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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2004

SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State of incorporation or organization)

001-14469

(Commission File No.)

046268599

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

National City Center
115 West Washington Street, Suite 15 East
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

(Address of principal executive offices)

(317) 636-1600

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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 of 1934 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 Registrant is an accelerated filer (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). **YES** **NO**

As of October 29, 2004, 221,155,173 shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, 8,000 shares of Class B common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 4,000 shares of Class C common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share of Simon Property Group, Inc. were outstanding.

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Simon Property Group, Inc.
Unaudited Consolidated Balance Sheets
(Dollars in thousands, except share amounts)

	September 30, 2004	December 31, 2003
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
ASSETS:		
Investment properties, at cost	\$ 16,109,979	\$ 14,971,823
Less accumulated depreciation	2,981,302	2,556,578
	<u>13,128,677</u>	<u>12,415,245</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	488,973	535,623
Tenant receivables and accrued revenue, net	293,865	305,200
Investment in unconsolidated entities, at equity	1,657,558	1,811,773
Deferred costs, other assets, and minority interest, net	610,951	616,880
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total assets	\$ 16,180,024	\$ 15,684,721
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
LIABILITIES:		
Mortgages and other indebtedness	\$ 11,027,958	\$ 10,266,388
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and deferred revenues	726,120	667,610
Cash distributions and losses in partnerships and joint ventures, at equity	27,865	14,412
Other liabilities, minority interest and accrued dividends	193,715	280,414
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Total liabilities	11,975,658	11,228,824
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COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note 8)		
LIMITED PARTNERS' INTEREST IN THE OPERATING PARTNERSHIP	757,158	859,050
LIMITED PARTNERS' PREFERRED INTEREST IN THE OPERATING PARTNERSHIP	258,648	258,220
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY:		
CAPITAL STOCK (750,000,000 total shares authorized, \$.0001 par value, 237,996,000 shares of excess common stock (Note 7)):		
All series of preferred stock, 100,000,000 shares authorized, 12,000,000 and 12,078,012 issued and outstanding, respectively. Liquidation values \$375,000 and \$376,950, respectively.	365,872	367,483
Common stock, \$.0001 par value, 400,000,000 shares authorized, 208,159,578 and 200,876,552 issued and outstanding, respectively	21	20
Class B common stock, \$.0001 par value, 12,000,000 shares authorized, 8,000 and 3,200,000 issued and outstanding, respectively		1
Class C common stock, \$.0001 par value, 4,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding		
Capital in excess of par value	4,189,959	4,121,332
Accumulated deficit	(1,304,212)	(1,097,317)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	14,368	12,586
Unamortized restricted stock award	(24,930)	(12,960)
Common stock held in treasury at cost, 2,098,555 shares	(52,518)	(52,518)
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total shareholders' equity	3,188,560	3,338,627
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September 30,
2004

December 31,
2003

	\$ 16,180,024	\$ 15,684,721
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Simon Property Group, Inc.

Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
REVENUE:				
Minimum rent	\$ 369,511	\$ 333,334	\$ 1,085,534	\$ 990,058
Overage rent	11,970	9,639	29,986	24,502
Tenant reimbursements	190,304	172,443	541,838	498,225
Management fees and other revenues	17,932	19,102	54,335	55,587
Other income	33,736	25,036	95,408	76,196
Total revenue	623,453	559,554	1,807,101	1,644,568
EXPENSES:				
Property operating	95,224	84,931	266,128	239,350
Depreciation and amortization	145,963	126,269	428,636	369,686
Real estate taxes	63,104	56,112	183,538	165,294
Repairs and maintenance	24,749	18,420	67,432	60,823
Advertising and promotion	11,698	14,193	37,059	37,836
Provision for credit losses	3,366	2,132	10,083	10,556
Home and regional office costs	19,579	17,688	61,811	56,571
General and administrative	3,615	4,030	10,637	11,102
Costs related to withdrawn tender offer		10,500		10,500
Other	7,311	5,573	23,904	17,542
Total operating expenses	374,609	339,848	1,089,228	979,260
OPERATING INCOME	248,844	219,706	717,873	665,308
Interest expense	161,398	149,036	471,730	451,493
Income before minority interest	87,446	70,670	246,143	213,815
Minority interest	(2,209)	(888)	(6,890)	(3,307)
Gain (loss) on sales of assets and other, net	1,121	(5,146)	(760)	(5,122)
Income tax expense of taxable REIT subsidiaries	(2,196)	(2,422)	(10,838)	(6,450)
Income before unconsolidated entities	84,162	62,214	227,655	198,936
Income from unconsolidated entities	23,901	24,015	60,809	70,989
Income from continuing operations	108,063	86,229	288,464	269,925
Results of operations from discontinued operations	112	2,189	(1,264)	7,391
Gain (loss) on disposal or sale of discontinued operations, net	(503)	(12,935)	(215)	(25,693)
Income before allocation to limited partners	107,672	75,483	286,985	251,623
LESS:				
Limited partners' interest in the Operating Partnership	20,792	14,244	55,568	47,917
Preferred distributions of the Operating Partnership	4,905	2,835	14,710	8,505
NET INCOME	81,975	58,404	216,707	195,201
Preferred dividends	(7,834)	(15,683)	(23,504)	(47,048)
NET INCOME AVAILABLE TO COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$ 74,141	\$ 42,721	\$ 193,203	\$ 148,153
BASIC EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:				

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	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.86
Discontinued operations		(0.04)	(0.01)	(0.07)
Net income	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.79
DILUTED EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.26	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.85
Discontinued operations		(0.04)	(0.01)	(0.07)
Net income	\$ 0.36	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.94	\$ 0.78
Net Income	\$ 81,975	\$ 58,404	\$ 216,707	\$ 195,201
Unrealized gain on interest rate hedge agreements	1,110	2,588	4,039	18,507
Net income on derivative instruments reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) into interest expense	(1,247)	(109)	(3,364)	(2,704)
Currency translation adjustment	(3,693)	7,127	1,530	4,736
Other	57	(1,136)	(423)	1,157
Comprehensive Income	\$ 78,202	\$ 66,874	\$ 218,489	\$ 216,897

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

Simon Property Group, Inc.

