation expense	20,958	19,537	20,994
Merger-related expenses, deal costs and re-audit costs	25,141	150,290	53,847
Net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of consolidated joint venture partners' share of EBITDA	(12,654	) (12,722	) (13,499
(Income) loss from unconsolidated entities, net of Ventas share of EBITDA from unconsolidated entities	25,246	18,806	12,469
Gain on real estate dispositions	(98,202	) (18,811	) (19,183
Unrealized foreign currency (gains) losses	(1,440	) (1,727	) 75
Changes in fair value of financial instruments	51	460	5,121
Gain on re-measurement of equity interest upon acquisition, net	—	176	—
Adjusted EBITDA	\$1,900,645	\$1,952,358	\$1,743,407

NOI

We also consider NOI an important supplemental measure because it allows investors, analysts and our management to assess our unlevered property-level operating results and to compare our operating results with those of other real estate companies and between periods on a consistent basis. We define NOI as total revenues, less interest and other income, property-level operating expenses and office building services costs. Cash receipts may differ due to straight-line recognition of certain rental income and the application of other GAAP policies. The following table sets forth a reconciliation of income from continuing operations to NOI for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		
Income from continuing operations	\$554,209	\$389,539	\$359,296
Discontinued operations	(922)	11,103	99,735
Gain on real estate dispositions	98,203	18,580	17,970
Net income	651,490	419,222	477,001
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,259	1,379	1,234
Net income attributable to common stockholders	649,231	417,843	475,767
Adjustments:			
Interest and other income	(876)	(1,115)	(5,017)
Interest	419,740	427,542	378,556
Depreciation and amortization	898,924	973,665	828,466
General, administrative and professional fees	126,875	128,044	121,746
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	2,779	14,411	5,564
Merger-related expenses and deal costs	25,556	149,346	45,051
Other	9,988	19,577	39,337
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,259	1,499	1,419
(Income) loss from unconsolidated entities	(4,358)	1,420	139
Income tax benefit	(31,343)	(39,284)	(8,732)
Gain on real estate dispositions	(98,202)	(18,811)	(19,183)
NOI (including amounts in discontinued operations)	2,000,573	2,074,137	1,863,113
Discontinued operations	—	(198,996)	(303,043)
NOI (excluding amounts in discontinued operations)	\$2,000,573	\$1,875,141	\$1,560,070

Asset/Liability Management

Asset/liability management, a key element of enterprise risk management, is designed to support the achievement of our business strategy, while ensuring that we maintain appropriate and tolerable levels of market risk (primarily interest rate risk and foreign currency exchange risk) and credit risk. Effective management of these risks is a contributing factor to the absolute levels and variability of our FFO and net worth. The following discussion addresses our integrated management of assets and liabilities, including the use of derivative financial instruments.

Market Risk

We are exposed to market risk related to changes in interest rates with respect to borrowings under our unsecured revolving credit facility and our unsecured term loans, certain of our mortgage loans that are floating rate obligations, mortgage loans receivable that bear interest at floating rates and marketable debt securities. These market risks result primarily from changes in LIBOR rates or prime rates. To manage these risks, we continuously monitor our level of floating rate debt with respect to total debt and other factors, including our assessment of current and future economic conditions.

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The table below sets forth certain information with respect to our debt, excluding premiums and discounts.

	As of December 31,			
	2016	2015	2014	
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Balance:				
Fixed rate:				
Senior notes and other	\$7,854,264	\$7,534,459	\$6,677,875	
Floating to fixed rate swap on term loan	200,000	—	—	
Mortgage loans and other ⁽¹⁾	1,426,837	1,554,062	1,810,716	
Variable rate:				
Unsecured revolving credit facilities	146,538	180,683	919,099	
Unsecured term loans, unhedged portion	1,271,215	1,568,477	990,634	
Mortgage loans and other	292,060	433,339	474,047	
Total	\$11,190,914	\$11,271,020	\$10,872,371	
Percent of total debt:				
Fixed rate:				
Senior notes and other	70.2	% 66.9	% 61.4	%
Floating to fixed rate swap on term loan	1.8	—	—	
Mortgage loans and other ⁽¹⁾	12.7	13.8	16.6	
Variable rate:				
Unsecured revolving credit facilities	1.3	1.6	8.5	
Unsecured term loans, unhedged portion	11.4	13.9	9.1	
Mortgage loans and other	2.6	3.8	4.4	
Total	100.0	% 100.0	% 100.0	%
Weighted average interest rate at end of period:				
Fixed rate:				
Senior notes and other	3.6	% 3.5	% 3.5	%
Floating to fixed rate swap on term loan	2.2	—	—	
Mortgage loans and other ⁽¹⁾	5.6	5.7	5.9	
Variable rate:				
Unsecured revolving credit facilities	1.9	1.4	1.4	
Unsecured term loans, unhedged portion	1.7	1.4	1.3	
Mortgage loans and other	2.1	2.0	2.3	
Total	3.6	3.5	3.5	

Excludes mortgage debt of \$22.9 million and \$27.6 million related to real estate assets classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. All amounts were included in liabilities related to assets held for sale on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The variable rate debt in the table above reflects, in part, the effect of \$150.8 million notional amount of interest rate swaps with a maturity of March 22, 2018 that effectively convert fixed rate debt to variable rate debt. In addition, the fixed rate debt in the table above reflects, in part, the effect of \$236.5 million notional amount of interest rate swaps with maturities ranging from October 1, 2018 to August 3, 2020, in each case that effectively convert variable rate debt to fixed rate debt.

In February 2016, we entered into a \$200 million notional amount interest rate swap with a maturity of August 3, 2020 that effectively converts LIBOR-based floating rate debt to fixed rate debt, setting LIBOR at 1.132% through the maturity date of the swap.

In July 2016, we entered into \$225 million notional forward starting swaps that reduced our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates between July and the September issuance of 3.25% senior notes due 2026. On the issuance date, we realized a gain of \$1.9 million from these swaps which will be recognized over the life of the notes using an effective interest method.

In January and February 2017, we entered into a total of \$200 million of notional forward starting swaps with an effective date of April 3, 2017 that reduce our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates related to changes in rates between now and the forecasted issuance of long-term debt. The rate on the notional amounts is locked at a weighted average rate of 2.33%.

The decrease in our outstanding variable rate debt at December 31, 2016 compared to December 31, 2015 is primarily attributable to the \$200 million notional amount interest rate swap that we entered into during the first quarter of 2016 that effectively converts LIBOR-based floating rate debt to fixed rate debt and 2016 term loan and mortgage repayments.

Pursuant to the terms of certain leases with one of our tenants, if interest rates increase on certain variable rate debt that we have totaling \$80.0 million as of December 31, 2016, our tenant is required to pay us additional rent (on a dollar-for-dollar basis) in an amount equal to the increase in interest expense resulting from the increased interest rates. Therefore, the increase in interest expense related to this debt is equally offset by an increase in additional rent due to us from the tenant. Assuming a 100 basis point increase in the weighted average interest rate related to our variable rate debt and assuming no change in our variable rate debt outstanding as of December 31, 2016, interest expense for 2017 would increase by approximately \$16.5 million, or \$0.05 per diluted common share.

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, our joint venture partners' aggregate share of total debt was \$80.9 million and \$94.5 million, respectively, with respect to certain properties we owned through consolidated joint ventures. Total debt does not include our portion of debt related to investments in unconsolidated entities, which was \$122.0 million and \$115.1 million as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

The fair value of our fixed and variable rate debt is based on current interest rates at which we could obtain similar borrowings. For fixed rate debt, interest rate fluctuations generally affect the fair value, but not our earnings or cash flows. Therefore, interest rate risk does not have a significant impact on our fixed rate debt obligations until their maturity or earlier prepayment and refinancing. If interest rates have risen at the time we seek to refinance our fixed rate debt, whether at maturity or otherwise, our future earnings and cash flows could be adversely affected by additional borrowing costs. Conversely, lower interest rates at the time of refinancing may reduce our overall borrowing costs.

To highlight the sensitivity of our fixed rate debt to changes in interest rates, the following summary shows the effects of a hypothetical instantaneous change of 100 basis points in interest rates as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	As of December 31,	
	2016	2015
	(In thousands)	
Gross book value	\$9,481,101	\$9,088,521
Fair value ⁽¹⁾	9,600,621	9,170,508
Fair value reflecting change in interest rates ⁽¹⁾ :		
-100 basis points	10,117,238	9,674,423
+100 basis points	9,133,292	8,708,963

The change in fair value of our fixed rate debt from December 31, 2015 to December 31, 2016 was due primarily ⁽¹⁾ to changes in the fair market value interest rates, 2016 senior note issuances, net of repayments, and 2016 net reduction of fixed rate mortgage debt.

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the fair value of our secured and non-mortgage loans receivable, based on our estimates of currently prevailing rates for comparable loans, was \$709.6 million and \$855.7 million, respectively. See "NOTE 6—LOANS RECEIVABLE AND INVESTMENTS" and "NOTE 11—FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS" of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

As a result of our Canadian and United Kingdom operations, we are subject to fluctuations in certain foreign currency exchange rates that may, from time to time, affect our financial condition and operating performance. Based solely on our results for the year ended December 31, 2016 (including the impact of existing hedging arrangements), if the value of the U.S. dollar relative to the British pound and Canadian dollar were to increase or decrease by one standard deviation compared to the average exchange rate during the year, our normalized FFO per share for the year ended December 31, 2016 would decrease or increase, as applicable, by approximately \$0.01 per share or less than 1%. We

will continue to mitigate these risks through a layered approach to hedging looking out for the next year and continual assessment of our foreign operational capital structure. Nevertheless, we cannot assure you that any such fluctuations will not have an effect on our earnings.

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During the year ended December 31, 2016, the amount of foreign currency translation loss included in accumulated other comprehensive loss on our Consolidated Balance Sheets increased by \$52.3 million, primarily as a result of the remeasurement of our properties located in the United Kingdom.

Concentration and Credit Risk

We use concentration ratios to identify, understand and evaluate the potential impact of economic downturns and other adverse events that may affect our asset types, geographic locations, business models, and tenants, operators and managers. We evaluate concentration risk in terms of investment mix and operations mix. Investment mix measures the percentage of our investments that is concentrated in a specific asset type or that is operated or managed by a particular tenant, operator or manager. Operations mix measures the percentage of our operating results that is attributed to a particular tenant, operator or manager, geographic location or business model. The following tables reflect our concentration risk as of the dates and for the periods presented:

	As of	
	December 31,	
	2016	2015
Investment mix by asset type ⁽¹⁾ :		
Seniors housing communities	61.8%	65.3%
Medical office buildings	20.7	21.7
Life science and innovation centers	6.1	—
Skilled nursing facilities	1.4	1.5
Specialty hospitals	1.7	2.1
General acute care hospitals	5.6	5.9
Secured loans receivable and investments, net	2.7	3.5
Investment mix by tenant, operator and manager ⁽¹⁾ :		
Atria	22.6%	22.6%
Sunrise	11.3	11.8
Brookdale Senior Living	8.1	8.5
Kindred	1.8	2.2
Ardent	5.1	5.3
All other	51.1	49.6

⁽¹⁾ Ratios are based on the gross book value of real estate investments (excluding properties classified as held for sale and properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities) as of each reporting date.

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
Operations mix by tenant and operator and business model:			
Revenues ⁽¹⁾ :			
Senior living operations	53.6%	55.1%	56.0%
Kindred	5.4	5.7	5.9
Brookdale Senior Living ⁽²⁾	4.8	5.3	6.1
Ardent	3.1	1.3	—
All others	33.1	32.6	32.0
Adjusted EBITDA ⁽³⁾ :			
Senior living operations	30.9%	29.7%	28.4%
Kindred	8.9	8.8	10.2
Brookdale Senior Living ⁽²⁾	7.9	8.2	9.2
Ardent	5.1	2.0	—
All others	47.2	51.3	52.2
NOI ⁽⁴⁾ :			
Senior living operations	30.2%	32.1%	33.1%
Kindred	9.2	9.9	10.6
Brookdale Senior Living ⁽²⁾	8.3	9.3	10.9
Ardent	5.3	2.3	—
All others	47.0	46.4	45.4
Operations mix by geographic location ⁽⁵⁾ :			
California	15.3%	15.4%	15.0%
New York	8.8	8.8	9.6
Texas	6.3	6.1	6.9
Illinois	4.9	4.9	4.5
Florida	4.5	4.6	4.0
All others	60.2	60.2	60.0

(1) Total revenues include medical office building and other services revenue, revenue from loans and investments and interest and other income (excluding amounts in discontinued operations).

(2) Excludes one seniors housing community included in senior living operations.

(3) Includes amounts in discontinued operations.

(4) Excludes amounts in discontinued operations.

(5) Ratios are based on total revenues (excluding amounts in discontinued operations) for each period presented.

See “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for additional disclosure and reconciliations of income from continuing operations to Adjusted EBITDA and NOI as computed in accordance with GAAP.

We derive a significant portion of our revenues by leasing assets under long-term triple-net leases in which the rental rate is generally fixed with annual escalators, subject to certain limitations. Some of our triple-net lease escalators are contingent upon the satisfaction of specified facility revenue parameters or based on increases in the Consumer Price Index (“CPI”), with caps, floors or collars. We also earn revenues directly from individual residents in our seniors housing communities that are managed by independent operators, such as Atria and Sunrise, and tenants in our MOBs. For the year ended December 31, 2016, 52.3% of our Adjusted EBITDA (including amounts in discontinued operations) was derived from our senior living operations and office operations, for which rental rates may fluctuate more frequently upon lease rollovers and renewals due to shorter term leases and changing economic or market conditions.

The concentration of our triple-net leased properties segment revenues and operating income that are attributed to Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent creates credit risk. If either Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent becomes unable or unwilling to satisfy its obligations to us or to renew its leases with us upon expiration of the terms thereof, our

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financial condition and results of operations could decline and our ability to service our indebtedness and to make distributions to our stockholders could be limited. We cannot assure you that Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent will have sufficient assets, income and access to financing to enable them to satisfy their respective obligations to us, and any failure, inability or unwillingness by Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent to do so could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. In addition, any failure, inability or unwillingness by Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent to effectively conduct its operations or to maintain and improve our properties could adversely affect its business reputation and its ability to attract and retain patients and residents in our properties, which could have an indirect Material Adverse Effect on us. See “Risk Factors—Risks Arising from Our Business—Our leases with Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent account for a significant portion of our triple-net leased properties segment revenues and operating income; Any failure, inability or unwillingness by Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent to satisfy its obligations under our agreements could have a Material Adverse Effect on us” included in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and “NOTE 3—CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We regularly monitor and assess any changes in the relative credit risk of our significant tenants, and in particular those tenants that have recourse obligations under our triple-net leases. The ratios and metrics we use to evaluate a significant tenant’s liquidity and creditworthiness depend on facts and circumstances specific to that tenant and the industry or industries in which it operates, including without limitation the tenant’s credit history and economic conditions related to the tenant, its operations and the markets in which the tenant operates, that may vary over time. Among other things, we may (i) review and analyze information regarding the real estate, seniors housing and healthcare industries generally, publicly available information regarding the significant tenant, and information required to be provided by the tenant under the terms of its lease agreements with us, (ii) examine monthly and/or quarterly financial statements of the significant tenant to the extent publicly available or otherwise provided under the terms of our lease agreements, and (iii) participate in periodic discussions and in-person meetings with representatives of the significant tenant. Using this information, we calculate multiple financial ratios (which may, but do not necessarily, include net debt to EBITDAR or EBITDARM, fixed charge coverage and tangible net worth), after making certain adjustments based on our judgment, and assess other metrics we deem relevant to an understanding of the significant tenant’s credit risk.

Because Atria and Sunrise manage our properties in exchange for the receipt of a management fee from us, we are not directly exposed to the credit risk of our managers in the same manner or to the same extent as our triple-net tenants. However, we rely on our managers’ personnel, expertise, technical resources and information systems, proprietary information, good faith and judgment to manage our senior living operations efficiently and effectively. We also rely on our managers to set appropriate resident fees and to otherwise operate our seniors housing communities in compliance with the terms of our management agreements and all applicable laws and regulations. Although we have various rights as the property owner under our management agreements, including various rights to terminate and exercise remedies under the agreements as provided therein, Atria’s or Sunrise’s failure, inability or unwillingness to satisfy its respective obligations under those agreements, to efficiently and effectively manage our properties or to provide timely and accurate accounting information with respect thereto could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. In addition, significant changes in Atria’s or Sunrise’s senior management or equity ownership or any adverse developments in their businesses and affairs or financial condition could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. See “Risk Factors—Risks Arising from Our Business—The properties managed by Atria and Sunrise account for a significant portion of our revenues and operating income; Adverse developments in Atria’s or Sunrise’s business and affairs or financial condition could have a Material Adverse Effect on us” and “—We have rights to terminate our management agreements with Atria and Sunrise in whole or with respect to specific properties under certain circumstances, and we may be unable to replace Atria or Sunrise if our management agreements are terminated or not renewed” included in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Our 34% ownership interest in Atria entitles us to certain rights and minority protections, as well as the right to appoint two of six members on the Atria Board of Directors.

Triple-Net Lease Expirations

If our tenants are not able or willing to renew our triple-net leases upon expiration, we may be unable to reposition the applicable properties on a timely basis or on the same or better economic terms, if at all. Although our lease

expirations are staggered, the non-renewal of some or all of our triple-net leases that expire in any given year could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. During the year ended December 31, 2016, we had no triple-net lease renewals or expirations without renewal that, in the aggregate, had a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations for that period. See “Risk Factors—Risks Arising from Our Business—If we must replace any of our tenants or operators, we might be unable to reposition the properties on as favorable terms, or at all, and we could be subject to delays, limitations and expenses, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us” included in Part I, Item IA of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The following table summarizes our triple-net lease expirations currently scheduled to occur over the next ten years (excluding leases related to assets classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016):

	2016 Number of Rental Properties Income	2016 Annual Rental Income	% of 2016 Total Triple-Net Leased Properties Segment Rental Income
(Dollars in thousands)			
2017—	\$	—	%
20182	1,989	0.2	
201973	118,803	14.0	
202047	35,347	4.2	
202177	71,180	8.4	
202235	41,066	4.9	
202312	30,311	3.6	
202436	22,424	2.7	
2025101	187,304	22.1	
202630	41,749	4.9	

Liquidity and Capital Resources

As of December 31, 2016, we had a total of \$286.7 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, operating cash and cash related to our senior living operations and office operations reportable business segments that is deposited and held in property-level accounts. Funds maintained in the property-level accounts are used primarily for the payment of property-level expenses, debt service payments and certain capital expenditures. As of December 31, 2016, we also had escrow deposits and restricted cash of \$80.6 million and \$1.8 billion of unused borrowing capacity available under our unsecured revolving credit facility.

During 2016, our principal sources of liquidity were cash flows from operations, proceeds from the issuance of debt and equity securities, proceeds from asset sales and cash on hand. We used these proceeds to fund the September 2016 Life Sciences Acquisition for approximately \$1.5 billion, and for working capital and other general corporate purposes.

For the next 12 months, our principal liquidity needs are to: (i) fund operating expenses; (ii) meet our debt service requirements; (iii) repay maturing mortgage and other debt, including \$300.0 million of senior notes; (iv) fund capital expenditures; (v) fund acquisitions, investments and commitments, including development and redevelopment activities; and (vi) make distributions to our stockholders and unitholders, as required for us to continue to qualify as a REIT. In addition, we may elect to prepay outstanding indebtedness prior to maturity based on our analysis of various factors. We expect that these liquidity needs generally will be satisfied by a combination of the following: cash flows from operations, cash on hand, debt assumptions and financings (including secured financings), issuances of debt and equity securities, dispositions of assets (in whole or in part through joint venture arrangements with third parties) and borrowings under our unsecured revolving credit facility. However, an inability to access liquidity through multiple capital sources concurrently could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. See “Risk Factors—Risks Arising from Our Capital Structure—Limitations on our ability to access capital could have an adverse effect on our ability to make required payments on our debt obligations, make distributions to our stockholders or make future investments necessary to implement our business strategy” included in Part I, Item 1A of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Unsecured Credit Facility and Unsecured Term Loans

Our unsecured credit facility is comprised of a \$2.0 billion revolving credit facility priced at LIBOR plus 1.0% as of December 31, 2016, and a \$200.0 million term loan and a \$371.2 million term loan, each priced at LIBOR plus 1.05%. The revolving credit facility matures in January 2018, but may be extended, at our option subject to the

satisfaction of certain conditions, for an additional period of one year. The \$200.0 million and \$371.2 million term loans mature in January 2018 and January 2019, respectively. The unsecured credit facility also includes an accordion feature that permits us to increase our aggregate borrowing capacity thereunder to up to \$3.5 billion.

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$146.5 million of borrowings outstanding, \$14.1 million of letters of credit outstanding and \$1.8 billion of unused borrowing capacity available under our unsecured revolving credit facility.