Unaudited Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Dollars in thousands)

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2004	2003
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net income	\$ 216,707	\$ 195,201
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation and amortization	439,551	388,193
Loss on sales of assets and other, net	760	5,122
Loss on disposal or sale of discontinued operations, net	215	25,693
Limited partners' interest in the Operating Partnership	55,568	47,917
Preferred distributions of the Operating Partnership	14,710	8,505
Straight-line rent	(3,628)	(2,496)
Minority interest	6,890	3,307
Minority interest distributions	(41,812)	(3,788)
Equity in income of unconsolidated entities	(60,809)	(70,989)
Distributions of income from unconsolidated entities	64,987	63,830
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Tenant receivables and accrued revenue	19,001	59,680
Deferred costs and other assets	34,807	(77,831)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, deferred revenues and other liabilities	(100,821)	(124,364)
Net cash provided by operating activities	646,126	517,980
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisitions	(500,325)	(507,518)
Capital expenditures, net	(369,378)	(211,242)
Cash from acquisitions	3,966	
Cash from the consolidation of joint ventures and the Management Company	2,507	48,910
Net proceeds from sale of assets and partnership interests	39,653	91,813
Investments in unconsolidated entities	(115,968)	(77,560)
Distributions of capital from unconsolidated entities and other	113,797	130,791
Net cash used in investing activities	(825,748)	(524,806)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Proceeds from sales of common and preferred stock	3,772	5,324
Repurchase of preferred stock and limited partner units	(10,105)	
Minority interest contributions	35,333	
Preferred distributions of the Operating Partnership	(14,710)	(8,505)
Preferred dividends and distributions to shareholders	(423,014)	(385,540)
Distributions to limited partners	(113,646)	(111,132)
Mortgage and other indebtedness proceeds, net of transaction costs	3,501,024	1,667,308
Mortgage and other indebtedness principal payments	(2,845,682)	(1,196,691)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	132,972	(29,236)
DECREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(46,650)	(36,062)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of period	535,623	397,129

For the Nine Months Ended September 30,

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of period

\$	488,973	\$	361,067
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC.

Condensed Notes to Unaudited Financial Statements

(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share amounts and where indicated as in millions or billions)

1. Organization

Simon Property Group, Inc. ("Simon Property") is a Delaware corporation that operates as a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust ("REIT"). Simon Property Group, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership") is a majority-owned partnership subsidiary of Simon Property that owns all but one of our real estate properties. In these notes to unaudited financial statements, the terms "we", "us" and "our" refer to Simon Property, the Operating Partnership, and their subsidiaries.

We are engaged primarily in the ownership, operation, leasing, management, acquisition, expansion and development of real estate properties. Our real estate properties consist primarily of regional malls and community shopping centers. As of September 30, 2004, we owned or held an interest in 244 income-producing properties in North America, which consisted of 174 regional malls, 66 community shopping centers, and four office and mixed-use properties in 37 states, Canada and Puerto Rico (collectively, the "Properties", and individually, a "Property"). Mixed-use properties are properties that include a combination of retail, office, and/or hotel components. We also own interests in four parcels of land held for future development (together with the Properties, the "Portfolio"). In addition, we have ownership interests in 48 shopping centers in Europe (France, Italy, Poland and Portugal).

M.S. Management Associates, Inc. (the "Management Company") is a wholly-owned subsidiary that provides leasing, management, and development services to most of the Properties. In addition, insurance subsidiaries of the Management Company insure the self-insured retention portion of our general liability program and the deductible associated with our workers' compensation programs. In addition, they provide reinsurance for the primary layer of general liability coverage to our third party maintenance providers while performing services under contract with us. Third party providers provide coverage above the insurance subsidiaries' limits.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements are unaudited. However, we prepared the accompanying financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for interim financial information, the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and the accounting policies described in our financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. They do not include all of the disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States for complete financial statements.

The accompanying unaudited financial statements of Simon Property include Simon Property and its subsidiaries. In our opinion, all adjustments necessary for fair presentation, consisting of only normal recurring adjustments, have been included. We eliminated all significant intercompany amounts. The results for the interim period ended September 30, 2004 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be obtained for the full fiscal year.

As of September 30, 2004, of our 244 Properties we consolidated 155 wholly-owned Properties and 19 less-than-wholly-owned Properties which we control or which we are the primary beneficiary and consolidate in accordance with FIN 46 (see Note 10), and we accounted for 70 Properties using the equity method. We manage the day-to-day operations of 58 of the 70 equity method Properties. We account for our interests in two joint ventures that hold the 48 shopping centers in Europe using the equity method.

We allocate net operating results of the Operating Partnership after preferred distributions to third parties and Simon Property based on the partners' respective weighted average ownership interests in the Operating Partnership. Our weighted average ownership interest in the Operating Partnership was as follows:

<i>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</i>	
2004	2003
77.6	75.3%
%	
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Simon Property's ownership interest in the Operating Partnership as of September 30, 2004 was 78.2% and at December 31, 2003 was 76.8%. We adjust the limited partners' interest in the Operating Partnership at the end of each period to reflect their interest in the Operating Partnership.

Preferred distributions of the Operating Partnership in the accompanying statements of operations and cash flows represent distributions on outstanding preferred units of limited partnership interest.

We made certain reclassifications of prior period amounts in the financial statements to conform to the 2004 presentation. These reclassifications have no impact on net income previously reported.

The statement of operations and comprehensive income for the period ended September 30, 2003 has been reclassified to reflect the disposition of 3 properties sold during the fourth quarter of 2003 and 3 properties sold during the first nine months of 2004.

3. Per Share Data

We determine basic earnings per share based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding during the period. We determine diluted earnings per share based on the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding combined with the incremental weighted average shares that would have been outstanding assuming all dilutive potential common shares were converted into shares at the earliest date possible. The following table sets forth the computation of our basic and diluted earnings per share. The effect of dilutive securities amounts presented in the reconciliation below represents the common shareholders' pro rata share of the respective line items in the statements of operations and is after considering the effect of preferred dividends.

	<i>For The Three Months Ended September 30,</i>		<i>For The Nine Months Ended September 30,</i>	
	2004	2003	2004	2003
Common Shareholders' share of:				
Income from continuing operations	\$ 74,445	\$ 50,837	\$ 194,351	\$ 161,932
Discontinued operations	(304)	(8,116)	(1,148)	(13,779)
Net Income available to Common Shareholders Basic	\$ 74,141	\$ 42,721	\$ 193,203	\$ 148,153
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Impact to General Partner's interest in Operating Partnership from all dilutive securities and options	152	23	181	151
Net Income available to Common Shareholders Diluted	\$ 74,293	\$ 42,744	\$ 193,384	\$ 148,304
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding Basic	206,057,105	189,165,175	204,625,244	188,444,667
Effect of stock options	840,621	894,631	854,180	786,343
Weighted Average Shares Outstanding Diluted	206,897,726	190,059,806	205,479,424	189,231,010

For the period ending September 30, 2004, potentially dilutive securities include certain preferred units of the Operating Partnership and the units of limited partnership interest ("Units") of the Operating Partnership which are exchangeable for common stock. These did not have a dilutive impact on earnings per share.