As of December 31, 2016, we also had a \$900.0 million term loan due 2020 priced at LIBOR plus 97.5 basis points. In May 2016, we repaid \$100.0 million outstanding on our unsecured term loan due 2019 using cash on hand and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$0.4 million, representing a write-off of the then unamortized deferred financing fees.

The agreement governing our unsecured credit facility requires us to comply with various financial and other restrictive covenants. See “NOTE 10—SENIOR NOTES PAYABLE AND OTHER DEBT” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We were in compliance with all of these covenants at December 31, 2016.

Senior Notes

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$7.1 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes issued by our subsidiary, Ventas Realty, Limited Partnership (“Ventas Realty”), and guaranteed by Ventas, Inc. outstanding as follows:

- \$300.0 million principal amount of 1.250% senior notes due 2017;
- \$700.0 million principal amount of 2.000% senior notes due 2018 (co-issued with Ventas Realty’s wholly owned subsidiary, Ventas Capital Corporation);
- \$600.0 million principal amount of 4.000% senior notes due 2019 (co-issued with Ventas Realty’s wholly owned subsidiary, Ventas Capital Corporation);
- \$500.0 million principal amount of 2.700% senior notes due 2020 (co-issued with Ventas Realty’s wholly owned subsidiary, Ventas Capital Corporation);
- \$700.0 million principal amount of 4.750% senior notes due 2021 (co-issued with Ventas Realty’s wholly owned subsidiary, Ventas Capital Corporation);
- \$600.0 million principal amount of 4.250% senior notes due 2022 (co-issued with Ventas Realty’s wholly owned subsidiary, Ventas Capital Corporation);
- \$500.0 million principal amount of 3.250% senior notes due 2022 (co-issued with Ventas Realty’s wholly owned subsidiary, Ventas Capital Corporation);
- \$400.0 million principal amount of 3.125% senior notes due 2023;
- \$400.0 million principal amount of 3.750% senior notes due 2024;
- \$600.0 million principal amount of 3.50% senior notes due 2025;
- \$500.0 million principal amount of 4.125% senior notes due 2026;
- \$450.0 million principal amount of 3.25% senior notes due 2026;
- \$258.8 million principal amount of 5.45% senior notes due 2043 (co-issued with Ventas Realty’s wholly owned subsidiary, Ventas Capital Corporation);
- \$300.0 million principal amount of 5.70% senior notes due 2043; and
- \$300.0 million principal amount of 4.375% senior notes due 2045.

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$75.4 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes of our subsidiary, Nationwide Health Properties, LLC (“NHP LLC”), as successor to NHP, outstanding as follows:

- \$52.4 million principal amount of 6.90% senior notes due 2037 (subject to earlier repayment at the option of the holder); and
- \$23.0 million principal amount of 6.59% senior notes due 2038 (subject to earlier repayment at the option of the holder).

In addition, as of December 31, 2016, we had \$670.1 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes of our wholly owned subsidiary, Ventas Canada Finance Limited, and guaranteed by Ventas, Inc. outstanding as follows:

- \$297.8 million (CAD 400.0 million) principal amount of 3.00% senior notes, series A due 2019;
- \$186.2 million (CAD 250.0 million) principal amount of 3.300% senior notes due 2022; and
- \$186.2 million (CAD 250.0 million) principal amount of 4.125% senior notes, series B due 2024.

2016 Activity

In May 2016, we issued and sold \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.125% senior notes due 2023 at a public offering price equal to 99.343% of par, for total proceeds of \$397.4 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

In June 2016, we redeemed \$455.5 million aggregate principal amount then outstanding of our 1.55% senior notes due September 2016 at a public offering price of 100.335% of par, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.1 million. The redemption was funded using proceeds from our May 2016 senior note issuance, cash on hand and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. In July 2016, we repaid the remaining balance then outstanding of our 1.55% senior notes due September 2016 of \$94.5 million and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$0.3 million.

In September 2016, we issued and sold \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.25% senior notes due 2026 at a public offering price equal to 99.811% of par, for total proceeds of \$449.1 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

2015 Activity

In January 2015, Ventas Realty issued and sold \$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.500% senior notes due 2025 at a public offering price equal to 99.663% of par, for total proceeds of \$598.0 million before the underwriting discount and expenses, and \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.375% senior notes due 2045 at a public offering price equal to 99.500% of par, for total proceeds of \$298.5 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

Also in January 2015, Ventas Canada Finance Limited issued and sold CAD 250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.30% senior notes, series C due 2022 at an offering price equal to 99.992% of par, for total proceeds of CAD 250.0 million before the agent fees and expenses. The notes were offered on a private placement basis in Canada.

In May 2015, we repaid in full, at par, \$234.4 million aggregate principal amount then outstanding of our 6% senior notes due 2015 upon maturity.

In July 2015, we issued and sold \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.125% senior notes due 2026 at a public offering price equal to 99.218% of par, for total proceeds of \$496.1 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

In September 2015, we redeemed all \$400.0 million principal amount then outstanding of our 3.125% senior notes due November 2015 at a redemption price equal to 100.7% of par, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.9 million.

We may, from time to time, seek to retire or purchase our outstanding senior notes for cash or in exchange for equity securities in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions, prospects for future access to capital and other factors. The amounts involved may be material.

The indentures governing our outstanding senior notes require us to comply with various financial and other restrictive covenants. See “NOTE 10—SENIOR NOTES PAYABLE AND OTHER DEBT” of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We were in compliance with all of these covenants at December 31, 2016.

Mortgage Loan Obligations

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, our consolidated aggregate principal amount of mortgage debt outstanding was \$1.7 billion and \$2.0 billion, respectively, of which our share was \$1.6 billion and \$1.9 billion, respectively.

During 2016, we repaid in full mortgage loans in the aggregate principal amount \$337.8 million and a weighted average maturity of 1.66 years and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of less than \$0.1 million in connection with these repayments.

During 2015, we repaid in full mortgage loans in the aggregate principal amount of \$461.9 million and a weighted average maturity of 2.1 years and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$9.9 million in connection with these repayments.

During 2014, we assumed or incurred mortgage debt of \$246.8 million and repaid in full mortgage loans outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$398.0 million. We recognized a net loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.3 million in connection with these repayments.

Under certain circumstances, contractual and legal restrictions, including those contained in the instruments governing our subsidiaries' outstanding mortgage indebtedness, may restrict our ability to obtain cash from our subsidiaries for the purpose of meeting our debt service obligations, including our payment guarantees with respect to Ventas Realty's and Ventas Canada Finance Limited's senior notes.

See "NOTE 4—ACQUISITIONS OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY" and "NOTE 10—SENIOR NOTES PAYABLE AND OTHER DEBT" of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Derivatives and Hedging

In February 2016, we entered into a \$200 million notional amount interest rate swap with a maturity of August 3, 2020 that effectively converts LIBOR-based floating rate debt to fixed rate debt, setting LIBOR at 1.132% through the maturity date of the swap.

In July 2016, we entered into \$225 million notional forward starting swaps that reduced our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates between July and the September issuance of 3.25% senior notes due 2026. On the issuance date, we realized a gain of \$1.9 million from these swaps which will be recognized over the life of the notes using an effective interest method.

In January and February 2017, we entered into a total of \$200 million of notional forward starting swaps with an effective date of April 3, 2017, that reduce our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates related to changes in rates between now and the forecasted issuance of long-term debt. The rate on the notional amounts is locked at a weighted average rate of 2.33%.

Dividends

In order to continue to qualify as a REIT, we must make annual distributions to our stockholders of at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (excluding net capital gain). In 2016, our Board of Directors declared and we paid cash dividends on our common stock aggregating \$2.965 per share, which exceeds 100% of our 2016 estimated taxable income after the use of any net operating loss carryforwards. We intend to pay dividends greater than 100% of our taxable income, after the use of any net operating loss carryforwards, for 2017.

We expect that our cash flows will exceed our REIT taxable income due to depreciation and other non-cash deductions in computing REIT taxable income and that we will be able to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement. However, from time to time, we may not have sufficient cash on hand or other liquid assets to meet this requirement or we may decide to retain cash or distribute such greater amount as may be necessary to avoid income and excise taxation. If we do not have sufficient cash on hand or other liquid assets to enable us to satisfy the 90% distribution requirement, or if we desire to retain cash, we may borrow funds, issue additional equity securities, pay taxable stock dividends, if possible, distribute other property or securities or engage in a transaction intended to enable us to meet the REIT distribution requirements or any combination of the foregoing. See "Certain U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations—Requirements for Qualification as a REIT—Annual Distribution Requirements" included in Part I, Item 1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Capital Expenditures

The terms of our triple-net leases generally obligate our tenants to pay all capital expenditures necessary to maintain and improve our triple-net leased properties. However, from time to time, we may fund the capital expenditures for our triple-net leased properties through loans to the tenants or advances, which may increase the amount of rent payable with respect to the properties in certain cases. We expect to fund any capital expenditures for which we may become responsible upon expiration of our triple-net leases or in the event that our tenants are unable or unwilling to meet their obligations under those leases with cash flows from operations or through additional borrowings.

We also expect to fund capital expenditures related to our senior living operations and office operations reportable business segments with the cash flows from the properties or through additional borrowings. To the extent that unanticipated capital expenditure needs arise or significant borrowings are required, our liquidity may be affected adversely. Our ability to borrow additional funds may be restricted in certain circumstances by the terms of the

instruments governing our outstanding indebtedness.

We are party to certain agreements that obligate us to develop seniors housing or healthcare properties funded through capital that we and, in certain circumstances, our joint venture partners provide. As of December 31, 2016, we had six properties under development pursuant to these agreements, including one property that is owned by an unconsolidated real

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estate entity. In addition, from time to time, we engage in redevelopment projects with respect to our existing seniors housing communities to maximize the value, increase NOI, maintain a market-competitive position, achieve property stabilization or change the primary use of the property.

Equity Offerings and Related Events

In March 2015, we replaced our previous shelf registration statement that was scheduled to expire in accordance with the SEC's rules with a new universal shelf registration statement, rendering our previous ATM program inaccessible. In connection with our new universal shelf registration statement, we established a new ATM program pursuant to which we may sell, from time to time, up to an aggregate of \$1.0 billion of our common stock.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, we issued and sold 18.9 million shares of common stock under our ATM equity offering program and public offerings. Aggregate net proceeds for these activities were approximately \$1.3 billion, after sales agent commissions. As of December 31, 2016, approximately \$230.6 million of our common stock remained available for sale under our ATM equity offering program.

Other

We received proceeds of \$20.4 million and \$6.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, from the exercises of outstanding stock options. Future proceeds from the exercises of stock options will be affected primarily by the future trading price of our common stock and the number of options outstanding. The number of options outstanding increased to 3.8 million as of December 31, 2016, from 3.1 million as of December 31, 2015. The weighted average exercise price was \$56.05 as of December 31, 2016.

We issued approximately 19,000 shares of common stock under our Distribution Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan ("DRIP") for net proceeds of \$1.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The DRIP was suspended effective July 3, 2014. We may determine whether or not to reinstate the DRIP at any time, in our sole discretion.

Cash Flows

The following table sets forth our sources and uses of cash flows for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		Increase (Decrease) to Cash	
	2016	2015	\$	%
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	\$53,023	\$55,348	\$(2,325)	(4.2)%
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,367,457	1,391,767	(24,310)	(1.7)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,234,643)	(2,423,692)	1,189,049	49.1
Net cash provided by financing activities	101,722	1,030,122	(928,400)	(90.1)
Effect of foreign currency translation on cash and cash equivalents	(852)	(522)	(330)	(63.2)
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$286,707	\$53,023	233,684	nm

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Cash Flows from Operating Activities

Cash flows from operating activities decreased \$24.3 million during the year ended December 31, 2016 over the same period in 2015. The decrease included activity in 2015 from the properties that were disposed of as part of the CCP Spin-Off and payments received from tenants during the first quarter of 2015, partially offset by cash inflows related to the August 2015 acquisition of Ardent Health Services, Inc. and cash inflows related to the September 2016 Life Sciences Acquisition.

Cash Flows from Investing Activities

Cash used in investing activities decreased \$1.2 billion during 2016 over 2015 primarily due to decreased investments in real estate (\$1.2 billion) and increased proceeds from loans receivable (\$210.9 million), partially offset by an increase in development project and capital expenditures (\$33.9 million) and decreases in proceeds from real estate disposals (\$191.8 million) and proceeds from the sale or maturity of marketable securities (\$76.8 million).

Cash Flows from Financing Activities

Cash provided by financing activities decreased \$928.4 million during 2016 over 2015. This difference is primarily due to decreased proceeds from the issuance of debt, net of repayments (including the impact of proceeds and repayments related to the 2015 CCP Spin-Off), partially offset by an increase in common stock issuances during 2016.

Contractual Obligations

The following table summarizes the effect that minimum debt (which includes principal and interest payments) and other material noncancelable commitments are expected to have on our cash flow in future periods as of December 31, 2016:

	Total	Less than 1 year ⁽³⁾	1 - 3 years ⁽⁴⁾	3 - 5 years ⁽⁵⁾	More than 5 years ⁽⁶⁾
	(In thousands)				
Long-term debt obligations ^{(1) (2)}	\$14,438,918	\$1,033,670	\$3,656,987	\$2,721,903	\$7,026,358
Operating obligations, including ground lease obligations	743,995	28,146	46,407	40,871	628,571
Total	\$15,182,913	\$1,061,816	\$3,703,394	\$2,762,774	\$7,654,929

⁽¹⁾ Amounts represent contractual amounts due, including interest.

⁽²⁾ Interest on variable rate debt was based on forward rates obtained as of December 31, 2016.

⁽³⁾ Includes \$300.0 million outstanding principal amount of our 1.250% senior notes due 2017.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes \$146.5 million of borrowings outstanding on our unsecured revolving credit facility, \$700.0 million outstanding principal amount of our 2.00% senior notes due 2018 and \$200.0 million of borrowings under our unsecured term loan due 2018.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes \$371.2 million of borrowings under our unsecured term loan due 2019, \$600.0 million outstanding principal amount of our 4.00% senior notes due 2019, \$297.8 million outstanding principal amount of our 3.00% senior notes, series A due 2019, \$500.0 million outstanding principal amount of our 2.700% senior notes due 2020 and \$900.0 million of borrowings under our unsecured term loan due 2020.

⁽⁶⁾ Includes \$5.5 billion aggregate principal amount outstanding of our senior notes maturing between 2021 and 2045. \$52.4 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of our 6.90% senior notes due 2037 are subject to

repurchase, at the option of the holders, on October 1 in each of 2017 and 2027, and \$23.0 million aggregate principal amount outstanding of our 6.59% senior notes due 2038 are subject to repurchase, at the option of the holders, on July 7 in each of 2018, 2023 and 2028.

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$21.0 million of unrecognized tax benefits that are excluded from the table above, as we are unable to make a reasonable reliable estimate of the period of cash settlement, if any, with the respective tax authority.

ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

The information set forth in Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Asset/Liability Management" is incorporated by reference into this Item 7A.

ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Ventas, Inc.

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MANAGEMENT REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act of 1934. This system is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting is not intended to provide absolute assurance that a misstatement of our financial statements would be prevented or detected.

Management, with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, conducted an assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on the criteria set forth in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Based on this assessment, management has concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective at the reasonable assurance level as of December 31, 2016.

The effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016 has been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report included herein.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

Stockholders and Board of Directors

Ventas, Inc.:

We have audited Ventas, Inc. and subsidiaries' (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management Report on the Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Ventas, Inc. and subsidiaries maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Ventas, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2016, and our report dated February 13, 2017 expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois

February 13, 2017

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM
ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

Stockholders and Board of Directors

Ventas, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Ventas, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related consolidated statements of income, comprehensive income, equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2016. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we also have audited financial statement schedules II, III and IV. These consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedules based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ventas Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three year period ended December 31, 2016, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedules, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, present fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Ventas, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2016, based on criteria established in Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013) issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated February 13, 2017 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Chicago, Illinois
February 13, 2017

VENTAS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	As of December 31,	
	2016	2015
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)	
Assets		
Real estate investments:		
Land and improvements	\$2,089,591	\$2,056,428
Buildings and improvements	21,516,396	20,309,599
Construction in progress	210,599	92,005
Acquired lease intangibles	1,510,629	1,344,422
	25,327,215	23,802,454
Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(4,932,461)	(4,177,234)
Net real estate property	20,394,754	19,625,220
Secured loans receivable and investments, net	702,021	857,112
Investments in unconsolidated real estate entities	95,921	95,707
Net real estate investments	21,192,696	20,578,039
Cash and cash equivalents	286,707	53,023
Escrow deposits and restricted cash	80,647	77,896
Goodwill	1,033,225	1,047,497
Assets held for sale	54,961	93,060
Other assets	518,364	412,403
Total assets	\$23,166,600	\$22,261,918
Liabilities and equity		
Liabilities:		
Senior notes payable and other debt	\$11,127,326	\$11,206,996
Accrued interest	83,762	80,864
Accounts payable and other liabilities	907,928	779,380
Liabilities related to assets held for sale	1,462	34,340
Deferred income taxes	316,641	338,382
Total liabilities	12,437,119	12,439,962
Redeemable OP unitholder and noncontrolling interests	200,728	196,529
Commitments and contingencies		
Equity:		
Ventas stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$1.00 par value; 10,000 shares authorized, unissued	—	—
Common stock, \$0.25 par value; 600,000 shares authorized, 354,125 and 334,386 shares issued at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively	88,514	83,579
Capital in excess of par value	12,917,002	11,602,838
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(57,534)	(7,565)
Retained earnings (deficit)	(2,487,695)	(2,111,958)
Treasury stock, 1 and 44 shares at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively	(47)	(2,567)
Total Ventas stockholders' equity	10,460,240	9,564,327
Noncontrolling interest	68,513	61,100
Total equity	10,528,753	9,625,427
Total liabilities and equity	\$23,166,600	\$22,261,918
See accompanying notes.		

VENTAS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

	For the Years Ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)		
Revenues			
Rental income:			
Triple-net leased Office	\$845,834	\$779,801	\$674,547
	630,342	566,245	463,910
	1,476,176	1,346,046	1,138,457
Resident fees and services	1,847,306	1,811,255	1,552,951
Office building and other services revenue	21,070	41,492	29,364
Income from loans and investments	98,094	86,553	51,778
Interest and other income	876	1,052	4,263
Total revenues	3,443,522	3,286,398	2,776,813
Expenses			
Interest	419,740	367,114	292,065
Depreciation and amortization	898,924	894,057	725,216
Property-level operating expenses:			
Senior living Office	1,242,978	1,209,415	1,036,556
	191,784	174,225	158,832
	1,434,762	1,383,640	1,195,388
Office building services costs	7,311	26,565	17,092
General, administrative and professional fees	126,875	128,035	121,738
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	2,779	14,411	5,564
Merger-related expenses and deal costs	24,635	102,944	43,304
Other	9,988	17,957	25,743
Total expenses	2,925,014	2,934,723	2,426,110
Income before unconsolidated entities, income taxes, discontinued operations, real estate dispositions and noncontrolling interest	518,508	351,675	350,703
Income (loss) from unconsolidated entities	4,358	(1,420)	(139)
Income tax benefit	31,343	39,284	8,732
Income from continuing operations	554,209	389,539	359,296
Discontinued operations	(922)	11,103	99,735
Gain on real estate dispositions	98,203	18,580	17,970
Net income	651,490	419,222	477,001
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,259	1,379	1,234
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$649,231	\$417,843	\$475,767
Earnings per common share			
Basic:			
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders, including real estate dispositions	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.23	\$ 1.28
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.03	0.34
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.26	\$ 1.62
Diluted:			
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders, including real estate dispositions	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.22	\$ 1.26
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.03	0.34

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Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$1.86	\$1.25	\$1.60
Weighted average shares used in computing earnings per common share:			
Basic	344,703	330,311	294,175
Diluted	348,390	334,007	296,677
See accompanying notes.			

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the Years Ended December
31,

2016 2015 2014

(In thousands)

Net income	\$651,490	\$419,222	\$477,001
Other comprehensive loss:			
Foreign currency translation	(52,266)	(14,792)	(17,153)
Change in unrealized gain on marketable debt securities	(310)	(5,236)	7,001
Other	2,607	(658)	3,614
Total other comprehensive loss	(49,969)	(20,686)	(6,538)
Comprehensive income	601,521	398,536	470,463
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	2,259	1,379	1,234
Comprehensive income attributable to common stockholders	\$599,262	\$397,157	\$469,229
See accompanying notes.			

VENTAS, INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014

	Common Stock Par Value	Capital in Excess of Par Value	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings (Deficit)	Treasury Stock	Total Ventas Stockholders' Equity	Non- controlling Interest	Total Equity
(In thousands, except per share amounts)								
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$74,488	\$10,078,592	\$19,659	\$(1,126,541)	\$(221,917)	\$8,824,281	\$79,530	\$8,903,811
Net income	—	—	—	475,767	—	475,767	1,234	477,001
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	(6,538)	—	—	(6,538)	—	(6,538)
Retirement of stock	(924)	(220,152)	—	—	221,076	—	—	—
Acquisition-related activity	37	10,141	—	—	—	10,178	—	10,178
Net change in noncontrolling interest	—	1,163	—	—	—	1,163	(8,477)	(7,314)
Dividends to common stockholders—\$2.965 per share	—	—	—	(875,614)	—	(875,614)	—	(875,614)
Issuance of common stock	845	241,262	—	—	—	242,107	—	242,107
Issuance of common stock for stock plans	173	29,266	—	—	3,858	33,297	—	33,297
Change in redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	(1,082)	—	—	—	(1,082)	1,926	844
Adjust redeemable OP unitholder interests to current fair value	—	(32,993)	—	—	—	(32,993)	—	(32,993)
Purchase of OP units	1	(83)	—	—	—	(82)	—	(82)
Grant of restricted stock, net of forfeitures	36	13,192	—	—	(3,528)	9,700	—	9,700
Balance at December 31, 2014	74,656	10,119,306	13,121	(1,526,388)	(511)	8,680,184	74,213	8,754,397
Net income	—	—	—	417,843	—	417,843	1,379	419,222
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	(20,686)	—	—	(20,686)	—	(20,686)
Acquisition-related activity	7,103	2,209,202	—	—	—	2,216,305	853	2,217,158

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Impact of CCP Spin-Off	—	(1,247,356)	—	—	—	(1,247,356)	(4,717)	(1,252,073)
Net change in noncontrolling interest	—	—	—	—	—	—	(12,530)	(12,530)
Dividends to common stockholders—\$3.04 per share	—	—	—	(1,003,413)	—	(1,003,413)	—	(1,003,413)
Issuance of common stock	1,797	489,227	—	—	—	491,024	—	491,024
Issuance of common stock for stock plans	23	6,068	—	—	5,945	12,036	—	12,036
Change in redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	(374)	—	—	—	(374)	1,902	1,528
Adjust redeemable OP unitholder interests to current fair value	—	7,831	—	—	—	7,831	—	7,831
Purchase of OP units	—	1,719	—	—	—	1,719	—	1,719
Grant of restricted stock, net of forfeitures	—	17,215	—	—	(8,001)	9,214	—	9,214
Balance at December 31, 2015	83,579	11,602,838	(7,565)	(2,111,958)	(2,567)	9,564,327	61,100	9,625,427
Net income	—	—	—	649,231	—	649,231	2,259	651,490
Other comprehensive loss	—	—	(49,969)	—	—	(49,969)	—	(49,969)
Impact of CCP Spin-Off	—	640	—	—	—	640	—	640
Net change in noncontrolling interest	—	(2,179)	—	—	—	(2,179)	19,008	16,829
Dividends to common stockholders—\$2.965 per share	—	—	—	(1,024,968)	—	(1,024,968)	—	(1,024,968)
Issuance of common stock	4,716	1,281,947	—	—	17	1,286,680	—	1,286,680
Issuance of common stock for stock plans	99	26,594	—	—	2,572	29,265	—	29,265
Change in redeemable noncontrolling interest	—	(1,714)	—	—	—	(1,714)	(13,854)	(15,568)
	—	(21,085)	—	—	—	(21,085)	—	(21,085)

Adjust redeemable
OP unitholder
interests to current
fair value

Purchase of OP units	92	22,622	—	—	1,098	23,812	—	23,812
Grant of restricted stock, net of forfeitures	28	7,339	—	—	(1,167	) 6,200	—	6,200
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$88,514	\$12,917,002	\$(57,534)	\$(2,487,695)	\$(47	) \$10,460,240	\$68,513	\$10,528,753

See accompanying notes.

VENTAS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Years Ended December		
	31,		2014
	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$651,490	\$419,222	\$477,001
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization (including amounts in discontinued operations)	898,924	973,663	828,467
Amortization of deferred revenue and lease intangibles, net	(20,336)	(24,129)	(18,871)
Other non-cash amortization	10,357	5,448	(312)
Stock-based compensation	20,958	19,537	20,994
Straight-lining of rental income, net	(27,988)	(33,792)	(38,687)
Loss on extinguishment of debt, net	2,779	14,411	5,564
Gain on real estate dispositions (including amounts in discontinued operations)	(98,203)	(18,811)	(19,183)
Gain on real estate loan investments	(2,271)	—	(1,455)
Gain on sale of marketable securities	—	(5,800)	—
Income tax benefit	(34,227)	(42,384)	(9,431)
(Income) loss from unconsolidated entities	(4,358)	1,244	139
Distributions from unconsolidated entities	7,598	23,462	6,508
Other	(1,847)	6,693	9,416
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Decrease in other assets	5,560	42,316	5,317
Increase in accrued interest	2,604	19,995	7,958
Decrease in accounts payable and other liabilities	(43,583)	(9,308)	(18,580)
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,367,457	1,391,767	1,254,845
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Net investment in real estate property	(1,429,112)	(2,650,788)	(1,468,286)
Investment in loans receivable and other	(158,635)	(171,144)	(498,992)
Proceeds from real estate disposals	300,561	492,408	118,246
Proceeds from loans receivable	320,082	109,176	73,557
Purchase of marketable securities	—	—	(96,689)
Proceeds from sale or maturity of marketable securities	—	76,800	21,689
Funds held in escrow for future development expenditures	—	4,003	4,590
Development project expenditures	(143,647)	(119,674)	(106,988)
Capital expenditures	(117,456)	(107,487)	(87,454)
Investment in unconsolidated operating entity	—	(26,282)	—
Contributions to unconsolidated entities	—	(30,704)	(5,598)
Other	(6,436)	—	(9,115)
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,234,643)	(2,423,692)	(2,055,040)
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net change in borrowings under credit facilities	(35,637)	(723,457)	540,203
Net cash impact of CCP Spin-Off	—	(128,749)	—
Proceeds from debt	893,218	2,512,747	2,007,707
Proceeds from debt related to CCP Spin-Off	—	1,400,000	—
Repayment of debt	(1,022,113)	(1,435,596)	(1,151,395)
Purchase of noncontrolling interest	(2,846)	(3,819)	—
Payment of deferred financing costs	(6,555)	(24,665)	(14,220)

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Issuance of common stock, net	1,286,680	491,023	242,107
Cash distribution to common stockholders	(1,024,968)	(1,003,413)	(875,614)
Cash distribution to redeemable OP unitholders	(8,640)	(15,095)	(5,762)
Purchases of redeemable OP units	—	(33,188)	(503)
Contributions from noncontrolling interest	7,326	—	491
Distributions to noncontrolling interest	(6,879)	(12,649)	(9,559)
Other	22,136	6,983	24,602
Net cash provided by financing activities	101,722	1,030,122	758,057
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	234,536	(1,803)	(42,138)
Effect of foreign currency translation on cash and cash equivalents	(852)	(522)	2,670
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	53,023	55,348	94,816
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$286,707	\$53,023	\$55,348

VENTAS, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)

	For the Years Ended December		
	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Interest paid including swap payments and receipts	\$395,138	\$391,699	\$361,144
Supplemental schedule of non-cash activities:			
Assets and liabilities assumed from acquisitions:			
Real estate investments	\$69,092	\$2,565,960	\$370,741
Utilization of funds held for an Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 exchange	(6,954)	(8,911)	—
Other assets acquired	90,037	20,090	15,280
Debt assumed	47,641	177,857	241,076
Other liabilities	72,636	54,459	24,039
Deferred income tax liability	9,381	52,153	110,728
Noncontrolling interest	22,517	88,085	—
Equity issued	—	2,204,585	10,178
Non-cash impact of CCP Spin-Off	—	1,256,404	—
Equity issued for purchase of OP and Class C units	24,318	—	—
See accompanying notes.			

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1—DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

Ventas, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated or except where the context otherwise requires, “we,” “us” or “our”), an S&P 500 company, is a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) with a highly diversified portfolio of seniors housing and healthcare properties located throughout the United States, Canada and the United Kingdom. As of December 31, 2016, we owned approximately 1,300 properties (including properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and properties classified as held for sale), consisting of seniors housing communities, medical office buildings (“MOBs”), life science and innovation centers, skilled nursing facilities (“SNFs”), specialty hospitals and general acute care hospitals, and we had six properties under development, including one property that is owned by an unconsolidated real estate entity. Our company was originally founded in 1983 and is headquartered in Chicago, Illinois.

We primarily invest in seniors housing and healthcare properties through acquisitions and lease our properties to unaffiliated tenants or operate them through independent third-party managers. As of December 31, 2016, we leased a total of 549 properties (excluding MOBs and 33 properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities) to various healthcare operating companies under “triple-net” or “absolute-net” leases that obligate the tenants to pay all property-related expenses, including maintenance, utilities, repairs, taxes, insurance and capital expenditures, and we engaged independent operators, such as Atria Senior Living, Inc. (“Atria”) and Sunrise Senior Living, LLC (together with its subsidiaries, “Sunrise”), to manage 299 seniors housing communities (including one property owned through an investment in unconsolidated entities) for us pursuant to long-term management agreements.

Our three largest tenants, Brookdale Senior Living Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, “Brookdale Senior Living”), Kindred Healthcare, Inc. (together with its subsidiaries, “Kindred”) and Ardent Health Partners, LLC (together with its subsidiaries, “Ardent”) leased from us 140 properties (excluding six properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and excluding one property managed by Brookdale Senior Living pursuant to a long-term management agreement), 68 properties (excluding one MOB) and ten properties, respectively, as of December 31, 2016.

Through our Lillibridge Healthcare Services, Inc. (“Lillibridge”) subsidiary and our ownership interest in PMB Real Estate Services LLC (“PMBRES”), we also provide MOB management, leasing, marketing, facility development and advisory services to highly rated hospitals and health systems throughout the United States. In addition, from time to time, we make secured and other loans and investments relating to seniors housing and healthcare operators or properties.

As further discussed in “NOTE 5—DISPOSITIONS”, in August 2015 we completed the spin-off of most of our post-acute/skilled nursing facility portfolio into an independent, publicly traded REIT named Care Capital Properties, Inc. (“CCP”) (the “CCP Spin-Off”). The historical results of operations of the CCP properties are presented as discontinued operations in the accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements.

In September 2016, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the university affiliated life science and innovation real estate assets of Wexford Science & Technology, LLC (“Wexford”) from affiliates of Blackstone Real Estate Partners VIII, L.P. (together with its affiliates, “Blackstone”) (the “Life Sciences Acquisition”). As a result, we renamed our MOB operations reportable business segment “office operations,” which now includes both MOBs and life science assets.

NOTE 2—ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Principles of Consolidation

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements include our accounts and the accounts of our wholly owned subsidiaries and the joint venture entities over which we exercise control. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in consolidation, and our net earnings are reduced by the portion of net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests.

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”) requires us to identify entities for which control is achieved through means other than voting rights and to determine which business enterprise is the primary beneficiary of variable interest entities (“VIEs”). A VIE is broadly defined as an entity with one or more of the following characteristics: (a) the total equity investment at risk is insufficient to finance the entity’s activities without additional subordinated financial support; (b) as a group, the holders of the equity investment at risk lack (i) the ability to make decisions about the entity’s activities through

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

voting or similar rights, (ii) the obligation to absorb the expected losses of the entity, or (iii) the right to receive the expected residual returns of the entity; and (c) the equity investors have voting rights that are not proportional to their economic interests, and substantially all of the entity's activities either involve, or are conducted on behalf of, an investor that has disproportionately few voting rights. We consolidate our investment in a VIE when we determine that we are its primary beneficiary. We may change our original assessment of a VIE upon subsequent events such as the modification of contractual arrangements that affects the characteristics or adequacy of the entity's equity investments at risk and the disposition of all or a portion of an interest held by the primary beneficiary.

We identify the primary beneficiary of a VIE as the enterprise that has both: (i) the power to direct the activities of the VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance; and (ii) the obligation to absorb losses or the right to receive benefits of the VIE that could be significant to the entity. We perform this analysis on an ongoing basis.

As it relates to investments in joint ventures, GAAP may preclude consolidation by the sole general partner in certain circumstances based on the type of rights held by the limited partner(s). We assess limited partners' rights and their impact on our consolidation conclusions, and we reassess if there is a change to the terms or in the exercisability of the rights of the limited partners, the sole general partner increases or decreases its ownership of limited partnership interests, or there is an increase or decrease in the number of outstanding limited partnership interests. We also apply this guidance to managing member interests in limited liability companies.

On January 1, 2016, we adopted Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2015-02, Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis ("ASU 2015-02"), which makes certain changes to both the variable interest and voting models. The adoption of ASU 2015-02 did not result in any changes to our conclusions regarding the consolidation of investments under the new standard. We identified several entities already consolidated under the previous standard but not considered VIEs, which under the new standard are considered VIEs and will continue to be consolidated. In general, each of these consolidated VIEs has the following common characteristics:

- VIEs in the legal form of a limited partnership ("LP") or limited liability company ("LLC");
- The VIEs were designed to own and manage their underlying real estate investments;
- Ventas (or a subsidiary thereof) is the general partner or managing member of the VIE;
- Ventas (or a subsidiary thereof) also owns a majority of the voting interests in the VIE;
- A minority of voting interests in the VIE are owned by external third parties, unrelated to us;
- The minority owners do not have substantive kick-out or participating rights in the VIEs; and
- Ventas (or a subsidiary thereof) is the primary beneficiary of the VIE.

As part of the Life Sciences Acquisition, we identified certain special purpose entities that were established to allow investments in life science projects by tax credit investors ("TCIs"). We have determined that these special purpose entities are VIEs and that Ventas is the primary beneficiary of the VIEs, and therefore we consolidate these special purpose entities. Our primary beneficiary determination is based upon several factors, including but not limited to the rights we have in directing the activities which most significantly impact the VIEs' economic performance as well as certain guarantees which protect the TCIs from losses should a tax credit recapture event occur.

In general, the assets of the consolidated VIEs are available only for the settlement of the obligations of the respective entities. Unless otherwise required by the LP or LLC agreement, any mortgage loans of the consolidated VIEs are non-recourse to us. The table below summarizes the total assets and liabilities of our consolidated VIEs as reported on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Total	Total	Total	Total
	Assets	Liabilities	Assets	Liabilities
	(In thousands)			
NHP/PMB L.P.	\$639,763	\$199,674	\$645,109	\$203,235
Ventas Realty Capital Healthcare Trust Operating Partnership, L.P.	2,143,139	162,426	2,367,296	233,600

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Other identified VIEs	1,882,336	354,034	1,582,430	431,582
Wexford tax credit VIEs ⁽¹⁾	981,752	234,109	—	—

⁽¹⁾ Balances relate to the Life Sciences Acquisition.

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Investments in Unconsolidated Entities

We report investments in unconsolidated entities over whose operating and financial policies we have the ability to exercise significant influence under the equity method of accounting. Under this method of accounting, our share of the investee's earnings or losses is included in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

We base the initial carrying value of investments in unconsolidated entities on the fair value of the assets at the time we acquired the joint venture interest. We estimate fair values for our equity method investments based on discounted cash flow models that include all estimated cash inflows and outflows over a specified holding period and, where applicable, any estimated debt premiums or discounts. The capitalization rates, discount rates and credit spreads we use in these models are based upon assumptions that we believe to be within a reasonable range of current market rates for the respective investments.

We generally amortize any difference between our cost basis and the basis reflected at the joint venture level, if any, over the lives of the related assets and liabilities and include that amortization in our share of income or loss from unconsolidated entities. For earnings of equity method investments with pro rata distribution allocations, net income or loss is allocated between the partners in the joint venture based on their respective stated ownership percentages. In other instances, net income or loss is allocated between the partners in the joint venture based on the hypothetical liquidation at book value method (the "HLBV method"). Under the HLBV method, net income or loss is allocated between the partners based on the difference between each partner's claim on the net assets of the joint venture at the end and beginning of the period, after taking into account contributions and distributions. Each partner's share of the net assets of the joint venture is calculated as the amount that the partner would receive if the joint venture were to liquidate all of its assets at net book value and distribute the resulting cash to creditors and partners in accordance with their respective priorities. Under this method, in any given period, we could record more or less income than the joint venture has generated, than actual cash distributions received or than the amount we may receive in the event of an actual liquidation.

Redeemable OP Unitholder and Noncontrolling Interests

We own a majority interest in NHP/PMB L.P. ("NHP/PMB"), a limited partnership formed in 2008 to acquire properties from entities affiliated with Pacific Medical Buildings LLC. We consolidate NHP/PMB, as our wholly owned subsidiary is the general partner, who is the primary beneficiary of this VIE. As of December 31, 2016, third party investors owned 2,746,737 Class A limited partnership units in NHP/PMB ("OP Units"), which represented 27.7% of the total units then outstanding, and we owned 7,156,146 Class B limited partnership units in NHP/PMB, representing the remaining 72.3%. At any time following the first anniversary of the date of their issuance, the OP Units may be redeemed at the election of the holder for cash or, at our option, 0.9051 shares of our common stock per unit, and subject to further adjustment in certain circumstances. We are party by assumption to a registration rights agreement with the holders of the OP Units that requires us, subject to the terms and conditions and certain exceptions set forth therein, to file and maintain a registration statement relating to the issuance of shares of our common stock upon redemption of OP Units.

As of December 31, 2016, we owned a majority interest in Ventas Realty Capital Healthcare Trust Operating Partnership, L.P. ("Ventas Realty OP") and we consolidated this entity, as our wholly owned subsidiary was the general partner, who was the primary beneficiary of this VIE. The limited partnership units ("Class C Units") may be redeemed at the election of the holder for one share of our common stock per unit or, at our option, an equivalent amount in cash, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances. We are party by assumption to a registration rights agreement with the holders of the Class C Units that requires us, subject to the terms and conditions and certain exceptions set forth therein, to file and maintain a registration statement relating to the issuance of shares of our common stock upon redemption of Class C Units. As of December 31, 2016, third party investors owned 341,776 Class C Units, which represented 1.1% of the total units then outstanding, and we owned 29,327,561 Class C Units and 176,374 OP units in Ventas Realty OP, representing the remaining 98.9%.

During 2016, third party investors redeemed 65,581 OP Units and 331,208 Class C Units for 390,558 shares of Ventas common stock, valued at \$24.3 million. During 2015, third party investors redeemed 9,309 OP Units and 445,541 Class C Units for approximately \$33.2 million.

In January 2017, third party investors redeemed the remaining 341,776 Class C Units outstanding for 341,776 shares of Ventas common stock, valued at \$20.9 million. After giving effect to such redemptions, Ventas Realty OP is our wholly owned subsidiary.

As redemption rights are outside of our control, the redeemable OP Units and Class C Units (together, the “OP Unitholder Interests”) are classified outside of permanent equity on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We reflect the redeemable OP Unitholder Interests at the greater of cost or fair value. As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the fair value of the redeemable OP Unitholder Interests was \$177.2 million and \$188.5 million, respectively. We recognize changes in fair value through capital

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in excess of par value, net of cash distributions paid and purchases by us of any OP Unitholder Interests. Our diluted earnings per share ("EPS") includes the effect of any potential shares outstanding from redemption of the OP Unitholder Interests.

Certain noncontrolling interests of other consolidated joint ventures were also classified as redeemable at December 31, 2016 and 2015. Accordingly, we record the carrying amount of these noncontrolling interests at the greater of their initial carrying amount (increased or decreased for the noncontrolling interest's share of net income or loss and distributions) or the redemption value. Our joint venture partners have certain redemption rights with respect to their noncontrolling interests in these joint ventures that are outside of our control, and the redeemable noncontrolling interests are classified outside of permanent equity on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We recognize changes in carrying value of redeemable noncontrolling interests through capital in excess of par value.

Noncontrolling Interests

Excluding the redeemable noncontrolling interests described above, we present the portion of any equity that we do not own in entities that we control (and thus consolidate) as noncontrolling interests and classify those interests as a component of consolidated equity, separate from total Ventas stockholders' equity, on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. For consolidated joint ventures with pro rata distribution allocations, net income or loss is allocated between the joint venture partners based on their respective stated ownership percentages. In other instances, net income or loss is allocated between the joint venture partners based on the HLBV method. We account for purchases or sales of equity interests that do not result in a change of control as equity transactions, through capital in excess of par value. In addition, we include net income attributable to the noncontrolling interests in net income in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

Accounting for Historic and New Markets Tax Credits

As part of the Life Sciences Acquisition, we are party to certain contractual arrangements with TCIs that were established to enable the TCIs to receive benefits of historic tax credits ("HTCs") and/or new market tax credits ("NMTCs") for certain properties owned by Ventas. As of December 31, 2016, we own 11 properties (two of which were in development) that had syndicated HTCs or NMTCs, or both, to TCIs.