4. Cash and Cash Flow Information

Our balance of cash and cash equivalents as of September 30, 2004 included \$98.1 million and as of December 31, 2003 included \$175.0 million related to our gift card and certificate programs, which we do not consider available for general working capital purposes.

5. Investment in Unconsolidated Entities

Real Estate Joint Ventures

Joint ventures are common in the real estate industry. We use joint ventures to finance properties, develop new properties, and diversify our risk in a particular property or trade area. We held joint venture ownership interests in 70 Properties as of September 30, 2004 and 76 as of December 31, 2003. We also held interests in two joint ventures which owned 48 European shopping centers as of September 30, 2004 and 47 as of December 31, 2003. We account for these Properties on the equity method. Two joint venture properties previously accounted for under the equity method were consolidated upon adoption of FIN 46 (see Note 10). In addition, three joint venture properties previously accounted for under the equity method were consolidated as the result of our purchase of additional ownership interests in them (see Note 9). In the December 31, 2003 balance sheet presented below, these properties are classified in "Consolidated Joint Venture Interests".

Substantially all of our joint venture Properties are subject to rights of first refusal, buy-sell provisions, or other sale rights for partners which are customary in real estate joint venture agreements and the industry. Our partners in these joint ventures may initiate these provisions at any time, which will result in either the sale of or the use of available cash or borrowings to acquire the joint venture interest.

Summary financial information of the joint ventures and a summary of our investment in and share of income from such joint ventures follows. The balance sheets and statements of operations reflect in separate line items the joint venture interests sold or consolidated. Consolidation occurs when we acquire an additional interest in the joint venture and as a result, gain unilateral control of the Property, or we become the primary beneficiary. We reclassified the balance sheets and results of operations related to joint venture interests sold or consolidated into separate line items, so that we may present results of operations for those joint venture interests held as of the period end. "Discontinued Joint Venture Interests" include, two sold joint venture assets and Mall of America through the date of sale (see Note 8).

As of September 30, 2004, a redemption notice was issued to redeem the 9.45% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units of an unconsolidated entity in October 2004. As a result, the now mandatorily redeemable securities were reclassified from Preferred Units to Other Liabilities for the redemption value of

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\$85 million in accordance with FAS 150 "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of both Liabilities and Equity."

	<i>September 30, 2004</i>	<i>December 31, 2003</i>
BALANCE SHEETS		
Assets:		
Investment properties, at cost	\$ 9,390,606	\$ 9,117,627
Less accumulated depreciation	1,667,716	1,455,350
	<u>7,722,890</u>	<u>7,662,277</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	229,300	241,678
Tenant receivables	194,822	239,332
Investment in unconsolidated entities	107,544	94,853
Deferred costs and other assets	209,650	180,448
Assets of Consolidated Joint Venture Interests		151,956
Assets of Discontinued Joint Venture Interests		764,833
	<u>8,464,206</u>	<u>9,335,377</u>
Total assets	\$ 8,464,206	\$ 9,335,377
Liabilities and Partners' Equity:		
Mortgages and other indebtedness	\$ 6,156,763	\$ 6,021,349
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and deferred revenue	280,568	290,862
Other liabilities	125,444	41,990
Mortgages and liabilities of Consolidated Joint Venture Interests		124,105
Mortgages and liabilities of Discontinued Joint Venture Interests		549,142
	<u>6,562,775</u>	<u>7,027,448</u>
Total liabilities	6,562,775	7,027,448
Preferred Units	67,450	152,450
Partners' equity	1,833,981	2,155,479
	<u>8,464,206</u>	<u>9,335,377</u>
Total liabilities and partners' equity	\$ 8,464,206	\$ 9,335,377
Our Share of:		
Total assets	\$ 3,558,014	\$ 3,861,497
Partners' equity	\$ 920,848	\$ 885,149
Add: Excess Investment, net	708,845	912,212
	<u>1,629,693</u>	<u>1,797,361</u>
Our net Investment in Joint Ventures	\$ 1,629,693	\$ 1,797,361
Mortgages and other indebtedness	\$ 2,654,124	\$ 2,739,630

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"Excess Investment" represents the unamortized difference of our investment over our share of the equity in the underlying net assets of the joint ventures acquired. We amortize excess investment over the life of the related Properties, typically 35 years, and the amortization is included in income from unconsolidated entities.

	<i>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</i>		<i>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</i>	
	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>
STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS				
Revenue:				
Minimum rent	\$ 245,246	\$ 200,238	\$ 721,154	\$ 589,320
Overage rent	6,648	4,825	15,587	13,090
Tenant reimbursements	124,763	106,661	367,174	298,573
Other income	17,710	23,663	48,631	61,184
Total revenue	394,367	335,387	1,152,546	962,167
Operating Expenses:				
Property operating	74,242	58,412	216,086	159,173
Depreciation and amortization	72,426	58,404	213,569	170,967
Real estate taxes	32,828	29,620	98,301	89,821
Repairs and maintenance	16,237	15,834	51,144	49,848
Advertising and promotion	8,342	8,690	26,375	23,256
Provision for credit losses	2,024	2,920	6,538	8,629
Other	18,609	10,465	51,357	33,889
Total operating expenses	224,708	184,345	663,370	535,583
Operating Income	169,659	151,042	489,176	426,584
Interest Expense	94,264	85,929	284,145	253,795
Income Before Minority Interest and Unconsolidated Entities	75,395	65,113	205,031	172,789
(Loss)/Income from unconsolidated entities	(1,534)	3,019	(3,835)	7,209
Minority interest		(178)		(539)
Income From Continuing Operations	73,861	67,954	201,196	179,459
Results of operations from Consolidated Joint Venture Interests		3,139	889	10,414
Results of operations from Discontinued Joint Venture Interests	4,345	9,548	6,419	28,410
Gain on disposal or sale of Discontinued Joint Venture Interests			4,704	
Net Income	\$ 78,206	\$ 80,641	\$ 213,208	\$ 218,283
Third-Party Investors' Share of Net Income	\$ 48,174	\$ 50,528	\$ 134,025	\$ 128,387
Our Share of Net Income	\$ 30,032	\$ 30,113	\$ 79,183	\$ 89,896
Amortization of Excess Investment	6,131	6,098	18,374	18,907
Income from Unconsolidated Entities	\$ 23,901	\$ 24,015	\$ 60,809	\$ 70,989

6. Debt

On January 15, 2004, we paid off \$150.0 million of 6.75% unsecured notes that matured on that date with borrowings from our \$1.25 billion unsecured revolving credit facility ("Credit Facility").