In general, capital contributions are made by TCIs into special purpose entities that invest in entities owning the subject property that generates the tax credits. The TCIs receive substantially all of the tax credits and hold only a noncontrolling interest in the economic risk and benefits of the special purpose entities.

HTCs are delivered to the TCIs upon substantial completion of the project. NMTCs are allowed for up to 39% of a qualified investment and are delivered to the TCIs after the investment has been funded and spent on a qualified business. HTCs are subject to 20% recapture per year beginning one year after the completion of the historic rehabilitation of the subject property. NMTCs are subject to 100% recapture until the end of the seventh year following the qualifying investment. We have provided the TCIs with certain guarantees which protect the TCIs from losses should a tax credit recapture event occur. The contractual arrangements with the TCIs include a put/call provision whereby we may be obligated or entitled to repurchase the ownership interest of the TCIs in the special purpose entities at the end of the tax credit recapture period. We anticipate that either the TCIs will exercise their put rights or we will exercise our call rights.

The portion of the TCI's capital contribution that is attributed to the put is recorded at fair value at inception in accounts payable and other liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, and is accreted to the expected put price as interest expense in our Consolidated Statements of Income over the recapture period. The remaining balance of the TCI's capital contribution is initially recorded in accounts payable and other liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets and will be relieved upon delivery of the tax credit to the TCI, as a reduction in the carrying value of the subject property, net of allocated expenses. Direct and incremental costs incurred in structuring the transaction are deferred and will be recognized as an increase in the cost basis of the subject property upon the recognition of the related tax credit as discussed above.

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions regarding future events that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and

liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Business Combinations

We account for acquisitions using the acquisition method and record the cost of the businesses acquired among tangible and recognized intangible assets and liabilities based upon their estimated fair values as of the acquisition date. Recognized intangibles primarily include the value of in-place leases, acquired lease contracts, tenant and customer

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relationships, trade names/trademarks and goodwill. We do not amortize goodwill, which represents the excess of the purchase price paid over the fair value of the net assets of the acquired business.

We estimate the fair value of buildings acquired on an as-if-vacant basis, or replacement cost basis and depreciate the building value over the estimated remaining life of the building, generally not to exceed 35 years. We determine the fair value of other fixed assets, such as site improvements and furniture, fixtures and equipment, based upon the replacement cost and depreciate such value over the assets' estimated remaining useful lives as determined at the applicable acquisition date. We determine the value of land either by considering the sales prices of similar properties in recent transactions or based on internal analyses of recently acquired and existing comparable properties within our portfolio. We generally determine the value of construction in progress based upon the replacement cost. However, for certain acquired properties that are part of a ground-up development, we determine fair value by using the same valuation approach as for all other properties and deducting the estimated cost to complete the development. During the remaining construction period, we capitalize project costs until the development has reached substantial completion. Construction in progress, including capitalized interest, is not depreciated until the development has reached substantial completion.

The fair value of acquired lease-related intangibles, if any, reflects: (i) the estimated value of any above and/or below market leases, determined by discounting the difference between the estimated market rent and in-place lease rent; and (ii) the estimated value of in-place leases related to the cost to obtain tenants, including leasing commissions, and an estimated value of the absorption period to reflect the value of the rent and recovery costs foregone during a reasonable lease-up period as if the acquired space was vacant. We amortize any acquired lease-related intangibles to revenue or amortization expense over the remaining life of the associated lease plus any assumed bargain renewal periods. If a lease is terminated prior to its stated expiration or not renewed upon expiration, we recognize all unamortized amounts of lease-related intangibles associated with that lease in operations at that time.

We estimate the fair value of purchase option intangible assets and liabilities, if any, by discounting the difference between the applicable property's acquisition date fair value and an estimate of its future option price. We do not amortize the resulting intangible asset or liability over the term of the lease, but rather adjust the recognized value of the asset or liability upon sale.

We estimate the fair value of tenant or other customer relationships acquired, if any, by considering the nature and extent of existing business relationships with the tenant or customer, growth prospects for developing new business with the tenant or customer, the tenant's credit quality, expectations of lease renewals with the tenant, and the potential for significant, additional future leasing arrangements with the tenant, and we amortize that value over the expected life of the associated arrangements or leases, including the remaining terms of the related leases and any expected renewal periods. We estimate the fair value of trade names and trademarks using a royalty rate methodology and amortize that value over the estimated useful life of the trade name or trademark.

In connection with a business combination, we may assume rights and obligations under certain lease agreements pursuant to which we become the lessee of a given property. We assume the lease classification previously determined by the prior lessee absent a modification in the assumed lease agreement. We assess assumed operating leases, including ground leases, to determine whether the lease terms are favorable or unfavorable to us given current market conditions on the acquisition date. To the extent the lease terms are favorable or unfavorable to us relative to market conditions on the acquisition date, we recognize an intangible asset or liability at fair value and amortize that asset or liability to interest or rental expense in our Consolidated Statements of Income over the applicable lease term. We include all lease-related intangible assets and liabilities within acquired lease intangibles and accounts payable and other liabilities, respectively, on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

We determine the fair value of loans receivable acquired in connection with a business combination by discounting the estimated future cash flows using current interest rates at which similar loans with the same terms and length to maturity would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings. We do not establish a valuation allowance at the acquisition date because the estimated future cash flows already reflect our judgment regarding their uncertainty. We recognize the difference between the acquisition date fair value and the total expected cash flows as interest income using an effective interest method over the life of the applicable loan. Subsequent to the acquisition date, we evaluate

changes regarding the uncertainty of future cash flows and the need for a valuation allowance, as appropriate.

We estimate the fair value of noncontrolling interests assumed consistent with the manner in which we value all of the underlying assets and liabilities.

We calculate the fair value of long-term assumed debt by discounting the remaining contractual cash flows on each instrument at the current market rate for those borrowings, which we approximate based on the rate at which we would expect

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to incur a replacement instrument on the date of acquisition, and recognize any fair value adjustments related to long-term debt as effective yield adjustments over the remaining term of the instrument.

Impairment of Long-Lived and Intangible Assets

We periodically evaluate our long-lived assets, primarily consisting of investments in real estate, for impairment indicators. If indicators of impairment are present, we evaluate the carrying value of the related real estate investments in relation to the future undiscounted cash flows of the underlying operations. In performing this evaluation, we consider market conditions and our current intentions with respect to holding or disposing of the asset. We adjust the net book value of leased properties and other long-lived assets to fair value if the sum of the expected future undiscounted cash flows, including sales proceeds, is less than book value. We recognize an impairment loss at the time we make any such determination.

If impairment indicators arise with respect to intangible assets with finite useful lives, we evaluate impairment by comparing the carrying amount of the asset to the estimated future undiscounted net cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. If estimated future undiscounted net cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, then we estimate the fair value of the asset and compare the estimated fair value to the intangible asset's carrying value. We recognize any shortfall from carrying value as an impairment loss in the current period.

We evaluate our investments in unconsolidated entities for impairment at least annually, and whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of our investment may exceed its fair value. If we determine that a decline in the fair value of our investment in an unconsolidated entity is other-than-temporary, and if such reduced fair value is below the carrying value, we record an impairment.

We test goodwill for impairment at least annually, and more frequently if indicators arise. We first assess qualitative factors, such as current macroeconomic conditions, state of the equity and capital markets and our overall financial and operating performance, to determine the likelihood that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount. If we determine it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, we proceed with the two-step approach to evaluating impairment. First, we estimate the fair value of the reporting unit and compare it to the reporting unit's carrying value. If the carrying value exceeds fair value, we proceed with the second step, which requires us to assign the fair value of the reporting unit to all of the assets and liabilities of the reporting unit as if it had been acquired in a business combination at the date of the impairment test. The excess fair value of the reporting unit over the amounts assigned to the assets and liabilities is the implied value of goodwill and is used to determine the amount of impairment. We recognize an impairment loss to the extent the carrying value of goodwill exceeds the implied value in the current period.

Estimates of fair value used in our evaluation of goodwill (if necessary based on our qualitative assessment), investments in real estate, investments in unconsolidated entities and intangible assets are based upon discounted future cash flow projections or other acceptable valuation techniques that are based, in turn, upon all available evidence including level three inputs, such as revenue and expense growth rates, estimates of future cash flows, capitalization rates, discount rates, general economic conditions and trends, or other available market data. Our ability to accurately predict future operating results and cash flows and to estimate and determine fair values impacts the timing and recognition of impairments. While we believe our assumptions are reasonable, changes in these assumptions may have a material impact on our financial results.

Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations

We sell properties from time to time for various reasons, including favorable market conditions or the exercise of purchase options by tenants. We classify certain long-lived assets as held for sale once the criteria, as defined by GAAP, has been met. Long-lived assets to be disposed of are reported at the lower of their carrying amount or fair value minus cost to sell and are no longer depreciated. We report discontinued operations when the following criteria are met: (1) a component of an entity or group of components that has been disposed of or classified as held for sale and represents a strategic shift that has or will have a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results; or (2) an acquired business that is classified as held for sale on the acquisition date. Assets relating to the CCP Spin-Off were reported as discontinued operations once the transaction was completed. The results of operations for assets meeting the definition of discontinued operations are reflected in our Consolidated Statements of Income as

discontinued operations for all periods presented. We allocate estimated interest expense to discontinued operations based on property values and our weighted average interest rate or the property's actual mortgage interest.

Loans Receivable

We record loans receivable, other than those acquired in connection with a business combination, on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (either in secured loans receivable and investments, net or other assets, in the case of non-mortgage loans receivable) at the unpaid principal balance, net of any deferred origination fees, purchase discounts or premiums and valuation

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allowances. We amortize net deferred origination fees, which are comprised of loan fees collected from the borrower net of certain direct costs, and purchase discounts or premiums over the contractual life of the loan using the effective interest method and immediately recognize in income any unamortized balances if the loan is repaid before its contractual maturity.

We regularly evaluate the collectibility of loans receivable based on factors such as corporate and facility-level financial and operational reports, compliance with financial covenants set forth in the applicable loan agreement, the financial strength of the borrower and any guarantor, the payment history of the borrower and current economic conditions. If our evaluation of these factors indicates it is probable that we will be unable to collect all amounts due under the terms of the applicable loan agreement, we provide a reserve against the portion of the receivable that we estimate may not be collected.

Cash Equivalents

Cash equivalents consist of highly liquid investments with a maturity date of three months or less when purchased. These investments are stated at cost, which approximates fair value.

Escrow Deposits and Restricted Cash

Escrow deposits consist of amounts held by us or our lenders to provide for future real estate tax, insurance expenditures and tenant improvements related to our properties and operations. Restricted cash generally represents amounts paid to us for security deposits and other similar purposes.

Deferred Financing Costs

We amortize deferred financing costs, which are reported within senior notes payable and other debt on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, as a component of interest expense over the terms of the related borrowings using a method that approximates a level yield. Amortized costs of approximately \$17.9 million, \$18.7 million and \$16.9 million were included in interest expense for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Marketable Debt and Equity Securities

We record marketable debt and equity securities as available-for-sale and classify them as a component of other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets (other than our interests in government-sponsored pooled loan investments, which are classified as secured loans receivable and investments, net on our Consolidated Balance Sheets). We record these securities at fair value and include unrealized gains and losses recorded in stockholders' equity as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We report interest income, including discount or premium amortization, on marketable debt securities and gains or losses on securities sold, which are based on the specific identification method, in income from loans and investments in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

Derivative Instruments

We recognize all derivative instruments in other assets or accounts payable and other liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value as of the reporting date. We recognize changes in the fair value of derivative instruments in other expenses in our Consolidated Statements of Income or accumulated other comprehensive income on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, depending on the intended use of the derivative and our designation of the instrument. We do not use our derivative financial instruments, including interest rate caps, interest rate swaps and foreign currency forward contracts, for trading or speculative purposes. Our foreign currency forward contracts and certain of our interest rate swaps (including the interest rate swap contracts of unconsolidated joint ventures) are designated as effectively hedging the variability of expected cash flows related to their underlying securities and, therefore, also are recorded on our Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value, with changes in the fair value of these instruments recognized in accumulated other comprehensive income on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We recognize our proportionate share of the change in fair value of swap contracts of our unconsolidated joint ventures in accumulated other comprehensive income on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Certain of our other interest rate swaps and rate caps were not designated as having a hedging relationship with the underlying securities and therefore do not meet the criteria for hedge accounting under GAAP. Accordingly, these interest rate swaps are recorded on our Consolidated Balance Sheets at fair value, and we recognize changes in the fair value of these instruments in current earnings (in other expenses) in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

Fair Values of Financial Instruments

Fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and we determine fair value based on the assumptions that we expect market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, GAAP establishes a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs that

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are classified within levels one and two of the hierarchy) and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions (unobservable inputs classified within level three of the hierarchy).

Level one inputs utilize unadjusted quoted prices for identical assets or liabilities in active markets that we have the ability to access. Level two inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included in level one that are directly or indirectly observable for the asset or liability. Level two inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets and other inputs for the asset or liability that are observable at commonly quoted intervals, such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and yield curves. Level three inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liability, which typically are based on our own assumptions, because there is little, if any, related market activity. If the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the entire fair value measurement falls is the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. If the volume and level of market activity for an asset or liability has decreased significantly relative to the normal market activity for such asset or liability (or similar assets or liabilities), then transactions or quoted prices may not accurately reflect fair value. In addition, if there is evidence that a transaction for an asset or liability is not orderly, little, if any, weight is placed on that transaction price as an indicator of fair value. Our assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

We use the following methods and assumptions in estimating the fair value of our financial instruments.

Cash and cash equivalents - The carrying amount of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents reported on our Consolidated Balance Sheets approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments.

Escrow deposits and restricted cash - The carrying amount of escrow deposits and restricted cash reported on our Consolidated Balance Sheets approximates fair value due to the short maturity of these instruments.

Loans receivable - We estimate the fair value of loans receivable using level two and level three inputs: we discount future cash flows using current interest rates at which similar loans with the same terms and length to maturity would be made to borrowers with similar credit ratings.

Marketable debt securities - We estimate the fair value of corporate bonds, if any, using level two inputs: we observe quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets that we have the ability to access. We estimate the fair value of certain government-sponsored pooled loan investments using level three inputs: we consider credit spreads, underlying asset performance and credit quality and default rates.

Derivative instruments - With the assistance of a third party, we estimate the fair value of derivative instruments, including interest rate caps, interest rate swaps, and foreign currency forward contracts using level two inputs: for interest rate caps, we observe forward yield curves and other relevant information; for interest rate swaps, we observe alternative financing rates derived from market-based financing rates, forward yield curves and discount rates; and for foreign currency forward contracts, we estimate the future values of the two currency tranches using forward exchange rates that are based on traded forward points and calculate a present value of the net amount using a discount factor based on observable traded interest rates.

Senior notes payable and other debt - We estimate the fair value of senior notes payable and other debt using level two inputs: we discount the future cash flows using current interest rates at which we could obtain similar borrowings. For mortgage debt, we may estimate fair value using level three inputs, similar to those used in determining fair value of loans receivable (above).

Redeemable OP unitholder interests - We estimate the fair value of our redeemable OP unitholder interests using level one inputs: we base fair value on the closing price of our common stock, as OP Units may be redeemed at the election of the holder for cash or, at our option, shares of our common stock, subject to adjustment in certain circumstances.

Revenue Recognition

Triple-Net Leased Properties and Office Operations

Certain of our triple-net leases and most of our MOB and life science innovation center (collectively, "office operations") leases provide for periodic and determinable increases in base rent. We recognize base rental revenues under these leases on a straight-line basis over the applicable lease term when collectability is reasonably assured.

Recognizing rental income on a straight-line basis generally results in recognized revenues during the first half of a

lease term exceeding the cash amounts contractually due from our tenants, creating a straight-line rent receivable that is included in other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. At December 31, 2016 and 2015, this cumulative excess totaled \$244.6 million (net of allowances

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of \$109.8 million) and \$219.1 million (net of allowances of \$101.4 million), respectively (excluding properties classified as held for sale).

Certain of our leases provide for periodic increases in base rent only if certain revenue parameters or other substantive contingencies are met. We recognize the increased rental revenue under these leases as the related parameters or contingencies are met, rather than on a straight-line basis over the applicable lease term.

Senior Living Operations

We recognize resident fees and services, other than move-in fees, monthly as services are provided. We recognize move-in fees on a straight-line basis over the average resident stay. Our lease agreements with residents generally have terms of 12 to 18 months and are cancelable by the resident upon 30 days' notice.

Other

We recognize interest income from loans and investments, including discounts and premiums, using the effective interest method when collectibility is reasonably assured. We apply the effective interest method on a loan-by-loan basis and recognize discounts and premiums as yield adjustments over the related loan term. We recognize interest income on an impaired loan to the extent our estimate of the fair value of the collateral is sufficient to support the balance of the loan, other receivables and all related accrued interest. When the balance of the loan, other receivables and all related accrued interest is equal to or less than our estimate of the fair value of the collateral, we recognize interest income on a cash basis. We provide a reserve against an impaired loan to the extent our total investment in the loan exceeds our estimate of the fair value of the loan collateral.

We recognize income from rent, lease termination fees, development services, management advisory services, and all other income when all of the following criteria are met in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") Staff Accounting Bulletin 104: (i) the applicable agreement has been fully executed and delivered; (ii) services have been rendered; (iii) the amount is fixed or determinable; and (iv) collectibility is reasonably assured.

Allowances

We assess the collectibility of our rent receivables, including straight-line rent receivables. We base our assessment of the collectibility of rent receivables (other than straight-line rent receivables) on several factors, including, among other things, payment history, the financial strength of the tenant and any guarantors, the value of the underlying collateral, if any, and current economic conditions. If our evaluation of these factors indicates it is probable that we will be unable to recover the full value of the receivable, we provide a reserve against the portion of the receivable that we estimate may not be recovered. We also base our assessment of the collectibility of straight-line rent receivables on several factors, including, among other things, the financial strength of the tenant and any guarantors, the historical operations and operating trends of the property, the historical payment pattern of the tenant and the type of property. If our evaluation of these factors indicates it is probable that we will be unable to receive the rent payments due in the future, we provide a reserve against the recognized straight-line rent receivable asset for the portion, up to its full value, that we estimate may not be recovered. If we change our assumptions or estimates regarding the collectibility of future rent payments required by a lease, we may adjust our reserve to increase or reduce the rental revenue recognized in the period we make such change in our assumptions or estimates.

Stock-Based Compensation

We recognize share-based payments to employees and directors, including grants of stock options, included in General, administrative and professional fees in our Consolidated Statements of Income generally on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period based on the grant date fair value of the award.

Gain on Sale of Assets

We recognize sales of assets only upon the closing of the transaction with the purchaser. We record payments received from purchasers prior to closing as deposits and classify them as other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. We recognize gains (net of any taxes) on assets sold using the full accrual method upon closing if the collectibility of the sales price is reasonably assured, we are not obligated to perform any significant activities after the sale to earn the profit, we have received adequate initial investment from the purchaser, and other profit recognition criteria have been satisfied. We may defer recognition of gains in whole or in part until: (i) the profit is determinable, meaning that the collectibility of the sales price is reasonably assured or the amount that will not be collectible can be estimated; and

(ii) the earnings process is virtually complete, meaning that we are not obliged to perform any significant activities after the sale to earn the profit.

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Federal Income Tax

We have elected to be treated as a REIT under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), for every year beginning with the year ended December 31, 1999. Accordingly, we generally are not subject to federal income tax on net income that we distribute to our stockholders, provided that we continue to qualify as a REIT. However, with respect to certain of our subsidiaries that have elected to be treated as taxable REIT subsidiaries (“TRS” or “TRS entities”), we record income tax expense or benefit, as those entities are subject to federal income tax similar to regular corporations. Certain foreign subsidiaries are subject to foreign income tax, although they did not elect to be treated as TRSs.

We account for deferred income taxes using the asset and liability method and recognize deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in our financial statements or tax returns. Under this method, we determine deferred tax assets and liabilities based on the differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Any increase or decrease in the deferred tax liability that results from a change in circumstances, and that causes us to change our judgment about expected future tax consequences of events, is included in the tax provision when such changes occur. Deferred income taxes also reflect the impact of operating loss and tax credit carryforwards. A valuation allowance is provided if we believe it is more likely than not that all or some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Any increase or decrease in the valuation allowance that results from a change in circumstances, and that causes us to change our judgment about the realizability of the related deferred tax asset, is included in the tax provision when such changes occur.

We recognize the tax benefit from an uncertain tax position claimed or expected to be claimed on a tax return only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the financial statements from such a position are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. We recognize interest and penalties, if applicable, related to uncertain tax positions as part of income tax benefit (expense).