On January 20, 2004, we issued two tranches of senior unsecured notes to institutional investors pursuant to Rule 144A totaling \$500.0 million at a weighted average fixed interest rate of 4.21%. The first tranche is \$300.0 million at a fixed interest rate of 3.75% due January 30, 2009 and the second tranche is \$200.0 million at a fixed interest rate of 4.90% due January 30, 2014. We received net proceeds of \$383.4 million and we exchanged our \$113.1 million Floating Rate Mandatory Extension Notes ("MAXES") with the holder. The MAXES were due November 15, 2014 and bore interest at LIBOR plus 80 basis points. The exchange of the MAXES for the notes instruments did not result in a significant modification of the terms in the debt arrangement. We used \$277.0 million of the net proceeds to reduce borrowings on the Credit Facility, to unencumber one Property, and the remaining portion was used for general working capital purposes. On June 11, 2004, we completed an exchange offer in which notes registered under the Securities Act of 1933 were exchanged for the Rule 144A notes. The exchange

notes and the Rule 144A notes have the same economic terms and conditions.

Concurrent with the issuance of the Rule 144A notes, we entered into a five-year variable rate \$300.0 million notional amount swap agreement to effectively convert the \$300.0 million tranche to floating rate debt at an effective rate of six-month LIBOR.

On January 22, 2004, we paid off a \$60.0 million variable rate mortgage, at LIBOR plus 125 basis points, that encumbered one consolidated Property with proceeds from the senior unsecured notes mentioned above. In addition, we refinanced another consolidated mortgaged Property with a \$32.0 million 6.05% fixed rate mortgage that matures on February 11, 2014. The balance of the previous mortgage was \$34.7 million at a variable rate of LIBOR plus 250 basis points and was scheduled to mature on April 1, 2004.

On February 9, 2004, we paid off \$300.0 million of 6.75% unsecured notes that matured on that date with borrowings from the Credit Facility.

On February 26, 2004, we obtained a \$250.0 million unsecured term loan with an initial maturity date of April 1, 2005. The maturity date may be extended, at our option, for two, one-year extension periods. The unsecured term loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 65 basis points. The proceeds from this financing were used to pay off our \$65.0 million unsecured term loan that matured on March 15, 2004 and our \$150.0 million unsecured term loan that matured on February 28, 2004. The remaining proceeds were used for general working capital purposes. The \$65.0 million unsecured term loan bore interest at LIBOR plus 80 basis points and the \$150.0 million unsecured term loan bore interest at LIBOR plus 65 basis points.

On March 31, 2004, we secured a \$86.0 million variable rate mortgage, at LIBOR plus 95 basis points, to permanently finance a portion of the Gateway Shopping Center acquisition (see Note 9). The mortgage has an initial maturity date of March 31, 2005 with three, one-year, extensions available at our option.

On April 27, 2004, we secured a \$96.0 million fixed rate mortgage at 5.17% to permanently finance a portion of the Montgomery Mall acquisition (see Note 9). The mortgage has an anticipated maturity date of May 11, 2014.

On May 19, 2004, we secured a \$260.0 million mortgage to permanently finance a portion of the Plaza Carolina Mall acquisition (see Note 9). The mortgage consists of two fixed-rate tranches and three variable-rate tranches. The fixed-rate components total \$100 million at a blended rate of 5.10% and have a maturity date of May 9, 2009. The \$160.0 million variable-rate components bear interest at LIBOR plus 90 basis points and have an initial maturity of May 9, 2006 with three, one-year extensions available at our option. The initial weighted average all-in interest rate was approximately 3.2%.

On June 15, 2004, we refinanced a pool of seven cross-collateralized mortgages totaling \$219.4 million with a \$220.0 million variable-rate term loan. The original mortgages would have matured on December 15, 2004 and had an effective interest rate of 7.06% including the effect of an interest rate protection agreement on \$48.1 million of variable-rate debt. The collateralized term loan bore interest at LIBOR plus 80 basis points. On June 30, 2004, we refinanced the term loan with individually secured fixed-rate mortgages on six of the seven original Properties totaling \$290.0 million. The mortgages have a maturity date of July 1, 2014 and have a weighted average interest rate of 5.90%. One of the Properties was unencumbered as part of this refinancing.

On July 1, 2004, we paid off, with available working capital, two mortgages encumbering one consolidated Property that were scheduled to mature on January 1, 2005. The first mortgage had a balance of \$41.1 million, and bore interest at a fixed rate of 8.45%. The second mortgage had a balance of \$14.9 million, and bore interest at a fixed rate of 6.81%.

On July 12, 2004, we refinanced a consolidated Property with a \$73.0 million, 5.84% fixed rate mortgage that matures on August 1, 2014. The balance of the previous mortgage was \$47.0 million, bore interest at a variable rate of LIBOR plus 275 basis points and was scheduled to mature on July 1, 2005.

On July 15, 2004, we paid off \$100.0 million of 6.75% unsecured notes that matured on that date with available working capital.

On July 28, 2004, we refinanced a consolidated Property with a \$86.0 million, 5.65% fixed rate mortgage that matures on August 11, 2014. The balance of the previous mortgage was \$45.0 million, bore interest at a variable rate of LIBOR plus 150 basis points and was scheduled to mature on June 12, 2005.

On August 11, 2004, we issued two tranches of senior unsecured notes to institutional investors pursuant to Rule 144A totaling \$900.0 million at a weighted average fixed interest rate of 5.29%. The first tranche is \$400.0 million at a fixed interest rate of 4.875% due August 15, 2010 and the second tranche is \$500.0 million at a fixed interest rate of 5.625% due August 15, 2014. We received net proceeds of \$890.6 million. We used \$585.0 million of the net proceeds to reduce borrowings on our Credit Facility, \$150.0 million to retire fixed rate 7.75% unsecured notes, \$120.7 million to unencumber two consolidated Properties, and the remaining portion was used for general working

capital purposes. On October 8, 2004, we filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 registering notes to be exchanged for the Rule 144A notes. The exchange notes and the Rule 144A notes have the same economic terms and conditions.