Foreign Currency

Certain of our subsidiaries’ functional currencies are the local currencies of their respective foreign jurisdictions. We translate the results of operations of our foreign subsidiaries into U.S. dollars using average rates of exchange in effect during the period, and we translate balance sheet accounts using exchange rates in effect at the end of the period. We record resulting currency translation adjustments in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component of stockholders’ equity, on our Consolidated Balance Sheets, and we record foreign currency transaction gains and losses in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

Segment Reporting

As of December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, we operated through three reportable business segments: triple-net leased properties; senior living operations; and office operations. In our triple-net leased properties segment, we invest in seniors housing and healthcare properties throughout the United States and the United Kingdom and lease those properties to healthcare operating companies under “triple-net” or “absolute-net” leases that obligate the tenants to pay all property-related expenses. In our senior living operations segment, we invest in seniors housing communities throughout the United States and Canada and engage independent operators, such as Atria and Sunrise, to manage those communities. In our office operations segment, we primarily acquire, own, develop, lease, and manage MOBs and life science and innovation centers throughout the United States. See “NOTE 19—SEGMENT INFORMATION.”

Operating Leases

We account for payments made pursuant to operating leases in our Consolidated Statements of Income based on actual rent paid, plus or minus a straight-line rent adjustment for leases that provide for periodic and determinable increases in base rent.

Recently Issued or Adopted Accounting Standards

On January 1, 2016, we adopted ASU 2015-16, Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments (“ASU 2015-16”) to simplify the accounting for business combinations, specifically as it relates to measurement-period

adjustments. Acquiring entities in a business combination must recognize measurement-period adjustments in the reporting period in which the adjustment amounts are determined. Also, ASU 2015-16 requires entities to present separately on the face of the income statement (or disclose in the notes to the financial statements) the portion of the amount recorded in the current period earnings, by line item, that would have been recorded in previous reporting periods if the adjustment to the provisional amounts had been recognized as of the acquisition date. Adoption of this ASU did not have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

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On January 1, 2017 we adopted ASU 2017-01, Clarifying the Definition of a Business (“ASU 2017-01”) which narrows the FASB’s definition of a business and provides a framework that gives entities a basis for making reasonable judgments about whether a transaction involves an asset or a business. ASU 2017-01 states that when substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets acquired (or disposed of) is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets, the set is not a business. If this initial test is not met, a set cannot be considered a business unless it includes an input and a substantive process that together significantly contribute to the ability to create output. This ASU is to be applied prospectively and we expect that many of our future real estate acquisitions will be accounted for as asset acquisitions in accordance with ASC 805, which provides for the capitalization of transaction costs and no recognition of goodwill.

On January 1, 2017 we adopted ASU 2016-09, Compensation - Stock Compensation (“ASU 2016-09”) which simplifies several aspects of the accounting for employee share-based payment transactions, including the accounting for forfeitures and statutory tax withholding requirements, as well as classification in the statement of cash flows. Adoption of this ASU is not expected to have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) (“ASU 2016-02”), which introduces a lessee model that brings most leases on the balance sheet and amongst other changes, eliminates the requirement in current GAAP for an entity to use bright-line tests in determining lease classification. The amendments in ASU 2016-02 do not significantly change the current lessor accounting model. ASU 2016-02 is not effective for the Company until January 1, 2019 with early adoption permitted. We have begun our process for implementing this guidance, including developing an inventory of all leases as well as identifying any non-lease components in our lease arrangements. We are continuing to evaluate this guidance and the impact to us, as both lessor and lessee, on our consolidated financial statements.

In 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue From Contracts With Customers (“ASU 2014-09”), which outlines a comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. ASU 2014-09 states that “an entity recognizes revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services.” While ASU 2014-09 specifically references contracts with customers, it may apply to certain other transactions such as the sale of real estate or equipment. In 2015, the FASB provided for a one-year deferral of the effective date for ASU 2014-09, which is now effective for us beginning January 1, 2018. We have begun our process for implementing this guidance, including performing a preliminary review of all revenue streams to identify any differences in the timing, measurement or presentation of revenue recognition. We are continuing to evaluate ASU 2014-09 (and related clarifying guidance issued by the FASB) and the allowable methods of adoption; however, we do not expect its adoption to have a significant impact on our consolidated financial statements, as a substantial portion of our revenue consists of rental income from leasing arrangements, which is specifically excluded from ASU 2014-09.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments (“ASU 2016-13”) which provides for an impairment model that is based on expected losses rather than incurred losses. Under ASU 2016-13, an entity recognizes as an allowance its estimate of expected credit losses. ASU 2016-13 is effective for the Company beginning January 1, 2020 and we do not expect its adoption will have a significant effect on our consolidated financial statements.

Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

NOTE 3—CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

As of December 31, 2016, Atria, Sunrise, Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent managed or operated approximately 22.6%, 11.3%, 8.1%, 1.8% and 5.1%, respectively, of our real estate investments based on gross book value (excluding properties classified as held for sale and properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities as of December 31, 2016). Because Atria and Sunrise manage our properties in exchange for the receipt of a

management fee from us, we are not directly exposed to the credit risk of our managers in the same manner or to the same extent as our triple-net tenants.

Seniors housing communities constituted, based on gross book value, approximately 25.3% of real estate investments in the triple-net leased properties reportable business segment and 36.5% of real estate investments in the senior living operations reportable business segment (excluding properties classified as held for sale and properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities as of December 31, 2016). MOB, life science and innovation centers, SNFs, specialty hospitals and general acute care hospitals collectively comprised the remaining 38.2%. Our properties were located in 46 states, the District of Columbia, seven Canadian provinces and the United Kingdom as of December 31, 2016, with properties

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in one state (California) accounting for more than 10% of our total revenues and total net operating income (“NOI,” which is defined as total revenues, excluding interest and other income, less property-level operating expenses and office building services costs) (in each case excluding amounts in discontinued operations) for each of the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014.

Triple-Net Leased Properties

For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, approximately 4.8%, 5.3% and 6.1%, respectively, of our total revenues and 8.3%, 9.3% and 10.9%, respectively, of our total NOI (in each case excluding amounts in discontinued operations) were derived from our lease agreements with Brookdale Senior Living. For the same periods, approximately 5.4%, 5.7% and 5.9%, respectively, of our total revenues and 9.2%, 9.9% and 10.6%, respectively, of our total NOI (in each case excluding amounts in discontinued operations) were derived from our lease agreements with Kindred. As a result of our 2015 acquisition of Ardent Medical Services, Inc. (“AHS”) and simultaneous separation and sale of Ardent, for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, approximately 3.1% and 1.3% of our total revenues and 5.3% and 2.3% of our total NOI (in each case excluding amounts in discontinued operations) were derived from our lease agreements with Ardent. Each of our leases with Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent is a triple-net lease that obligates the tenant to pay all property-related expenses, including maintenance, utilities, repairs, taxes, insurance and capital expenditures, and to comply with the terms of the mortgage financing documents, if any, affecting the properties. In addition, each of our Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent leases has a corporate guaranty. Brookdale Senior Living and Kindred have multiple leases with us and those leases contain cross-default provisions tied to each other, as well as lease renewals by lease agreement or by pool of assets. The properties we lease to Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent accounted for a significant portion of our triple-net leased properties segment revenues and NOI for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014. If either Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent becomes unable or unwilling to satisfy its obligations to us or to renew its leases with us upon expiration of the terms thereof, our financial condition and results of operations could decline and our ability to service our indebtedness and to make distributions to our stockholders could be impaired. We cannot assure you that Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent will have sufficient assets, income and access to financing to enable them to satisfy their respective obligations to us, and any failure, inability or unwillingness by Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred or Ardent to do so could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and liquidity, our ability to service our indebtedness and other obligations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders, as required for us to continue to qualify as a REIT (a “Material Adverse Effect”). We also cannot assure you that Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred and Ardent will elect to renew their respective leases with us upon expiration of the leases or that we will be able to reposition any non-renewed properties on a timely basis or on the same or better economic terms, if at all.

On April 3, 2016, we entered into several agreements with Kindred to improve the quality and productivity of the long term acute care hospital (“LTAC”) portfolio leased by Ventas to Kindred. Certain of the agreements consist of lease amendments to the Kindred master leases, for which we received a \$3.5 million fee. Under these lease amendments, annual rent on seven identified LTACs (the “7 LTACs”), which was approximately \$8 million, was immediately re-allocated to other more productive post-acute assets subject to the Kindred master leases. Separately, in October 2016, we sold the 7 LTACs to an unrelated third party for \$3.0 million, and recognized a gain of \$2.9 million. In November 2016, we entered into agreements with Kindred providing that (i) Kindred will either acquire all 36 SNFs owned by us and operated by Kindred for \$700 million, in connection with Kindred’s previously announced plan to exit its SNF business, or renew the current lease on all unpurchased SNFs through 2025 at the current rent level; and (ii) Kindred has extended the lease term to 2025 for all of our LTACs operated by Kindred that were scheduled to mature in 2018 and 2020, at the current rent level.

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The following table sets forth the future contracted minimum rentals, excluding contingent rent escalations, but including straight-line rent adjustments and reserves where applicable, for all of our triple-net and office building leases as of December 31, 2016 (excluding properties owned through investments in unconsolidated entities and properties classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016):

	Brookdale				
	Senior	Kindred	Ardent	Other	Total
	Living				
	(In thousands)				
2017	\$162,576	\$199,798	\$109,151	\$885,745	\$1,357,270
2018	162,089	173,249	109,151	835,173	1,279,662
2019	151,437	160,730	109,151	783,220	1,204,538
2020	34,410	160,771	109,151	735,444	1,039,776
2021	13,133	160,813	109,151	678,048	961,145
Thereafter	10,703	408,810	1,491,731	3,757,703	5,668,947
Total	\$534,348	\$1,264,171	\$2,037,486	\$7,675,333	\$11,511,338

Senior Living Operations

As of December 31, 2016, Atria and Sunrise, collectively, provided comprehensive property management and accounting services with respect to 266 of our 298 seniors housing communities (excluding one property owned through an investment in unconsolidated entities), for which we pay annual management fees pursuant to long-term management agreements.

In September 2016, we modified existing agreements with Sunrise related to the management of certain of the seniors housing communities owned by us and operated by Sunrise to reduce management fees payable to Sunrise under such agreements, maintain the existing term of such agreements and provide Sunrise with incentives for future outperformance. We also entered into a new multi-year development pipeline agreement with Sunrise that gives us the option to fund certain future Sunrise developments.

We rely on our managers' personnel, expertise, technical resources and information systems, proprietary information, good faith and judgment to manage our senior living operations efficiently and effectively. We also rely on our managers to set appropriate resident fees and otherwise operate our seniors housing communities in compliance with the terms of our management agreements and all applicable laws and regulations. Although we have various rights as the property owner under our management agreements, including various rights to terminate and exercise remedies under the agreements as provided therein, Atria's or Sunrise's failure, inability or unwillingness to satisfy its respective obligations under those agreements, to efficiently and effectively manage our properties or to provide timely and accurate accounting information with respect thereto could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. In addition, significant changes in Atria's or Sunrise's senior management or equity ownership or any adverse developments in their businesses and affairs or financial condition could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Our 34% ownership interest in Atria entitles us to certain rights and minority protections, as well as the right to appoint two of six members on the Atria Board of Directors.

Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred, Atria, Sunrise and Ardent Information

Each of Brookdale Senior Living and Kindred is subject to the reporting requirements of the SEC and is required to file with the SEC annual reports containing audited financial information and quarterly reports containing unaudited financial information. The information related to Brookdale Senior Living and Kindred contained or referred to in this Annual Report on Form 10-K has been derived from SEC filings made by Brookdale Senior Living or Kindred, as the case may be, or other publicly available information, or was provided to us by Brookdale Senior Living or Kindred, and we have not verified this information through an independent investigation or otherwise. We have no reason to believe that this information is inaccurate in any material respect, but we cannot assure you of its accuracy. We are providing this data for informational purposes only, and you are encouraged to obtain Brookdale Senior Living's and Kindred's publicly available filings, which can be found at the SEC's website at www.sec.gov.

Atria, Sunrise and Ardent are not currently subject to the reporting requirements of the SEC. The information related to Atria, Sunrise and Ardent contained or referred to in this Annual Report on Form 10-K has been derived from publicly available information or was provided to us by Atria, Sunrise or Ardent, as the case may be, and we have not verified this information through an independent investigation or otherwise. We have no reason to believe that this information is inaccurate in any material respect, but we cannot assure you of its accuracy.

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NOTE 4—ACQUISITIONS OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY

The following summarizes our acquisition and development activities during 2016, 2015 and 2014. We invest in seniors housing and healthcare properties primarily to achieve an expected yield on our investment, to grow and diversify our portfolio and revenue base, and to reduce our dependence on any single tenant, operator or manager, geographic location, asset type, business model or revenue source.

2016 Acquisitions

Life Sciences Acquisition

In September 2016, we completed the acquisition of substantially all of the university affiliated life science and innovation real estate assets of Wexford from Blackstone for total consideration of \$1.5 billion. The Life Sciences Acquisition added to our portfolio 23 operating properties, two development assets and nine future development sites. The properties acquired will continue to be managed by Wexford, which will remain a separate management company owned and operated by the existing Wexford management team. We have exclusive rights to fund and own future life science projects developed by Wexford.

Other 2016 Acquisitions

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we made other investments totaling approximately \$42.3 million, including the acquisition of one triple-net leased property and two MOBs.

Completed Developments

During 2016, we completed the development of three triple-net leased properties (two of which were expansions of existing seniors housing assets), representing \$31.9 million of net real estate property on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2016.

Estimated Fair Value

We are accounting for our 2016 acquisitions under the acquisition method in accordance with ASC 805 and have completed our initial accounting, which is subject to further adjustment. The following table summarizes the acquisition date fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in our 2016 real estate acquisitions, which we determined using level two and level three inputs:

	Triple-Net Leased Properties	Office Operations	Total
	(In thousands)		
Land and improvements	\$ 1,579	\$55,456	\$57,035
Buildings and improvements	12,558	1,323,678	1,336,236
Acquired lease intangibles	163	200,022	200,185
Other assets	—	108,607	108,607
Total assets acquired	14,300	1,687,763	1,702,063
Notes payable and other debt	—	47,641	47,641
Intangible liabilities	—	103,769	103,769
Other liabilities	380	79,693	80,073
Total liabilities assumed	380	231,103	231,483
Noncontrolling interest assumed	—	22,517	22,517
Net assets acquired	13,920	1,434,143	1,448,063
Cash acquired	—	19,119	19,119
Total cash used	\$ 13,920	\$ 1,415,024	\$ 1,428,944

Aggregate Revenue and NOI

For the year ended December 31, 2016, aggregate revenue and net operating income (“NOI”) derived from our completed 2016 acquisitions during our period of ownership were \$55.7 million and \$37.7 million, respectively.

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Transaction Costs

Transaction costs are expensed as incurred and included in merger-related expenses and deal costs in our Consolidated Statements of Income. During 2016, we expensed as incurred \$19.1 million related to our completed 2016 transactions.

2015 Acquisitions

HCT Acquisition

In January 2015, we acquired HCT in a stock and cash transaction, which added 152 properties to our portfolio. At the effective time of the merger, each share of HCT common stock outstanding (other than shares held by us, HCT or our respective subsidiaries, which shares were canceled) was converted into the right to receive either 0.1688 shares of our common stock (with cash paid in lieu of fractional shares) or \$11.33 per share in cash, at the election of each HCT shareholder. Shares of HCT common stock for which a valid election was not made were converted into the stock consideration. We funded the transaction through the issuance of approximately 28.4 million shares of our common stock and 1.1 million limited partnership units that are redeemable for shares of our common stock and the payment of approximately \$11 million in cash (excluding cash in lieu of fractional shares). In addition, we assumed approximately \$167 million of mortgage debt and repaid approximately \$730 million of debt, net of HCT cash on hand. In August 2015, 20 of the properties that we acquired in the HCT acquisition were disposed of as part of the CCP Spin-Off.

Ardent Health Services Acquisition

On August 4, 2015, we completed our acquisition of Ardent Medical Services, Inc. and simultaneous separation and sale of the Ardent hospital operating company to a consortium composed of an entity controlled by Equity Group Investments, Ardent's management team and us (collectively the "Ardent Transaction"). As of the acquisition date, we recorded the estimated fair value of our investment in owned hospital and other real estate of approximately \$1.3 billion. At closing, we paid \$26.3 million for our 9.9% interest in Ardent which represents our estimate of the acquisition date fair value of this interest. Upon closing, we entered into a long-term triple-net master lease with Ardent to operate the ten hospital campuses and other real estate we acquired.

Other 2015 Acquisitions

In 2015, we made other investments totaling approximately \$612 million, including the acquisition of eleven triple-net leased properties; nine MOBs (including eight MOBs that we had previously accounted for as investments in unconsolidated entities; see "NOTE 7—INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED ENTITIES") and 12 skilled nursing facilities (all of which were disposed of as part of the CCP Spin-Off).

Completed Developments

During 2015, we completed the development of one triple-net leased seniors housing community, representing \$9.3 million of net real estate property on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2015.

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Estimated Fair Value

We are accounting for our 2015 acquisitions under the acquisition method in accordance with ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations (“ASC 805”). The following table summarizes the acquisition date fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, which we determined using level two and level three inputs:

	Triple-Net	Senior Living	Office	Total
	Leased Properties	Operations	Operations	
	(In thousands)			
Land and improvements	\$ 190,566	\$ 70,713	\$ 173,307	\$ 434,586
Buildings and improvements	1,726,063	703,080	1,214,546	3,643,689
Acquired lease intangibles	169,362	83,867	184,540	437,769
Other assets	174,093	272,888	402,734	849,715
Total assets acquired	2,260,084	1,130,548	1,975,127	5,365,759
Notes payable and other debt	—	77,940	99,917	177,857
Other liabilities	45,924	45,408	46,565	137,897
Total liabilities assumed	45,924	123,348	146,482	315,754
Net assets acquired	2,214,160	1,007,200	1,828,645	5,050,005
Redeemable OP unitholder interests assumed				88,085
Cash acquired				59,584
Equity issued				2,216,355
Total cash used				\$ 2,685,981

Included in other assets above is \$746.9 million of goodwill, which represents the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as of the acquisition date. A substantial amount of this goodwill was due to an increase in our stock price between the announcement date and closing dates of the HCT acquisition. Goodwill has been allocated to our reportable business segments based on the respective fair value of the net assets acquired, as follows: triple-net leased properties - \$133.6 million; senior living operations - \$219.1 million; and office operations - \$394.2 million.

Aggregate Revenue and NOI

For the year ended December 31, 2015, aggregate revenue and NOI derived from our 2015 real estate acquisitions during our period of ownership were \$327.0 million and \$201.9 million, respectively, excluding revenue and NOI for any assets contributed in the CCP Spin-Off.

Transaction Costs

Transaction costs are expensed as incurred and included in merger-related expenses and deal costs in our Consolidated Statements of Income. For the years ending December 31, 2015 and 2014, we expensed as incurred, \$99.0 million and \$10.8 million, respectively, costs related to our completed 2015 transactions, \$4.1 million and \$1.4 million of which are reported within discontinued operations. These transaction costs exclude any separation costs associated with the CCP Spin-Off (refer to “NOTE 5—DISPOSITIONS”).

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Unaudited Pro Forma

The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if we had consummated the HCT acquisition and Ardent Transaction as of January 1, 2014 and excludes assets that were acquired in the HCT acquisition but subsequently disposed of as part of the CCP Spin-Off.

	For the Years Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)	
Revenues	\$3,361,658	\$3,164,100
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders, including real estate dispositions	\$475,017	\$465,671
Earnings per common share:		
Basic:		
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders, including real estate dispositions	\$1.44	\$1.44
Diluted:		
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders, including real estate dispositions	\$1.42	\$1.43
Weighted average shares used in computing earnings per common share:		
Basic	330,311	322,590
Diluted	334,007	326,210

Acquisition-related costs related to the HCT acquisition and the Ardent Transaction are not expected to have a continuing impact and therefore have been excluded from these pro forma results. The pro forma results also do not include the impact of any synergies that may be achieved in the HCT acquisition and the Ardent Transaction, any lower costs of borrowing resulting from the acquisition or any strategies that management may consider in order to continue to efficiently manage our operations, nor do they give pro forma effect to any other acquisitions, dispositions or capital markets transactions that we completed during the periods presented. These pro forma results are not necessarily indicative of the operating results that would have been obtained had the HCT acquisition and Ardent Transaction occurred at the beginning of the periods presented, nor are they necessarily indicative of future operating results.

2014 Acquisitions

Holiday Canada Acquisition

In August 2014, we acquired 29 seniors housing communities located in Canada from Holiday Retirement (the "Holiday Canada Acquisition") for a purchase price of CAD 957.0 million. We also paid CAD 26.9 million in costs relating to the early repayment of debt at closing. We funded the Holiday Canada Acquisition initially through borrowings under a CAD 791.0 million unsecured term loan that we incurred in July 2014 (and subsequently repaid primarily through a private placement of senior notes in Canada) and the assumption of CAD 193.7 million of debt.