7. Shareholders' Equity

On March 1, 2004, Simon Property and Melvin Simon, Herbert Simon, David Simon and certain of their affiliates (the "Simons") completed a restructuring transaction for estate and succession planning purposes in which Melvin Simon & Associates, Inc. ("MSA") exchanged 3,192,000 Class B common shares for an equal number of shares of common stock in accordance with our Charter. Those shares continue to be owned by MSA and remain subject to a voting trust under which the Simons are the sole voting trustees. MSA exchanged the remaining 8,000 Class B common shares with David Simon for 8,000 shares of common stock and David Simon's agreement to create a new voting trust under which the Simons as voting trustees, hold and vote the remaining 8,000 shares of Class B common stock acquired by David Simon. As a result, these voting trustees have the authority to elect four of the members of the Board of Directors contingent on the Simons maintaining specified levels of equity ownership in Simon Property, the Operating Partnership and their subsidiaries.

On March 5, 2004, 380,700 shares of restricted stock were awarded under The Simon Property Group 1998 Stock Incentive Plan at a fair value of \$56.29 per share. On May 10, 2004, 8,400 shares of restricted stock were awarded under The Simon Property Group 1998 Stock Incentive Plan at a fair value of \$45.85 per share. The fair market value of the restricted stock awarded has been deferred and is being amortized over the four year vesting period.

During the first nine months of 2004, forty-two limited partners exchanged a total of 3,485,104 units of the Operating Partnership for a like number of shares of common stock.

We issued 276,133 shares of common stock related to employee stock options exercised during the first nine months of 2004. We used the net proceeds from the option exercises of approximately \$7.4 million for general working capital purposes.

8. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

Triple Five of Minnesota, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, v. Melvin Simon, et. al. On or about November 9, 1999, Triple Five of Minnesota, Inc. commenced an action in the District Court for the State of Minnesota, Fourth Judicial District, against, among others, Mall of America, certain members of the Simon family and entities allegedly controlled by such individuals, and us. The action was later removed to federal court. Two transactions form the basis of the complaint: (i) the sale by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America of one-half of its partnership interest in Mall of America Company and Minntertainment Company to the Operating Partnership and related entities; and (ii) a financing transaction involving a loan in the amount of \$312.0 million that is secured by a mortgage placed on Mall of America's assets. The complaint, which contains twelve counts, seeks remedies of unspecified damages, rescission, constructive trust, accounting, and specific performance. Although the complaint names all defendants in several counts, we are specifically identified as a defendant in connection with the sale by Teachers. On August 12, 2002, the court granted in part and denied in part motions for partial summary judgment filed by the parties.

Trial on all of the equitable claims in this matter began June 2, 2003. On September 10, 2003, the court issued its decision in a Memorandum and Order (the "Order"). In the Order, the court found that certain entities and individuals breached their fiduciary duties to Triple Five. The court did not award Triple Five damages but instead awarded Triple Five equitable and other relief and imposed a constructive trust on that portion of the Mall of America owned by us. Specifically, as it relates to us, the court ordered that Triple Five was entitled to purchase from us the one-half partnership interest that we purchased from Teachers in October 1999, provided Triple Five remits to us the sum of \$81.38 million within nine months of the Order. The court further held that we must disgorge all "net profits" that we received as a result of our ownership interest in the Mall from October 1999 to the present. The court appointed a Special Master to, among other things, calculate "net profits," and, on May 3, 2004, the Special Master issued a memorandum order regarding "net profits." On May 27, 2004, the court affirmed the "net profits" memorandum order ("Net Profits Order"). On June 24, 2004, the court issued an order on a motion for ancillary relief filed by Triple Five ("Ancillary Relief Order"). The Ancillary Relief Order, among other things, found that it was appropriate that we indemnify Triple Five for any "expenses, losses or claims arising out of or connected to Triple Five's purchase of the Operating Partnership's interest in the Mall, in particular claims made by any Simon entity, any Teachers entity, and/or any Mall lender."

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On June 4, 2004, GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corporation, in its capacity as servicer for the Trustee for registered certificate holders of Mall of America Capital Company LLC Miscellaneous Pass-Through Certificates ("MOA Mortgage Lender"), commenced an action in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota seeking to enjoin Triple Five's purchase of our one-half partnership interest, alleging that the MOA Mortgage Lender has the right to consent to the purchase. On August 6, 2004, Triple Five closed on its purchase of our one-half partnership interest, by which time the MOA Mortgage Lender had provided its consent to the transaction.

We disagree with many aspects of the Order, the Ancillary Relief Order and the Net Profits Order. We have appealed the Order and the Ancillary Relief Order to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Briefing on the appeals is complete and oral argument took place on October 18, 2004. The Eighth Circuit has denied our motion to stay pertinent provisions of the Order pending appeal. It is not, however, possible to provide an assurance of the ultimate outcome of the litigation.

As a result of the Order, we initially recorded a \$6.0 million loss in 2003. In the first quarter of 2004, as a result of the May 3, 2004 memorandum issued by the Special Master, which has now been affirmed by the court, we recorded an additional loss of \$13.5 million that is included in "(Loss) gain on sales of assets and other, net" in the accompanying statements of operations and comprehensive income. We have ceased recording any contribution to either net income or Funds from Operations ("FFO") from the results of operations of Mall of America since September 1, 2003.

G.K. Las Vegas Limited Partnership v. Simon Property Group, Inc., et. al. On or about August 27, 2004, G.K. Las Vegas Limited Partnership ("GKLV"), a former limited partner in Forum Developers Limited Partnership ("FDLP"), commenced an action in United States District Court, District of Nevada against, among others, us, certain members of the Simon family and entities allegedly controlled by us. The action arises out of FDLP's operation and expansion of Forum Shops at Caesar's Palace and GKLV's exercise of the "buy/sell right" in the FDLP partnership agreement. In the complaint GKLV alleges, among other things, a violation of the Nevada securities laws, violation of contractual and statutory fiduciary duties and violation of Federal and Nevada racketeering statutes. We intend to vigorously defend the litigation. Although it is not possible to provide an assurance of the ultimate outcome of the litigation or an estimate of the amount or range of potential loss, if any, we believe that the GKLV litigation will not have material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

We are currently not subject to any other material litigation other than routine litigation, claims and administrative proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. We believe that such routine litigation, claims and administrative proceedings will not have a material adverse impact on our financial position or our results of operations.