Other 2014 Acquisitions

During the year ended December 31, 2014, we also acquired three triple-net leased private hospitals (located in the United Kingdom), 26 triple-net leased seniors housing communities and four seniors housing communities that are being operated by independent third-party managers for aggregate consideration of approximately \$812.0 million. We also paid \$18.8 million in costs relating to the early repayment of debt at closing of the applicable transactions. In addition, we acquired a construction design, planning and consulting business to complement our office operations through the issuance of 148,241 shares of our common stock.

Completed Developments

During 2014, we completed the development of two MOB's and one seniors housing community, representing \$41.2 million of net real estate property on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2014.

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Estimated Fair Value

We are accounting for our 2014 acquisitions under the acquisition method in accordance with ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations (“ASC 805”). The following table summarizes the acquisition date fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in our 2014 real estate acquisitions, which we determined using level two and level three inputs:

	Triple-NetSenior		
	Leased	Living	Total
	Properties Operations		
	(In thousands)		
Land and improvements	\$45,586	\$ 100,281	\$ 145,867
Buildings and improvements	546,849	1,081,630	1,628,479
Acquired lease intangibles	28,883	36,452	65,335
Other assets	227	12,394	12,621
Total assets acquired	621,545	1,230,757	1,852,302
Notes payable and other debt	12,927	228,150	241,077
Other liabilities	8,609	124,468	133,077
Total liabilities assumed	21,536	352,618	374,154
Net assets acquired	600,009	878,139	1,478,148
Cash acquired	227	8,704	8,931
Total cash used	\$599,782	\$ 869,435	\$ 1,469,217

Aggregate Revenue and NOI

For the year ended December 31, 2014, aggregate revenues and NOI derived from our 2014 real estate acquisitions (for our period of ownership) were \$75.9 million and \$41.5 million, respectively.

Transaction Costs

As of December 31, 2014, we had incurred a total of \$26.2 million of acquisition-related costs related to our completed 2014 acquisitions, all of which were expensed as incurred and included in merger-related expenses and deal costs in our Consolidated Statements of Income for the applicable periods. For the year ended December 31, 2014, we expensed \$23.8 million of these acquisition-related costs related to our completed 2014 acquisitions.

NOTE 5—DISPOSITIONS

2016 Activity

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we sold 29 triple-net leased properties, one seniors housing community included in our senior living operations reportable business segment and six MOBs for aggregate consideration of \$300.8 million. We recognized a gain on the sales of these assets of \$98.2 million, net of taxes.

Subsequent to December 31, 2016, we sold five triple-net leased properties for aggregate consideration of \$85.0 million and we estimate recognizing a gain on the sale of these assets of \$43.3 million.

2015 Activity

During 2015, we sold 39 triple-net leased properties and 26 MOBs for aggregate consideration of \$541.0 million, including lease termination fees of \$6.0 million (included within triple-net leased rental income in our Consolidated Statements of Income). We recognized a gain on the sales of these assets of \$46.3 million (net of taxes), of which \$27.4 million is being deferred due to one secured loan (\$78.4 million) and one non-mortgage loan (\$20.0 million) we made to the buyers in connection with the sales of certain assets. These deferred gains will be recognized into income as principal payments are made on the loans over their respective terms.

2014 Activity

During 2014, we sold 16 triple-net leased properties, two seniors housing communities included in our seniors housing operations reportable business segment and four MOBs for aggregate consideration of \$118.2 million. We recognized a net gain on the sales of these assets of \$21.3 million, \$1.5 million of which is reported within

discontinued operations in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

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Assets Held for Sale

The table below summarizes our real estate assets classified as held for sale as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, including the amounts reported within other assets and accounts payable and other liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Number	Liabilities	Number	Liabilities
	of Assets	Held for	of Assets	Held for
	Properties	Sale	Properties	Sale
	Held for		Held for	
	for Sale		for Sale	
	Sale		Sale	
	(Dollars in thousands)			
Triple-net leased properties	—	\$ —	2	\$ 4,488 \$ 44
Office operations	7	53,151 1,462	8	68,619 24,759
Seniors living operations ⁽¹⁾	—	1,810 —	1	19,953 9,537
Total	7	\$54,961 \$ 1,462	11	\$93,060 \$ 34,340

⁽¹⁾ As of December 31, 2016, there is one vacant land parcel classified as held for sale.

Real Estate Impairment

We recognized impairments of \$35.2 million, \$42.2 million and \$56.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 respectively, which are recorded primarily as a component of depreciation and amortization and relate primarily to our triple-net leased properties reportable business segment. Of these impairments, none, \$13.0 million and \$1.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 respectively were reported in discontinued operations in our Consolidated Statements of Income. Our recorded impairments were primarily the result of a change in our intent to hold the impaired assets. In most cases, we recognized an impairment in the periods in which our change in intent was made.

CCP Spin-Off

On August 17, 2015, we completed the CCP Spin-Off. In connection with the CCP Spin-Off, we disposed of 355 triple-net leased skilled nursing facilities and other healthcare assets operated by private regional and local care providers. The CCP Spin-Off was effectuated through a distribution of the common shares of CCP to holders of our common stock as of the distribution record date, and qualified as a tax-free distribution to our stockholders. For every four shares of Ventas common stock held as of the distribution record date of August 10, 2015, Ventas stockholders received one CCP common share on August 17, 2015. On August 17, 2015, just prior to the effective time of the spin-off, CCP (as our then wholly owned subsidiary) received approximately \$1.4 billion of proceeds from a recently completed term loan and revolving credit facility. CCP paid us a distribution of \$1.3 billion from these proceeds. We used this distribution from CCP to pay down our existing debt (\$1.1 billion) and to pay for a portion of our quarterly installment of dividends to our stockholders (\$0.2 billion).

The historical results of operations of the CCP properties as well as the related assets and liabilities have been presented as discontinued operations in the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. Discontinued operations also include separation costs incurred to complete the CCP Spin-Off of \$42.3 million and \$0.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively. Separation costs for 2015 include \$3.5 million of stock-based compensation expense representing the incremental fair value of previously vested stock-based compensation awards as of the spin date. In addition, the assets and liabilities of CCP are presented separately from assets and liabilities from continuing operations in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The accompanying consolidated statements of cash flows include within operating, investing and financing cash flows those activities which related to our period of ownership of the CCP properties.

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The following is a summary of the assets and liabilities of CCP at the CCP Spin-Off date:

	August 17, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(In thousands)	
Assets		
Net real estate investments	\$2,588,255	\$2,274,310
Cash and cash equivalents	1,749	2,710
Goodwill	135,446	88,959
Assets held for sale	7,610	8,435
Other assets	15,089	16,596
Total assets	2,748,149	2,391,010

Liabilities		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	217,760	204,359
Liabilities related to assets held for sale	985	1,288
Total liabilities	218,745	205,647

Net assets \$2,529,404 \$2,185,363

Summarized financial information for CCP discontinued operations for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 respectively is as follows:

	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		
Revenues			
Rental income	\$—	\$196,848	\$295,767
Income from loans and investments	—	2,148	3,392
Interest and other income	—	63	2
	—	199,059	299,161
Expenses			
Interest	—	61,613	87,648
Depreciation and amortization	—	79,479	101,760
General, administrative and professional fees	—	9	9
Merger-related expenses and deal costs	922	46,402	1,746
Other	—	1,332	13,184
	922	188,835	204,347
Income before real estate dispositions and noncontrolling interest	(922)	10,224	94,814
Gain (loss) on real estate dispositions	—	—	—
Net income from discontinued operations	(922)	10,224	94,814
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest	—	120	185
Net income from discontinued operations attributable to common stockholders	\$(922)	\$10,104	\$94,629

There were no capital and development project expenditures relating to CCP for the year ended December 31, 2016. Capital and development project expenditures relating to CCP for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 were \$21.8 million and \$17.2 million, respectively. Other than capital and development project expenditures there were no other significant non-cash operating or investing activities relating to CCP.

We and CCP entered into a transition services agreement prior to the CCP Spin-Off pursuant to which we and our subsidiaries provide to CCP, on an interim, transitional basis, various services. The services provided include information technology, accounting and tax services. The overall fee charged by us for such services (the "Service Fee") was \$2.5 million for one year. We recognized income of \$1.6 million and \$0.9 million, for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015,

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respectively, relating to the Service Fee, which was payable in four quarterly installments. The transition services agreement terminated on August 31, 2016.

Discontinued Operations - Other than CCP Spin-Off

In addition to the amounts reported within discontinued operations relating to the CCP Spin-Off, we reported net income from discontinued operations attributable to common stockholders of zero, \$1.0 million, and \$5.1 million for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

NOTE 6—LOANS RECEIVABLE AND INVESTMENTS

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, we had \$754.6 million and \$895.0 million, respectively, of net loans receivable and investments relating to seniors housing and healthcare operators or properties. The following is a summary of our net loans receivable and investments as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, including amortized cost, fair value and unrealized gains on available-for-sale investments:

	December 31, 2016			
	Carrying Amount (In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain
Secured mortgage loans and other	\$646,972	\$646,972	\$655,981	\$ —
Government-sponsored pooled loan investments ⁽¹⁾	55,049	53,810	55,049	1,239
Total investments reported as Secured loans receivable and investments, net	702,021	700,782	711,030	1,239
Non-mortgage loans receivable, net	52,544	52,544	53,626	—
Total investments reported as Other assets	52,544	52,544	53,626	—
Total loans receivable and investments, net	\$754,565	\$753,326	\$764,656	\$ 1,239
	December 31, 2015			
	Carrying Amount (In thousands)	Amortized Cost	Fair Value	Unrealized Gain
Secured mortgage loans and other	\$793,433	\$793,433	\$816,849	\$ —
Government-sponsored pooled loan investments ⁽¹⁾	63,679	62,130	63,679	1,549
Total investments reported as Secured loans receivable and investments, net	857,112	855,563	880,528	1,549
Non-mortgage loans receivable, net	37,926	37,926	38,806	—
Total investments reported as Other assets	37,926	37,926	38,806	—
Total loans receivable and investments, net	\$895,038	\$893,489	\$919,334	\$ 1,549

⁽¹⁾ Investments in government-sponsored pooled loans have contractual maturity dates in 2023.

2016 Activity

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we received aggregate proceeds of \$309.0 million in final repayment of three secured loans receivable and partial repayment of one secured loan receivable and recognized gains of \$9.6 million on the repayment of these loans receivable in income from loans and investments in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

In connection with the Life Sciences Acquisition, we acquired three non-mortgage loans receivable.

In February 2016, we made a \$140.0 million secured mezzanine loan investment, at par, relating to Class A life sciences properties in California and Massachusetts, that has an annual interest rate of 9.95% and matures in 2021.

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In October 2016, we committed to provide secured debt financing in the amount of \$700.0 million to a subsidiary of Ardent to facilitate Ardent's acquisition of LHP Hospital Group, Inc. ("LHP"). The loan (the "Loan") has a five-year term and is LIBOR-based with an initial interest rate of approximately 8.0% and is guaranteed by Ardent's parent company. Ardent will also receive an equity contribution from its majority owner, an affiliate of Equity Group Investments. The Loan is subject to the satisfaction of customary closing conditions. Ardent's acquisition of LHP is expected to close in the first quarter of 2017, but there can be no assurance as to whether, when or on what terms Ardent's acquisition of LHP or the Loan will be completed.

2015 Activity

We issued one secured loan (\$78.4 million) and one non-mortgage loan (\$20.0 million) to buyers in connection with the sales of certain assets. In June 2015, we sold our \$71.0 million investment in senior unsecured corporate bonds for \$76.8 million. We recognized a gain of \$5.8 million that is included within income from loans and investments in our Consolidated Statements of Income for the year ended December 31, 2015. This gain includes \$5.0 million that was previously unrealized within accumulated other comprehensive income on our Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2014.

During the year ended December 31, 2015, we received aggregate proceeds of \$97.0 million in final repayment of three secured and one non-mortgage loans receivable. We recognized gains aggregating \$1.9 million on the repayment of these loans receivable that are recorded in income from loans and investments in our Consolidated Statements of Income for the year ended December 31, 2015.

NOTE 7—INVESTMENTS IN UNCONSOLIDATED ENTITIES

We report investments in unconsolidated entities over whose operating and financial policies we have the ability to exercise significant influence under the equity method of accounting. We are not required to consolidate these entities because our joint venture partners have significant participating rights, nor are these entities considered VIEs, as they are controlled by equity holders with sufficient capital. At December 31, 2016, we had ownership interests (ranging from 5% to 25%) in joint ventures that owned 39 properties, excluding properties under development and properties classified as held for sale. We account for our interests in real estate joint ventures, as well as our 34% interest in Atria and 9.9% interest in Ardent (which are included within other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets), under the equity method of accounting.

With the exception of our interests in Atria and Ardent, we provide various services to each unconsolidated entity in exchange for fees and reimbursements. Total management fees earned in connection with these entities were \$6.7 million, \$7.8 million and \$8.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively (which is included in office building and other services revenue in our Consolidated Statements of Income).

In October 2015, we acquired the 95% controlling interests in eight MOBs from a joint venture entity in which we have a 5% interest and that we account for as an equity method investment. In connection with this acquisition, we re-measured our previously held equity interest (associated with the acquired MOBs) and recognized a loss of \$0.2 million, which is included in income from unconsolidated entities in our Consolidated Statements of Income. Since the acquisition, operations relating to these properties have been consolidated in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

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NOTE 8—INTANGIBLES

The following is a summary of our intangibles as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	December 31, 2016		December 31, 2015	
	Balance	Remaining Weighted Average Amortization Period in Years	Balance	Remaining Weighted Average Amortization Period in Years
(Dollars in thousands)				
Intangible assets:				
Above market lease intangibles	\$184,993	6.9	\$155,161	7.0
In-place and other lease intangibles	1,325,636	23.6	1,189,261	20.9
Goodwill	1,033,225	N/A	1,047,497	N/A
Other intangibles	35,783	11.3	35,792	8.6
Accumulated amortization	(769,558)	N/A	(655,176)	N/A
Net intangible assets	\$1,810,079	21.5	\$1,772,535	19.2
Intangible liabilities:				
Below market lease intangibles	\$345,103	14.1	\$256,034	14.2
Other lease intangibles	40,843	38.5	35,925	30.1
Accumulated amortization	(133,468)	N/A	(113,647)	N/A
Purchase option intangibles	3,568	N/A	3,568	N/A
Net intangible liabilities	\$256,046	15.9	\$181,880	15.6

N/A—Not Applicable

Above market lease intangibles and in-place and other lease intangibles are included in acquired lease intangibles within real estate investments on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Other intangibles (including non-compete agreements, trade names and trademarks) are included in other assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Below market lease intangibles, other lease intangibles and purchase option intangibles are included in accounts payable and other liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, our net amortization related to these intangibles was \$104.5 million, \$142.7 million and \$74.6 million, respectively. The estimated net amortization related to these intangibles for each of the next five years is as follows: 2017—\$66.1 million; 2018—\$53.7 million; 2019—\$44.4 million; 2020—\$38.5 million; and 2021—\$36.2 million.

The change in the carrying amount of goodwill, by segment, during the year ended December 31, 2016 was as follows:

	Triple-Net Leased Properties	Senior Living Operations	Office Operations	Total
(In thousands)				
Goodwill as of December 31, 2015	\$312,315	\$260,882	\$474,300	\$1,047,497
Partial disposal of reporting unit	(5,582)	(1,400)	(4,402)	(11,384)
Currency translation adjustments and other	(2,888)	—	—	(2,888)
Goodwill as of December 31, 2016	\$303,845	\$259,482	\$469,898	\$1,033,225

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NOTE 9—OTHER ASSETS

The following is a summary of our other assets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
	(In thousands)	
Straight-line rent receivables, net	\$244,580	\$219,064
Non-mortgage loans receivable, net	52,544	37,926
Other intangibles, net	8,190	13,224
Investment in unconsolidated operating entities	28,431	28,199
Other	184,619	113,990
Total other assets	\$518,364	\$412,403

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NOTE 10—SENIOR NOTES PAYABLE AND OTHER DEBT

The following is a summary of our senior notes payable and other debt as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
	(In thousands)	
Unsecured revolving credit facility ⁽¹⁾	\$ 146,538	\$ 180,683
1.55% Senior Notes due 2016	—	550,000
1.250% Senior Notes due 2017	300,000	300,000
2.00% Senior Notes due 2018	700,000	700,000
Unsecured term loan due 2018 ⁽²⁾	200,000	200,000
Unsecured term loan due 2019 ⁽²⁾	371,215	468,477
4.00% Senior Notes due 2019	600,000	600,000
3.00% Senior Notes, Series A due 2019 ⁽³⁾	297,841	289,038
2.700% Senior Notes due 2020	500,000	500,000
Unsecured term loan due 2020	900,000	900,000
4.750% Senior Notes due 2021	700,000	700,000
4.25% Senior Notes due 2022	600,000	600,000
3.25% Senior Notes due 2022	500,000	500,000
3.300% Senior Notes due 2022 ⁽³⁾	186,150	180,649
3.125% Senior Notes due 2023	400,000	—
3.750% Senior Notes due 2024	400,000	400,000
4.125% Senior Notes, Series B due 2024 ⁽³⁾	186,150	180,649
3.500% Senior Notes due 2025	600,000	600,000
4.125% Senior Notes due 2026	500,000	500,000
3.25% Senior Notes due 2026	450,000	—
6.90% Senior Notes due 2037	52,400	52,400
6.59% Senior Notes due 2038	22,973	22,973
5.45% Senior Notes due 2043	258,750	258,750
5.70% Senior Notes due 2043	300,000	300,000
4.375% Senior Notes due 2045	300,000	300,000
Mortgage loans and other ⁽⁴⁾	1,718,897	1,987,401
Total	11,190,914	11,271,020
Deferred financing costs, net	(61,304)	(69,121)
Unamortized fair value adjustment	25,224	33,570
Unamortized discounts	(27,508)	(28,473)
Senior notes payable and other debt	\$ 11,127,326	\$ 11,206,996

⁽¹⁾ \$146.5 million and \$9.7 million of aggregate borrowings are denominated in Canadian dollars as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively.

⁽²⁾ These amounts represent in aggregate the \$571.2 million of unsecured term loan borrowings under our unsecured credit facility, of which \$92.6 million included in the 2019 tranche is in the form of Canadian dollars.

⁽³⁾ These borrowings are in the form of Canadian dollars.

As of December 31, 2016, there was no mortgage debt related to real estate assets classified as held for sale.

⁽⁴⁾ Balance as of December 31, 2015 excludes \$22.9 million of mortgage debt related to real estate assets classified as held for sale, which is included in liabilities related to assets held for sale on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

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Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility and Unsecured Term Loans

Our unsecured credit facility is comprised of a \$2.0 billion revolving credit facility priced at LIBOR plus 1.0% as of December 31, 2016, and a \$200.0 million four-year term loan and a \$371.2 million five-year term loan, each priced at LIBOR plus 1.05% as of December 31, 2016. The revolving credit facility matures in January 2018, but may be extended, at our option subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, for an additional period of one year. The \$200.0 million and \$371.2 million term loans mature in January 2018 and January 2019, respectively. The unsecured credit facility also includes an accordion feature that permits us to increase our aggregate borrowing capacity thereunder to up to \$3.5 billion.

Our unsecured credit facility imposes certain customary restrictions on us, including restrictions pertaining to: (i) liens; (ii) investments; (iii) the incurrence of additional indebtedness; (iv) mergers and dissolutions; (v) certain dividend, distribution and other payments; (vi) permitted businesses; (vii) transactions with affiliates; (viii) agreements limiting certain liens; and (ix) the maintenance of certain consolidated total leverage, secured debt leverage, unsecured debt leverage and fixed charge coverage ratios and minimum consolidated adjusted net worth, and contains customary events of default.

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$146.5 million of borrowings outstanding, \$14.1 million of letters of credit outstanding and \$1.8 billion of unused borrowing capacity available under our unsecured revolving credit facility. As of December 31, 2016, we also had a \$900.0 million term loan due 2020 priced at LIBOR plus 97.5 basis points. In May 2016, we repaid \$100.0 million outstanding on our unsecured term loan due 2019 using cash on hand and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$0.4 million, representing a write-off of the then unamortized deferred financing fees.

Senior Notes

As of December 31, 2016, we had outstanding \$7.1 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes issued by our subsidiary, Ventas Realty, Limited Partnership (“Ventas Realty”) (\$3.9 billion of which was co-issued by Ventas Realty’s wholly owned subsidiary, Ventas Capital Corporation), approximately \$75.4 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes issued by Nationwide Health Properties, Inc. (“NHP”) and assumed by our subsidiary, Nationwide Health Properties, LLC (“NHP LLC”), as successor to NHP, in connection with our acquisition of NHP, and CAD 900.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes issued by our subsidiary, Ventas Canada Finance Limited. All of the senior notes issued by Ventas Realty and Ventas Canada Finance Limited are unconditionally guaranteed by Ventas, Inc.