Guarantee of Indebtedness

Joint venture debt is the liability of the joint venture, is typically secured by the joint venture Property, and is non-recourse to us. As of September 30, 2004, we have guaranteed or have provided letters of credit to support \$54.5 million of our total \$2.7 billion share of joint venture mortgage and other indebtedness in the event the joint venture partnership defaults under the terms of the mortgage or other indebtedness. The mortgages and other indebtedness guaranteed are secured by the property of the joint venture partnership, which could be sold in order to satisfy the outstanding obligation.

9. Real Estate Acquisitions and Dispositions

Acquisitions

On February 5, 2004, we purchased a 95% interest in Gateway Shopping Center in Austin, Texas, for approximately \$107.0 million. We initially funded this transaction with borrowings on the Credit Facility and with the issuance of 120,671 units of the Operating Partnership valued at approximately \$6.0 million. The purchase accounting for this acquisition is still preliminary.

On April 1, 2004, we increased our ownership interest in The Mall of Georgia Crossing from 50% to 100% for approximately \$26.3 million, including the assumption of our \$16.5 million share of debt. As a result of this transaction, this Property is now reported as a consolidated entity.

On April 27, 2004, we increased our ownership in Bangor Mall in Bangor, Maine from 32.6% to 67.6% and increased our ownership in Montgomery Mall in Montgomery, Pennsylvania from 23.1% to 54.4%. We acquired these additional ownership interests from our partner in the properties for approximately \$67.0 million, including the assumption of our \$16.8 million share of debt. We funded this transaction with the Montgomery Mall mortgage discussed in Note 6 and with borrowings from the Credit Facility. Bangor Mall and Montgomery Mall were previously accounted for under the equity method. These Properties are now consolidated as a result of this acquisition. The purchase accounting for this acquisition is still preliminary.

On May 4, 2004, we purchased a 100% interest in Plaza Carolina in San Juan, Puerto Rico for approximately \$309.0 million. We funded this transaction with the mortgage discussed in Note 6 and with borrowings from the Credit Facility. The purchase accounting for this acquisition is still preliminary.

Disposals

During the first nine months of 2004 we sold three Properties, consisting of two regional malls and one community center. In total, we received net proceeds from these sales of \$22.7 million. As a result of these transactions, we recorded a net loss of \$0.2 million. The Properties and their date of sale consisted of:

Hutchinson Mall on June 15, 2004,

Bridgeview Court on July 22, 2004, and

Woodville Mall on September 1, 2004

As of December 31, 2003, the carrying value of the investment properties at cost, net of accumulated depreciation, of these Properties was \$22.8 million.

On April 7, 2004, we sold our joint venture interest in a hotel property, held by the Management Company for net proceeds of \$17.0 million, resulting in a gain of \$12.6 million, \$7.8 million net of tax.

10. New Accounting Pronouncements

In January 2003, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51" ("FIN 46"). FIN 46 requires the consolidation of entities that meet the definition of a variable interest entity in which an enterprise absorbs the majority of the entity's expected losses, receives a majority of the entity's expected residual returns, or both, as a result of ownership, contractual or other financial interests in the entity. Our joint venture interests in variable interest entities consist of real estate assets and are for the purpose of owning, operating and/or developing real estate. Our property partnerships rely primarily on financing from third party lenders, which is secured by first liens on the Property of the partnership and partner equity. Our maximum exposure to loss as a result of our involvement in these partnerships is represented by the carrying amount of our investments in unconsolidated entities as disclosed on the accompanying balance sheets plus our guarantees of joint venture debt as disclosed in Note 8.

We adopted FIN 46 on January 1, 2004 for variable interest entities that existed prior to February 1, 2003 and as a result we have consolidated two joint ventures that hold two regional malls. The aggregate carrying amount of the investment property for these properties was approximately \$163.8 million as of September 30, 2004.

11. Subsequent Events

On October 1, 2004, thirty-two limited partners exchanged a total of 1,156,039 units of 8.00% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred units for a like number of our 8.00% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred stock with terms substantially identical to the 8.00% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred units.

On October 8, 2004, we issued a notice of our election to redeem all of the issued and outstanding shares of our 8.00% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred stock. The redemption date shall be November 11, 2004, and the redemption price shall be equal to the liquidation value of the 8.00% Series E Cumulative Redeemable stock of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued dividends.

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On October 14, 2004, we acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Chelsea Property Group, Inc. ("Chelsea") and the limited partnership units of its operating partnership subsidiary in a transaction valued at

approximately \$5.1 billion, including the assumption of debt. Chelsea has interests in 60 premium outlet and other shopping centers containing 16.6 million square feet of gross leasable area in 31 states and Japan.

Chelsea common shareholders received consideration of \$36.00 per share for each share of Chelsea's common stock in cash, a fractional share of 0.2936 of our common stock, and a fractional share of 0.3000 of Simon 6% Series I convertible perpetual preferred stock. The holders of Chelsea's operating partnership subsidiary's limited partnership common units exchanged their units for common and convertible preferred units of the Operating Partnership.

We funded the cash portion of this acquisition with a \$1.8 billion unsecured acquisition term loan facility (the "Acquisition Facility"). The Acquisition Facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 55 basis points and provides for variable grid pricing based upon our corporate credit rating. The Acquisition Facility has a maturity date of October 12, 2006 and requires minimum principal repayments in three equal installments after twelve months, eighteen months, and at maturity.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

You should read the following discussion in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto that are included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q. Certain statements made in this section or elsewhere in this report may be deemed "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Although we believe the expectations reflected in any forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, we can give no assurance that our expectations will be attained, and it is possible that our actual results may differ materially from those indicated by these forward-looking statements due to a variety of risks and uncertainties. Those risks and uncertainties incidental to the ownership and operation of commercial real estate include, but are not limited to: national, international, regional and local economic climates, competitive market forces, changes in market rental rates, trends in the retail industry, the inability to collect rent due to the bankruptcy or insolvency of tenants or otherwise, risks associated with acquisitions, the impact of terrorist activities, environmental liabilities, maintenance of REIT status, the availability of financing, and changes in market rates of interest and fluctuations in exchange rates of foreign currencies. We undertake no duty or obligation to update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future developments, or otherwise.