In January 2015, Ventas Realty issued and sold \$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.500% senior notes due 2025 at a public offering price equal to 99.663% of par, for total proceeds of \$598.0 million before the underwriting discount and expenses, and \$300.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.375% senior notes due 2045 at a public offering price equal to 99.500% of par, for total proceeds of \$298.5 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

Also in January 2015, Ventas Canada Finance Limited issued and sold CAD 250.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.30% senior notes, series C due 2022 at an offering price equal to 99.992% of par, for total proceeds of CAD 250.0 million before the agent fees and expenses. The notes were offered on a private placement basis in Canada. In May 2015, we repaid in full, at par, \$234.4 million aggregate principal amount then outstanding of our 6% senior notes due 2015 upon maturity.

In July 2015, we issued and sold \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.125% senior notes due 2026 at a public offering price equal to 99.218% of par, for total proceeds of \$496.1 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

In September 2015, we redeemed all \$400.0 million principal amount then outstanding of our 3.125% senior notes due November 2015 at a redemption price equal to 100.7% of par, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.9 million.

In May 2016, we issued and sold \$400.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.125% senior notes due 2023 at a public offering price equal to 99.343% of par, for total proceeds of \$397.4 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

In June 2016, we redeemed \$455.5 million aggregate principal amount then outstanding of our 1.55% senior notes due September 2016 at a public offering price of 100.335% of par, plus accrued and unpaid interest to the redemption date, and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.1 million. The redemption was funded using proceeds from our May 2016 senior note issuance, cash on hand and borrowings under our revolving credit facility. In July 2016, we repaid the remaining

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balance then outstanding of our 1.55% senior notes due September 2016 of \$94.5 million and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$0.3 million.

In September 2016, we issued and sold \$450.0 million aggregate principal amount of 3.25% senior notes due 2026 at a public offering price equal to 99.811% of par, for total proceeds of \$449.1 million before the underwriting discount and expenses.

Ventas Realty's senior notes are part of our and Ventas Realty's general unsecured obligations, ranking equal in right of payment with all of our and Ventas Realty's existing and future senior obligations and ranking senior in right of payment to all of our and Ventas Realty's existing and future subordinated indebtedness. However, Ventas Realty's senior notes are effectively subordinated to our and Ventas Realty's secured indebtedness, if any, to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness. Ventas Realty's senior notes are also structurally subordinated to the preferred equity and indebtedness, whether secured or unsecured, of our subsidiaries (other than Ventas Realty and, with respect to those senior notes co-issued by Ventas Capital Corporation, Ventas Capital Corporation).

Ventas Canada Finance Limited's senior notes are part of our and Ventas Canada Finance Limited's general unsecured obligations, ranking equal in right of payment with all of Ventas Canada Finance Limited's existing and future subordinated indebtedness. However, Ventas Canada Finance Limited's senior notes are effectively subordinated to our and Ventas Canada Finance Limited's secured indebtedness, if any, to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness. Ventas Canada Finance Limited's senior notes are also structurally subordinated to the preferred equity and indebtedness, whether secured or unsecured, of our subsidiaries (other than Ventas Canada Finance Limited).

NHP LLC's senior notes are part of NHP LLC's general unsecured obligations, ranking equal in right of payment with all of NHP LLC's existing and future senior obligations and ranking senior to all of NHP LLC's existing and future subordinated indebtedness. However, NHP LLC's senior notes are effectively subordinated to NHP LLC's secured indebtedness, if any, to the extent of the value of the assets securing that indebtedness. NHP LLC's senior notes are also structurally subordinated to the preferred equity and indebtedness, whether secured or unsecured, of its subsidiaries.

Ventas Realty, Ventas Canada Finance Limited and NHP LLC may redeem each series of their respective senior notes (other than NHP LLC's 6.90% senior notes due 2037 and 6.59% senior notes due 2038), in whole at any time or in part from time to time, prior to maturity at the redemption prices set forth in the applicable indenture (which include, in many instances, a make-whole premium), plus, in each case, accrued and unpaid interest thereon to the redemption date.

NHP LLC's 6.90% senior notes due 2037 are subject to repurchase at the option of the holders, at par, on October 1 in each of 2017 and 2027, and its 6.59% senior notes due 2038 are subject to repurchase at the option of the holders, at par, on July 7 in each of 2018, 2023 and 2028.

Mortgages

At December 31, 2016, we had 113 mortgage loans outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$1.7 billion and secured by 123 of our properties. Of these loans, 98 loans in the aggregate principal amount of \$1.4 billion bear interest at fixed rates ranging from 3.0% to 8.6% per annum, and 15 loans in the aggregate principal amount of \$292.1 million bear interest at variable rates ranging from 1.5% to 3.9% per annum as of December 31, 2016. At December 31, 2016, the weighted average annual rate on our fixed rate mortgage loans was 5.6%, and the weighted average annual rate on our variable rate mortgage loans was 2.1%. Our mortgage loans had a weighted average maturity of 5.7 years as of December 31, 2016.

During 2016, we repaid in full mortgage loans in the aggregate principal amount \$337.8 million and a weighted average maturity of 1.66 years and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of less than \$0.1 million in connection with these repayments.

During 2015, we repaid in full mortgage loans in the aggregate principal amount of \$461.9 million and a weighted average maturity of 2.1 years and recognized a loss on extinguishment of debt of \$9.9 million in connection with these repayments.

During 2014, we assumed or incurred mortgage debt of \$246.8 million and repaid in full mortgage loans outstanding in the aggregate principal amount of \$398.0 million, and recognized a net loss on extinguishment of debt of \$2.3 million in connection with these repayments.

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Scheduled Maturities of Borrowing Arrangements and Other Provisions

As of December 31, 2016, our indebtedness had the following maturities:

	Principal Amount Due at Maturity (In thousands)	Unsecured Revolving Credit Facility ⁽¹⁾	Scheduled Periodic Amortization	Total Maturities
2017	\$614,438	\$—	\$ 25,970	\$640,408
2018	1,101,879	146,538	21,085	1,269,502
2019	1,693,640	—	14,607	1,708,247
2020	1,416,913	—	11,620	1,428,533
2021	774,318	—	10,127	784,445
Thereafter ⁽²⁾	5,242,559	—	117,220	5,359,779
Total maturities	\$10,843,747	\$ 146,538	\$ 200,629	\$11,190,914

⁽¹⁾ At December 31, 2016, we had \$286.7 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents, for \$140.2 million of net available cash.

⁽²⁾ Includes \$52.4 million aggregate principal amount of 6.90% senior notes due 2037 that is subject to repurchase, at the option of the holders, on October 1 in each of 2017 and 2027, and \$23.0 million aggregate principal amount of 6.59% senior notes due 2038 that is subject to repurchase, at the option of the holders, on July 7 in each of 2018, 2023 and 2028.

The instruments governing our outstanding indebtedness contain covenants that limit our ability and the ability of certain of our subsidiaries to, among other things: (i) incur debt; (ii) make certain dividends, distributions and investments; (iii) enter into certain transactions; and/or (iv) merge, consolidate or sell certain assets. Ventas Realty's and Ventas Canada Finance Limited's senior notes also require us and our subsidiaries to maintain total unencumbered assets of at least 150% of our unsecured debt. Our unsecured credit facility also requires us to maintain certain financial covenants pertaining to, among other things, our consolidated total leverage, secured debt, unsecured debt, fixed charge coverage and net worth.

As of December 31, 2016, we were in compliance with all of these covenants.

Derivatives and Hedging

In the normal course of our business, interest rate fluctuations affect future cash flows under our variable rate debt obligations, loans receivable and marketable debt securities and foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations affect our operating results. We follow established risk management policies and procedures, including the use of derivative instruments, to mitigate the impact of these risks.

For interest rate exposures, we use derivatives primarily to fix the rate on our variable rate debt and to manage our borrowing costs. We do not use derivative instruments for trading or speculative purposes, and we have a policy of entering into contracts only with major financial institutions based upon their credit ratings and other factors. When considered together with the underlying exposure that the derivative is designed to hedge, we do not expect that the use of derivatives in this manner would have any material adverse effect on our future financial condition or results of operations.

As of December 31, 2016, our variable rate debt obligations of \$1.7 billion reflect, in part, the effect of \$150.8 million notional amount of interest rate swaps with a maturity of March 22, 2018 that effectively convert fixed rate debt to variable rate debt. As of December 31, 2016, our fixed rate debt obligations of \$9.5 billion reflect, in part, the effect of \$236.5 million notional amount of interest rate swaps with maturities ranging from October 1, 2018 to August 3, 2020, in each case that effectively convert variable rate debt to fixed rate debt.

In February 2016, we entered into a \$200 million notional amount interest rate swap with a maturity of August 3, 2020 that effectively converts LIBOR-based floating rate debt to fixed rate debt, setting LIBOR at 1.132% through the maturity date of the swap.

In July 2016, we entered into \$225 million notional forward starting swaps that reduced our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates between July and the September issuance of 3.25% senior notes due 2026. On the issuance date, we realized a gain of \$1.9 million from these swaps which will be recognized over the life of the notes using an effective interest method.

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In January and February 2017, we entered into a total of \$200 million of notional forward starting swaps with an effective date of April 3, 2017 that reduce our exposure to fluctuations in interest rates related to changes in rates between now and the forecasted issuance of long-term debt. The rate on the notional amounts is locked at a weighted average rate of 2.33%.

Unamortized Fair Value Adjustment

As of December 31, 2016, the unamortized fair value adjustment related to the long-term debt we assumed in connection with various acquisitions was \$25.2 million and will be recognized as effective yield adjustments over the remaining terms of the instruments. The estimated aggregate amortization of the fair value adjustment related to long-term debt (which is reflected as a reduction of interest expense) was \$10.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2016 and for each of the next five years will be as follows: 2017—\$6.9 million; 2018—\$3.1 million; 2019—\$2.3 million; 2020—\$1.9 million; and 2021—\$1.3 million.

NOTE 11—FAIR VALUES OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

As of December 31, 2016 and 2015, the carrying amounts and fair values of our financial instruments were as follows:

	2016		2015	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
	(In thousands)			
Assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$286,707	\$286,707	\$53,023	\$53,023
Secured mortgage loans and other	646,972	655,981	793,433	816,849
Non-mortgage loans receivable, net	52,544	53,626	37,926	38,806
Government-sponsored pooled loan investments	55,049	55,049	63,679	63,679
Derivative instruments	3,302	3,302	—	—
Liabilities:				
Senior notes payable and other debt, gross	11,190,914	11,369,440	11,271,020	11,384,880
Derivative instruments	2,316	2,316	2,696	2,696
Redeemable OP unitholder interests	177,177	177,177	188,546	188,546

For a discussion of the assumptions considered, refer to “NOTE 2—ACCOUNTING POLICIES.” The use of different market assumptions and estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the reported estimated fair value amounts. Accordingly, the estimates presented above are not necessarily indicative of the amounts we would realize in a current market exchange.

NOTE 12—STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

Compensation Plans

We currently have: four plans under which outstanding options to purchase common stock, shares of restricted stock or restricted stock units have been, or may in the future be, granted to our officers, employees and non-employee directors (the 2000 Incentive Compensation Plan (Employee Plan), the 2006 Incentive Plan, the 2006 Stock Plan for Directors, and the 2012 Incentive Plan); one plan under which executive officers may receive common stock in lieu of compensation (the Executive Deferred Stock Compensation Plan); and one plan under which certain non-employee directors have received or may receive common stock in lieu of director fees (the Nonemployee Directors’ Deferred Stock Compensation Plan). These plans are referred to collectively as the “Plans.”

During the year ended December 31, 2016, we were permitted to issue shares and grant options, restricted stock and restricted stock units only under the Executive Deferred Stock Compensation Plan, the Nonemployee Directors’ Deferred Stock Compensation Plan and the 2012 Incentive Plan. The 2006 Incentive Plan and the 2006 Stock Plan for Directors (collectively, the “2006 Plans”) expired on December 31, 2012, and no additional grants were permitted under

those Plans after that date.

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The number of shares initially reserved for issuance and the number of shares available for future grants or issuance under these Plans as of December 31, 2016 were as follows:

Executive Deferred Stock Compensation Plan—0.6 million shares were reserved initially for issuance to our executive officers in lieu of the payment of all or a portion of their salary, at their option, and 0.6 million shares were available for future issuance as of December 31, 2016.

Nonemployee Directors' Deferred Stock Compensation Plan—0.6 million shares were reserved initially for issuance to nonemployee directors in lieu of the payment of all or a portion of their retainer and meeting fees, at their option, and 0.5 million shares were available for future issuance as of December 31, 2016.

2012 Incentive Plan—10.5 million shares (plus the number of shares or options outstanding under the 2006 Plans as of December 31, 2012 that were or are subsequently forfeited or expire unexercised) were reserved initially for grants or issuance to employees and non-employee directors, and 6.5 million shares (plus the number of shares or options outstanding under the 2006 Plans as of December 31, 2016 that were or are subsequently forfeited or expire unexercised) were available for future issuance as of December 31, 2016.

Outstanding options issued under the Plans are exercisable at the market price on the date of grant, expire ten years from the date of grant, and vest or have vested over periods of two or three years. If provided in the applicable Plan or award agreement, the vesting of stock options may accelerate upon a change of control (as defined in the applicable Plan) of Ventas, Inc. and other specified events.

In connection with the NHP acquisition, we assumed certain outstanding options, shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units previously issued to NHP employees pursuant to the Nationwide Health Properties, Inc. 2005 Performance Incentive Plan, as amended (the "NHP Plan"). Any remaining outstanding awards continue to be subject to the terms and conditions of the NHP Plan and the applicable award agreements.

On January 18, 2017, the Executive Compensation Committee (the "Compensation Committee") of our Board of Directors approved a 2017 long-term incentive compensation program for our named executive officers (the "2017 LTIP") pursuant to the 2012 Incentive Plan. Several changes were made covering 2017, including: (1) in prior years, long-term incentive compensation awards were granted following and based on the satisfaction of specified performance goals (i.e., "retrospective"), and in 2017, performance-based awards made pursuant to the 2017 LTIP generally will be earned at a higher or lower level based on future performance (i.e., "prospective"); and (2) certain transition awards and modified vesting provisions apply. Under the 2017 LTIP, the aggregate target award value for each named executive officer is allocated such that 60% of the value is performance-based, in the form of performance-based restricted stock units, and 40% of the value is in the form of time-based restricted stock units. The Compensation Committee has eliminated qualitative or discretionary goals from the 2017 LTIP, which previously comprised 50% of the award opportunity.

Stock Options

In determining the estimated fair value of our stock options as of the date of grant, we used the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions:

	2016	2015	2014
Risk-free interest rate	0.93 - 1.27%	1.02 - 1.38%	1.3 - 1.4%
Dividend yield	5.50	% 5.00	% 5.00
Volatility factors of the expected market price for our common stock	19.1 - 20.6%	19.0 - 20.0%	17.8 - 18.0%
Weighted average expected life of options	4.0 years	4.0 years	4.17 years

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The following is a summary of stock option activity in 2016:

	Shares (000's)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (years)	Intrinsic Value (\$000's)
Outstanding as of December 31, 2015	3,052	\$ 52.62		
Options granted	1,165	62.82		
Options exercised	409	49.77		
Options forfeited	2	58.84		
Options expired	1	46.62		
Outstanding as of December 31, 2016	3,805	56.05	7.2	\$30,379
Exercisable as of December 31, 2016	2,629	\$ 53.23	6.4	\$27,075

Compensation costs for all share-based awards are based on the grant date fair value and are recognized on a straight-line basis during the requisite service periods, with charges recorded in general and administrative expenses. Compensation costs related to stock options for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$6.2 million, \$4.2 million and \$4.7 million, respectively.

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$2.2 million of total unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested stock options granted under the Plans. We expect to recognize that cost over a weighted average period of 1.18 years. The weighted average grant date fair value of options issued during the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 was \$4.73, \$5.89 and \$4.37, respectively.

Aggregate proceeds received from options exercised under the Plans or the NHP Plan for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$20.4 million, \$6.4 million and \$26.2 million, respectively. The total intrinsic value at exercise of options exercised during the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 was \$8.0 million, \$4.7 million and \$19.3 million, respectively. There was no deferred income tax benefit for stock options exercised.

Restricted Stock and Restricted Stock Units

We recognize the fair value of shares of restricted stock and restricted stock units on the grant date of the award as stock-based compensation expense over the requisite service period, with charges to general and administrative expenses of approximately \$14.7 million in 2016, \$15.2 million in 2015 and \$16.2 million in 2014. Restricted stock and restricted stock units generally vest over periods ranging from two to five years. If provided in the applicable Plan or award agreement, the vesting of restricted stock and restricted stock units may accelerate upon a change of control (as defined in the applicable Plan) of Ventas and other specified events.

A summary of the status of our non-vested restricted stock and restricted stock units as of December 31, 2016, and changes during the year ended December 31, 2016 follows:

	Restricted Stock (000's)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value	Restricted Stock Units (000's)	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
Nonvested at December 31, 2015	363	\$ 57.65	14	\$ 58.02
Granted	181	55.25	13	57.06
Vested	226	56.21	12	56.19
Forfeited	6	58.18	0	0.00

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Nonvested at December 31, 2016 312 \$ 57.29 15 \$ 58.70

As of December 31, 2016, we had \$6.9 million of unrecognized compensation cost related to non-vested restricted stock and restricted stock units under the Plans. We expect to recognize that cost over a weighted average period of 1.40 years. The total fair value at the vesting date for restricted stock and restricted stock units that vested during the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 was \$13.9 million, \$18.3 million and \$17.7 million, respectively.

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Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan

We have in effect an Employee and Director Stock Purchase Plan (“ESPP”) under which our employees and directors may purchase shares of our common stock at a discount. Pursuant to the terms of the ESPP, on each purchase date, participants may purchase shares of common stock at a price not less than 90% of the market price on that date (with respect to the employee tax-favored portion of the plan) and not less than 95% of the market price on that date (with respect to the additional employee and director portion of the plan). We initially reserved 3.0 million shares for issuance under the ESPP. As of December 31, 2016, 0.1 million shares had been purchased under the ESPP and 2.9 million shares were available for future issuance.

Employee Benefit Plan

We maintain a 401(k) plan that allows eligible employees to defer compensation subject to certain limitations imposed by the Code. In 2016, we made contributions for each qualifying employee of up to 3.5% of his or her salary, subject to certain limitations. During 2016, 2015 and 2014, our aggregate contributions were approximately \$1.3 million, \$1.2 million and \$1.1 million, respectively.

NOTE 13—INCOME TAXES

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT under the applicable provisions of the Code for every year beginning with the year ended December 31, 1999. We have also elected for certain of our subsidiaries to be treated as TRS entities, which are subject to federal, state and foreign income taxes. All entities other than the TRS entities are collectively referred to as the “REIT” within this Note. Certain REIT entities are subject to foreign income tax.

Although we intend to continue to operate in a manner that will enable us to qualify as a REIT, such qualification depends upon our ability to meet, on a continuing basis, various distribution, stock ownership and other tests. During the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, our tax treatment of distributions per common share was as follows:

	2016	2015	2014
Tax treatment of distributions:			
Ordinary income	\$2.68216	\$3.02368	\$2.61271
Qualified ordinary income	0.05794	0.01632	0.10474
Long-term capital gain	0.11613	—	0.16224
Unrecaptured Section 1250 gain	0.10877	—	0.08531
Distribution reported for 1099-DIV purposes	\$2.96500	\$3.04000	\$2.96500

We believe we have met the annual REIT distribution requirement by payment of at least 90% of our estimated taxable income for 2016, 2015 and 2014. Our consolidated benefit for income taxes for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 was as follows:

	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		
Current - Federal	\$(2,991)	\$138	\$878
Current - State	1,241	1,453	—
Deferred - Federal	(19,539)	(25,962)	(3,338)
Deferred - State	(3,634)	(3,054)	(1,772)
Current - Foreign	1,067	953	327
Deferred - Foreign	(7,487)	(12,812)	(4,827)
Total	\$(31,343)	\$(39,284)	\$(8,732)

The income tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2016 is due primarily to the income tax benefit of ordinary losses and the reversal of a net deferred tax liability at certain TRS entities, and the release of a tax reserve. The income tax benefit for the year ended December 31, 2015 primarily relates to the income tax benefit of ordinary losses

related to certain TRS entities.

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Although the TRS entities have paid minimal cash federal income taxes for the year ended December 31, 2016, their federal income tax liabilities may increase in future years as we exhaust net operating loss (“NOL”) carryforwards and as our senior living operations reportable business segment grows. Such increases could be significant.