Overview

Simon Property Group, Inc. ("Simon Property") is a Delaware corporation that operates as a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust ("REIT"). A REIT is a company that owns and, in most cases, operates income-producing real estate such as regional malls, community shopping centers, offices, apartments, and hotels. To qualify as a REIT, a company must distribute at least 90 percent of its taxable income to its shareholders annually. Taxes are paid by shareholders on the dividends received and any capital gains. Most states also follow this federal treatment and do not require REITs to pay state income tax. Simon Property Group, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership") is a majority-owned partnership subsidiary of Simon Property that owns all but one of our real estate properties. In this discussion, the terms "we", "us" and "our" refer to Simon Property, the Operating Partnership, and their subsidiaries.

We are engaged primarily in the ownership, operation, leasing, management, acquisition, expansion and development of real estate properties. Our real estate properties consist primarily of regional malls and community shopping centers. As of September 30, 2004, we owned or held an interest in 244 income-producing properties in North America, which consisted of 174 regional malls, 66 community shopping centers, and four office and mixed-use properties in 37 states, Canada and Puerto Rico (collectively, the "Properties", and individually, a "Property"). Mixed-use properties are properties that include a combination of retail space, office space, and/or hotel components. We also own interests in four parcels of land held for future development (together with the Properties, the "Portfolio"). In addition, we have ownership interests in 48 shopping centers in Europe (France, Italy, Poland and Portugal).

Operating Philosophy

We seek growth in our earnings, funds from operations ("FFO"), and cash flow through:

focusing on our core business of regional malls

developing new revenue streams by capitalizing on the number of shopping visits in our malls and the size and tenant relationships. This includes Simon Brand Ventures' ("Simon Brand") mall marketing initiatives, including the sale of gift cards, and consumer focused strategic corporate alliances that Simon Brand enters into with third parties. Through Simon Business Network ("Simon Business"), we offer property operating services to our tenants and others resulting from Simon Brand's relationships with vendors.

pursuing high quality new developments as well as strategic expansion and renovation activity to enhance existing assets' profitability and market share when we believe the investment of our capital meets our risk-reward criteria. We seek to selectively develop new properties in major metropolitan areas that exhibit strong population and economic growth.

acquiring individual properties or portfolios of properties, focusing on high quality retail real estate.

international expansion through the acquisition of existing properties and utilization of the net cash flow from the existing properties to fund new development projects overseas.

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We derive our liquidity primarily from our leases that generate positive net cash flow from operations and distributions from unconsolidated entities that totaled \$759.9 million during the first nine months of 2004. In addition, we generate the majority of our revenues from leases with retail tenants including:

Base minimum rents, cart and kiosk rentals,

Overage and percentage rents based on tenants' sales volume, and

Recoveries of substantially all of our recoverable expenditures, which consist of property operating, real estate tax, repairs and maintenance, and advertising and promotional expenditures.

Revenues of M.S. Management Associates, Inc. (the "Management Company"), after intercompany eliminations, consist primarily of management, leasing and development fees that are typically based upon the size and revenues of the joint venture property being managed. Finally, we also generate revenues from outlot land sales.

Results overview

Our diluted FFO per share increased \$0.23 during the first nine months of 2004, or 8.3%, to \$3.01 per share from \$2.78 per share for the same period last year. The increase in FFO per share is due to the performance of our core operations and our acquisition activity. These increases in FFO per share also impacted our diluted earnings per common share but were offset primarily by an increase in depreciation expense, including our share of depreciation from unconsolidated joint ventures, as a result of our acquisition activity. Net losses from sales of real estate and discontinued operations decreased by \$0.10, net of tax. Finally, the conversion of the series B stock in the fall of 2003 was dilutive for FFO purposes and was antidilutive for diluted earnings per share purposes for the nine months ended September 30, 2003. All of these items resulted in an increase in diluted earnings per common share of \$0.16 during the first nine months of 2004, or 20.5%, to \$0.94 from \$0.78 for the same period last year.

Our core business fundamentals remained healthy during the first nine months of 2004. Regional mall comparable sales per square foot ("psf") strengthened during the first nine months of 2004, increasing 5.8% to \$421 psf from \$398 psf the same period in 2003, as the overall economy begins to show signs of recovery and as a result of our ongoing dispositions of lower quality Properties. Our regional mall average base rents increased 3.8% to \$33.07 psf as of September 30, 2004 from \$31.87 psf as of September 30, 2003. Our regional mall leasing spreads were \$6.38 psf as of September 30, 2004 compared to \$8.12 psf as of September 30, 2003. The regional mall leasing spread as of September 30, 2004 includes new store leases signed at an average of \$39.28 psf initial base rents as compared to \$32.90 psf for store leases terminating or expiring in the same period. Our same store leasing spread as of September 30, 2004 was \$5.08, or a 12.9% growth rate and is calculated by comparing leasing activity completed in 2004 with the prior tenants rents for those same spaces. Finally, our regional mall occupancy was down 10 basis points to 91.8% as of September 30, 2004 from 91.9% as of September 30, 2003 primarily due to retailer bankruptcy-related closings during the previous twelve consecutive months. We expect to retenant the majority of these spaces lost to bankruptcy during the remaining months of 2004.

During the first nine months of 2004 we completed acquisitions, increased ownership of core properties and disposed of properties no longer meeting our investment criteria.

On February 5, 2004 we purchased a 95% interest in Gateway Shopping Center in Austin, Texas for approximately \$107.0 million.

On April 1, 2004, we increased our ownership interest in Mall of Georgia Crossing from 50% to 100% for approximately \$26.3 million, including the assumption of our \$16.5 million share of debt.

On April 8, 2004, we sold our joint venture interest in Yards Plaza in Chicago, Illinois.

On April 27, 2004, we increased our ownership interest in Bangor Mall and Montgomery Mall to approximately 67.6% and 54.4%, respectively for approximately \$67.0 million, including the assumption of our \$16.8 million share of debt.

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On May 4, 2004, we purchased a 100% interest in Plaza Carolina in San Juan, Puerto Rico for approximately \$309.0 million.

On June 15, 2004, we sold Hutchinson Mall in Hutchinson, Kansas.

On July 22, 2004, we sold Bridgeview Court in Bridgeview, Illinois.