A reconciliation of income tax expense and benefit, which is computed by applying the federal corporate tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, to the income tax benefit is as follows:

	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		
Tax at statutory rate on earnings from continuing operations before unconsolidated entities, noncontrolling interest and income taxes	\$ 181,478	\$ 123,086	\$ 122,746
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	(1,022)	(657)	(1,152)
Increase in valuation allowance	3,921	20,978	23,122
(Decrease) increase in ASC 740 income tax liability	(3,582)	(462)	878
Tax at statutory rate on earnings not subject to federal income taxes	(209,204)	(185,648)	(151,055)
Foreign rate differential and foreign taxes	2,094	3,095	3,230
Change in tax status of TRS	(5,629)	—	(7,380)
Other differences	601	324	879
Income tax benefit	\$(31,343)	\$(39,284)	\$(8,732)

In connection with the Holiday Canada Acquisition in 2014, the HCT and U.K. acquisitions in 2015, and the Life Sciences Acquisition in 2016, we established a beginning net deferred tax liability of \$107.7 million, \$32.3 million, \$18.5 million and \$9.4 million, respectively, related to temporary differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets acquired and liabilities assumed (primarily property, intangible and related assets, net of NOL carryforwards).

Each TRS is a tax paying component for purposes of classifying deferred tax assets and liabilities. The tax effects of temporary differences and carryforwards (including the REIT carryforwards) included in the net deferred tax liabilities at December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014 are summarized as follows:

	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		
Property, primarily differences in depreciation and amortization, the tax basis of land assets and the treatment of interests and certain costs	\$(409,803)	\$(413,566)	\$(406,023)
Operating loss and interest deduction carryforwards	589,326	564,091	398,859
Expense accruals and other	18,185	14,624	15,355
Valuation allowance	(514,349)	(503,531)	(352,528)
Net deferred tax liabilities	\$(316,641)	\$(338,382)	\$(344,337)

Our net deferred tax liability decreased \$21.7 million during 2016 primarily due to the reversal of a net deferred tax liability at one TRS and the impact of TRS operating losses and currency translation adjustments, offset by \$9.4 million of recorded deferred tax liability as a result of the Life Sciences Acquisition. Our net deferred tax liability decreased \$6.0 million during 2015 primarily due to \$51.8 million of recorded deferred tax liability as a result of the HCT, U.K. and Ardent acquisitions, offset by the impact of TRS operating losses and currency translation adjustments.

Due to uncertainty regarding the realization of certain deferred tax assets, we have established valuation allowances, primarily in connection with the NOL carryforwards related to the REIT and certain TRSs. The amounts related to NOLs at the REIT and TRS entities for 2016, 2015, and 2014 are \$379.5 million and \$84.7 million, \$369.4 million and \$85.5 million, and \$251.1 million and \$66.1 million, respectively. The REIT NOLs are subject to a full valuation allowance.

For the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, the net difference between tax bases and the reported amount of REIT assets and liabilities for federal income tax purposes was approximately \$4.4 billion and \$4.7 billion, respectively, less than the book bases of those assets and liabilities for financial reporting purposes.

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A rollforward of valuation allowances, for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, is as follows:

	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands)		
Beginning Balance	\$503,531	\$352,528	\$331,458
Additions:			
Purchase accounting Expenses ⁽¹⁾	—	172,932	—
	6,589	21,375	25,199
Subtractions:			
Purchase accounting Deductions ⁽¹⁾	(15,671)	—	—
	(2,668)	(397)	(2,077)
State income tax, net of Federal impact	536	529	2,998
REIT activity ⁽²⁾	22,840	(45,781)	(3,583)
Other activity (not resulting in expense or deduction)	(808)	2,345	(1,467)
Ending balance	\$514,349	\$503,531	\$352,528

Generally, Expenses and Deductions are increases and decreases, respectively, in TRS valuation allowances, the (1) latter being through utilization or release. Net amount equals increase in valuation allowance on reconciliation of income tax expense and benefit schedule above.

(2) Includes primarily the increase and decrease of REIT Federal income tax attributes due to utilization, expiration and adjustments other than purchase accounting.

We are subject to corporate level taxes (“built-in gains tax”) for any asset dispositions during the five-year period immediately after the assets were owned by a C corporation (either prior to our REIT election, through stock acquisition or merger). The amount of income potentially subject to built-in gains tax is generally equal to the lesser of the excess of the fair value of the asset over its adjusted tax basis as of the date it became a REIT asset or the actual amount of gain. Some, but not all, future gains could be offset by available NOL carryforwards.

Generally, we are subject to audit under the statute of limitations by the Internal Revenue Service (“IRS”) for the year ended December 31, 2013 and subsequent years and are subject to audit by state taxing authorities for the year ended December 31, 2012 and subsequent years. We are also subject to audit in Canada for periods subsequent to the acquisition, and certain prior periods, with respect to the entities acquired in connection with the Sunrise and Holiday Canada acquisitions. We are subject to audit in the United Kingdom generally for the periods ended in and subsequent to 2015.

At December 31, 2016, we had a combined NOL carryforward of \$490.4 million related to the TRS entities and an NOL carryforward of \$1.1 billion related to the REIT, including \$18.6 million and \$397.9 million of the REIT NOL carried over from the HCT and Ardent acquisitions, respectively. Additionally, \$10.5 million of Federal income tax credits were carried over from the Ardent entities. These amounts can be used to offset future taxable income (and/or taxable income for prior years if an audit determines that tax is owed), if any. The REIT will be entitled to utilize NOLs and tax credit carryforwards only to the extent that REIT taxable income exceeds our deduction for dividends paid. Certain NOL and credit carryforwards are limited as to their utilization by Section 382 of the Code. The NOL carryforwards have begun to expire annually for the REIT and begin to expire in 2024 with respect to the TRS entities.

As a result of our uncertainty regarding the use of existing REIT NOLs, we have not ascribed any net deferred tax benefit to REIT NOL carryforwards as of December 31, 2016 and 2015. The IRS may challenge our entitlement to these tax attributes during its review of the tax returns for the previous tax years. We believe we are entitled to these tax attributes but cannot assure you as to the outcome of these matters.

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The following table summarizes the activity related to our unrecognized tax benefits:

	2016 (In thousands)	2015
Balance as of January 1	\$ 24,135	\$ 25,446
Additions to tax positions related to the— current year		—
Additions to tax positions related to prior years	222	248
Subtractions to tax positions related to prior years	—	(677)
Subtractions to tax positions related to settlements	—	—
Subtractions to tax positions as a result of the lapse of the statute of limitations	(3,407)	(882)
Balance as of December 31	\$ 20,950	\$ 24,135

Included in these unrecognized tax benefits of \$21.0 million and \$24.1 million at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, were \$19.3 million and \$22.5 million of tax benefits at December 31, 2016 and 2015, respectively, that, if recognized, would reduce our annual effective tax rate. We accrued interest of \$0.3 million related to the unrecognized tax benefits during 2016, but no penalties. We expect our unrecognized tax benefits to decrease by \$4.3 million during 2017, as a result of the lapse of the statute of limitations.

As a part of the transfer pricing structure in the normal course of business, the REIT enters into transactions with certain TRSs, such as leasing transactions, other capital financing and allocation of general and administrative costs, which transactions are intended to comply with Internal Revenue Service and foreign tax authority transfer pricing rules.

NOTE 14—COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

Proceedings against Tenants, Operators and Managers

From time to time, Brookdale Senior Living, Kindred, Atria, Sunrise and our other tenants, operators and managers are parties to certain legal actions, regulatory investigations and claims arising in the conduct of their business and operations. Even though we generally are not party to these proceedings, the unfavorable resolution of any such actions, investigations or claims could, individually or in the aggregate, materially adversely affect such tenants', operators' or managers' liquidity, financial condition or results of operations and their ability to satisfy their respective obligations to us, which, in turn, could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Proceedings Indemnified and Defended by Third Parties

From time to time, we are party to certain legal actions, regulatory investigations and claims for which third parties are contractually obligated to indemnify, defend and hold us harmless. The tenants of our triple-net leased properties and, in some cases, their affiliates are required by the terms of their leases and other agreements with us to indemnify, defend and hold us harmless against certain actions, investigations and claims arising in the course of their business

and related to the operations of our triple-net leased properties. In addition, third parties from whom we acquired certain of our assets and, in some cases, their affiliates are required by the terms of the related conveyance documents to indemnify, defend and hold us harmless against certain actions, investigations and claims related to the acquired assets and arising prior to our ownership or related to excluded assets and liabilities. In some cases, a portion of the purchase price consideration is held in escrow for a specified period of time as collateral for these indemnification obligations. We are presently being defended by certain tenants and other obligated third parties in these types of matters. We cannot assure you that our tenants, their affiliates or other obligated third parties will continue to defend us in these matters, that our tenants, their affiliates or other obligated third parties will have sufficient assets, income and access to financing to enable them to satisfy their defense and indemnification obligations to us or that any purchase price consideration held in escrow will be sufficient to satisfy claims for which we are entitled to indemnification. The unfavorable resolution of any such actions, investigations or claims could, individually or in the aggregate, materially adversely affect our tenants' or other obligated third parties' liquidity, financial condition or results of operations and their ability to satisfy their respective obligations to us, which, in turn, could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Proceedings Arising in Connection with Senior Living and Office Operations; Other Litigation

From time to time, we are party to various legal actions, regulatory investigations and claims (some of which may not be insured and some of which may allege large damage amounts) arising in connection with our senior living and office operations or otherwise in the course of our business. In limited circumstances, the manager of the applicable seniors housing

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community, MOB or life science innovation center, may be contractually obligated to indemnify, defend and hold us harmless against such actions, investigations and claims. It is the opinion of management that, except as otherwise set forth in this Note 14, the disposition of any such actions, investigations and claims that are currently pending will not, individually or in the aggregate, have a Material Adverse Effect on us. However, regardless of their merits, we may be forced to expend significant financial resources to defend and resolve these matters. We are unable to predict the ultimate outcome of these actions, investigations and claims, and if management's assessment of our liability with respect thereto is incorrect, such actions, investigations and claims could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Certain Obligations, Liabilities and Litigation

We may be subject to various obligations, liabilities and litigation assumed in connection with or arising out of our acquisitions or otherwise arising in connection with our business, some of which may be indemnifiable by third parties. If these liabilities are greater than expected or were not known to us at the time of acquisition, if we are not entitled to indemnification, or if the responsible third party fails to indemnify us, such obligations, liabilities and litigation could have a Material Adverse Effect on us. In addition, in connection with the sale or leasing of our properties, we may incur various obligations and liabilities, including indemnification obligations to the buyer or tenant, relating to the operations of those properties, which could have a Material Adverse Effect on us.

Other

With respect to certain of our properties, we are subject to operating and ground lease obligations that generally require fixed monthly or annual rent payments and may include escalation clauses and renewal options. These leases have terms that expire during the next 85 years, excluding extension options.

As of December 31, 2016, our future minimum lease obligations under non-cancelable operating and ground leases were as follows:

	Lease Payments (In thousands)
2017	\$ 28,146
2018	24,814
2019	21,593
2020	20,766
2021	20,105
Thereafter	628,571
Total	\$ 743,995

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NOTE 15—EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table shows the amounts used in computing our basic and diluted earnings per common share:

	For the Year Ended December 31,		
	2016	2015	2014
	(In thousands, except per share amounts)		
Numerator for basic and diluted earnings per share:			
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$650,153	\$406,740	\$376,032
Discontinued operations	(922)	11,103	99,735
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$649,231	\$417,843	\$475,767
Denominator:			
Denominator for basic earnings per share—weighted average shares	344,703	330,311	294,175
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Stock options	569	360	495
Restricted stock awards	176	41	55
OP units	2,942	3,295	1,952
Denominator for diluted earnings per share—adjusted weighted average shares	348,390	334,007	296,677
Basic earnings per share:			
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$1.88	\$1.23	\$1.28
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.03	0.34
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$1.88	\$1.26	\$1.62
Diluted earnings per share:			
Income from continuing operations attributable to common stockholders	\$1.86	\$1.22	\$1.26
Discontinued operations	0.00	0.03	0.34
Net income attributable to common stockholders	\$1.86	\$1.25	\$1.60

There were 1.4 million, 0.9 million and 0.5 million anti-dilutive options outstanding for the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

NOTE 16—PERMANENT AND TEMPORARY EQUITY

Capital Stock

For the year ended December 31, 2016, we issued and sold 18.9 million shares of common stock under our “at-the-market” (“ATM”) equity offering program and public offerings. Aggregate net proceeds for these activities were \$1.3 billion, after sales agent commissions. We used the proceeds to fund a portion of the Life Sciences Acquisition, for working capital and other general corporate purposes. See NOTE 4—ACQUISITIONS OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY for additional information. As of December 31, 2016, approximately \$230.6 million of our common stock remained available for sale under our ATM equity offering program.

In January 2015, in connection with the HCT acquisition, we issued approximately 28.4 million shares of our common stock and 1.1 million Class C Units that are redeemable for our common stock.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, we issued and sold a total of 7.2 million shares of our common stock under our ATM equity offering program for aggregate net proceeds of \$491.6 million, after sales agent commissions.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, we issued and sold a total of 3.4 million shares of common stock under the ATM program for aggregate net proceeds of \$242.3 million, after sales agent commissions.

During 2016, third party investors redeemed 65,581 OP Units and 331,208 Class C Units for 390,558 shares of Ventas common stock, valued at \$24.3 million. During 2015, third party investors redeemed 9,309 OP Units and 445,541 Class C Units for approximately \$33.2 million.

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Excess Share Provision

In order to preserve our ability to maintain REIT status, our Charter provides that if a person acquires beneficial ownership of more than 9% of our outstanding common stock or 9.9% of our outstanding preferred stock, the shares that are beneficially owned in excess of such limit are deemed to be excess shares. These shares are automatically deemed transferred to a trust for the benefit of a charitable institution or other qualifying organization selected by our Board of Directors. The trust is entitled to all dividends with respect to the shares and the trustee may exercise all voting power over the shares.

We have the right to buy the excess shares for a purchase price equal to the lesser of the price per share in the transaction that created the excess shares or the market price on the date we buy the shares, and we may defer payment of the purchase price for the excess shares for up to five years. If we do not purchase the excess shares, the trustee of the trust is required to transfer the excess shares at the direction of the Board of Directors. The owner of the excess shares is entitled to receive the lesser of the proceeds from the sale or the original purchase price for such excess shares, and any additional amounts are payable to the beneficiary of the trust. As of December 31, 2016, there were no shares in the trust.

Our Board of Directors is empowered to grant waivers from the excess share provisions of our Charter.

Distribution Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan

Prior to its suspension in July 2014, our Distribution Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan (“DRIP”) enabled existing stockholders to purchase shares of common stock by reinvesting all or a portion of the cash distribution on their shares of our common stock, subject to certain limits. Existing stockholders and new investors also could purchase shares of our common stock under the DRIP by making optional cash payments, subject to certain limits. In 2014, we offered a 1% discount on the purchase price of our common stock to shareholders who reinvested their dividends or made optional cash purchases through the DRIP. We may determine whether or not to reinstate the DRIP at any time at our sole discretion, and if so, the amount and availability of this discount will be at our discretion. The granting of a discount for one month or quarter, as applicable, will not ensure the availability or amount of a discount in future periods, and each month or quarter, as applicable, we may lower or eliminate the discount without prior notice. In addition, we may change our determination as to whether common shares will be purchased by the plan administrator directly from us or in the open market without prior notice to investors.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)

The following is a summary of our accumulated other comprehensive loss as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
	(In thousands)	
Foreign currency translation	\$(66,192)	\$(13,926)
Unrealized gain on marketable securities	1,239	1,549
Other	7,419	4,812
Total accumulated other comprehensive loss	\$(57,534)	\$(7,565)

The change in foreign currency translation during the year ended December 31, 2016 was due primarily to the remeasurement of our properties located in the United Kingdom.

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Redeemable OP Unitholder and Noncontrolling Interests

The following is a rollforward of our redeemable OP unitholder interest and noncontrolling interest for 2016:

	Redeemable OP Unitholder Interest	Redeemable Noncontrolling Interest	Total Redeemable OP Unitholder and Noncontrolling Interests
	(In thousands)		
Balance as of December 31, 2015	\$ 188,546	\$ 7,983	\$ 196,529
New issuances ⁽¹⁾	—	14,851	14,851
Change in valuation	21,085	717	21,802
Distributions and other	(8,640)	—	(8,640)
Redemptions	(23,814)	—	(23,814)
Balance as of December 31, 2016	\$ 177,177	\$ 23,551	\$ 200,728

⁽¹⁾ New issuances of redeemable noncontrolling interests relate to joint venture arrangements from the Life Sciences Acquisition.

In January 2017, third party investors redeemed the remaining 341,776 Class C Units outstanding for 341,776 shares of Ventas common stock, valued at \$20.9 million. After giving effect to such redemptions, Ventas Realty OP is our wholly owned subsidiary.

NOTE 17—RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

As disclosed in “NOTE 3—CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK,” Atria provides comprehensive property management and accounting services with respect to our seniors housing communities that Atria operates, for which we pay annual management fees pursuant to long-term management agreements. Most of our management agreements with Atria have initial terms expiring either July 31, 2024, or December 31, 2027, with successive automatic ten-year renewal periods. The management fees payable to Atria under most of the Atria management agreements range from 4.5% to 5% of revenues generated by the applicable properties, and Atria can earn up to an additional 1% of revenues based on the achievement of specified performance targets. Atria also provides certain construction and development management services relating to various development and redevelopment projects within our seniors housing portfolio. For the years ended December 31, 2016, 2015 and 2014, we incurred fees to Atria of \$58.7 million, \$58.0 million, and \$52.7 million respectively, the majority of which are recorded within property-level operating expenses in our Consolidated Statements of Income.

As disclosed in “NOTE 4—ACQUISITIONS OF REAL ESTATE PROPERTY,” we leased ten hospital campuses to Ardent pursuant to a single, triple-net master lease agreement. Pursuant to our master lease agreement, Ardent is obligated to pay base rent, which escalates annually by the lesser of four times the increase in the consumer price index for the relevant period and 2.5%. The initial term of the master lease expires on August 31, 2035 and Ardent has one ten-year renewal option. For the year ended December 31, 2016 and period from the closing of the Ardent Transaction through December 31, 2015, we recognized rental income from Ardent of \$106.9 million and \$42.9 million, respectively. In 2015, as part of the closing, we also paid certain transaction-related fees to Ardent of \$40.0 million, which are recorded within merger-related expenses and deal costs in our Consolidated Statements of Income. These transactions are considered to be arm’s length in nature and on terms consistent with transactions with unaffiliated third parties.

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NOTE 19—SEGMENT INFORMATION

As of December 31, 2016, we operated through three reportable business segments: triple-net leased properties, senior living operations and office operations. Under our triple-net leased properties segment, we invest in and own seniors housing and healthcare properties throughout the United States and the United Kingdom and lease those properties to healthcare operating companies under “triple-net” or “absolute-net” leases that obligate the tenants to pay all property-related expenses. In our senior living operations segment, we invest in seniors housing communities throughout the United States and Canada and engage independent operators, such as Atria and Sunrise, to manage those communities. In our office operations segment, we primarily acquire, own, develop, lease, and manage MOBs and life science and innovation centers throughout the United States. Information provided for “all other” includes income from loans and investments and other miscellaneous income and various corporate-level expenses not directly attributable to our three reportable business segments. Assets included in “all other” consist primarily of corporate assets, including cash, restricted cash, deferred financing costs, loans receivable and investments, and miscellaneous accounts receivable.

Our chief operating decision makers evaluate performance of the combined properties in each reportable business segment and determine how to allocate resources to those segments in significant part, based on segment NOI and related measures. We define segment NOI as NOI adjusted for income or loss from unconsolidated entities, and we define NOI as total revenues, less interest and other income, property-level operating expenses and office building services costs. We consider segment NOI useful because it allows investors, analysts and our management to measure unlevered property-level operating results and to compare our operating results to the operating results of other real estate companies between periods on a consistent basis. In order to facilitate a clear understanding of our historical consolidated operating results, segment NOI should be examined in conjunction with income from continuing operations as presented in our Consolidated Financial Statements and other financial data included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Interest expense, depreciation and amortization, general, administrative and professional fees, income tax expense and other non-property specific revenues and expenses are not allocated to individual reportable business segments for purposes of assessing segment performance. There are no intersegment sales or transfers.

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Summary information by reportable business segment is as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2016				Total
	Triple-Net Leased Properties (In thousands)	Senior Living Operations	Office Operations	All Other	
Revenues:					
Rental income	\$845,834	\$—	\$630,342	\$—	\$1,476,176
Resident fees and services	—	1,847,306	—	—	1,847,306
Office building and other services revenue	4,921	—	13,029	3,120	21,070
Income from loans and investments	—	—	—	98,094	98,094
Interest and other income	—	—	—	876	876
Total revenues	\$850,755	\$1,847,306	\$643,371	\$102,090	\$3,443,522
Total revenues	\$850,755	\$1,847,306	\$643,371	\$102,090	\$3,443,522
Less:					
Interest and other income	—	—	—	876	876
Property-level operating expenses	—	1,242,978	191,784	—	1,434,762
Office building services costs	—	—	—	—	—