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On August 6, 2004, we completed the court ordered sale of our joint venture interest in Mall of America, in Minneapolis, Minnesota (see Note 8).

On September 1, 2004, we sold Woodville Mall in Toledo, Ohio.

In addition, we lowered our overall borrowing rates by 8 basis points during the first nine months of 2004 as a result of our financing activities related to indebtedness. Our financing activities were highlighted by the following significant transactions:

We issued \$500.0 million of unsecured notes on January 20, 2004 at a weighted average fixed interest rate of 4.21% and weighted average term of 7.0 years. We received net proceeds of \$383.4 million and we exchanged our \$113.1 million Floating Rate Mandatory Extension Notes ("MAXES") with the holder. We used \$277.0 million of the net proceeds to reduce borrowings on our \$1.25 billion unsecured revolving credit facility ("Credit Facility").

We paid off a total of \$450.0 million of unsecured notes that matured during the first quarter that had a weighted average interest rate of 6.75% with borrowings on the Credit Facility.

We issued \$900.0 million of unsecured notes on August 11, 2004 at a weighted average fixed interest rate of 5.29% and weighted average term of 8.2 years. We received net proceeds of \$890.6 million. We used \$585.0 million of the net proceeds to reduce borrowings on our Credit Facility, \$150.0 million to retire fixed rate 7.75% unsecured notes, \$120.7 million to unencumber two consolidated Properties, and the remaining portion was used for general working capital purposes.

Portfolio Data

The Portfolio data discussed in this overview includes the following key operating statistics: occupancy; average base rent per square foot; and comparable sales per square foot. We include acquired Properties in this data beginning in the year of acquisition and we do not include any Properties located outside of North America. The following table sets forth these key operating statistics for:

Properties that we consolidate in our consolidated financial statements,

Properties that we account for under the equity method as unconsolidated joint ventures, and

the foregoing two categories of Properties on a total Portfolio basis.

	<i>September 30, 2004</i>	<i>% Change from prior period</i>	<i>September 30, 2003</i>	<i>% Change from prior period</i>
Regional Malls				
<u>Occupancy</u>				
Consolidated	91.7%		91.6%	
Unconsolidated	92.0%		92.3%	
Total Portfolio	91.8%		91.9%	
<u>Average Base Rent per Square Foot</u>				
Consolidated	\$ 32.30	5.2%	\$ 30.70	5.4%
Unconsolidated	\$ 34.38	1.8%	\$ 33.77	4.0%
Total Portfolio	\$ 33.07	3.8%	\$ 31.87	4.9%
<u>Comparable Sales Per Square Foot</u>				
Consolidated	\$ 407	6.2%	\$ 383	3.0%
Unconsolidated	\$ 448	5.1%	\$ 426	(0.1%)

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	<i>September 30, 2004</i>	<i>% Change from prior period</i>	<i>September 30, 2003</i>	<i>% Change from prior period</i>
Total Portfolio	\$ 421	5.8%	\$ 398	1.8%

Occupancy Levels and Average Base Rents. Occupancy and average base rent is based on mall and freestanding GLA owned by us ("Owned GLA") at mall and freestanding stores in the regional malls and all tenants at community shopping centers. We believe the continued stability in regional mall occupancy is primarily the result of the overall quality of our Portfolio. The result of the stability in occupancy is a direct or indirect increase in nearly every category of revenue. Our portfolio has maintained high levels of occupancy and increased average base rents in various economic climates.

Comparable Sales per Square Foot. Sales volume includes total reported retail sales at Owned GLA in the regional malls and all reporting tenants at community shopping centers. Retail sales at Owned GLA affect revenue and profitability levels because sales determine the amount of minimum rent that can be charged, the percentage rent realized, and the recoverable expenses (common area maintenance, real estate taxes, etc.) that tenants can afford to pay.

Results of Operations

In addition to the 2004 acquisitions and dispositions previously discussed, the following acquisitions, dispositions, and openings affected our consolidated results from continuing operations in the comparative periods:

On August 20, 2003, we acquired a 100% interest in Stanford Shopping Center for \$333.0 million.

In the fourth quarter of 2003, we increased our ownership in Kravco Investments, L.P. ("Kravco") a Philadelphia based owner of regional malls, for \$293.4 million, which resulted in the consolidation of four Properties.

The Bangor Mall, Montgomery Mall, and Mall of Georgia Crossing transactions, previously discussed, resulted in a reclassification of these properties from unconsolidated entities to consolidated entities.

In addition to the 2004 acquisitions and dispositions previously discussed, the following acquisitions, dispositions, and openings affected our income from unconsolidated entities in the comparative periods:

The Kravco transactions increased our ownership percentages in the joint venture properties involved offset by the four Kravco Properties consolidated as noted above.

On August 4, 2003, we and our joint venture partner completed construction and opened Las Vegas Premium Outlets.

On December 22, 2003, we acquired an interest in Galleria Commerciali Italia.

The Bangor Mall, Montgomery Mall, and Mall of Georgia Crossing transactions, previously discussed, resulted in a reclassification of these properties from unconsolidated entities to consolidated entities.

On May 25, 2004, we and our joint venture partner completed construction and opened Chicago Premium Outlets in Chicago, Illinois.

In addition, as a result of the adoption of Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51" ("FIN 46") on January 1, 2004, we consolidated the operations of two Properties, which were accounted for under the equity method in 2003.

For the purposes of the following comparison between the three and nine months ended September 30, 2004 and September 30, 2003, the above transactions, including the impact of the adoption of FIN 46, are referred to as the Property Transactions.

Our consolidated discontinued operations resulted from the sale of the following Properties in 2003 and 2004:

Richmond Square, Mounds Mall, Mounds Mall Cinema and Memorial Mall on January 9, 2003

Forest Village Park Mall on April 29, 2003

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North Riverside Park Plaza on May 8, 2003

Memorial Plaza on May 21, 2003

Fox River Plaza on May 22, 2003

Eastern Hills Mall on July 1, 2003

New Orleans Center on October 1, 2003

Mainland Crossing on October 28, 2003

SouthPark Mall on November 3, 2003

Bergen Mall on December 12, 2003

Hutchinson Mall on June 15, 2004

Bridgeview Court on July 22, 2004

Woodville Mall on September 1, 2004

On March 14, 2003, we purchased the remaining ownership interest in Forum Shops for \$174.0 million in cash and assumed the minority partner's \$74.2 million share of debt that impacts minority interest and depreciation expense. In the following discussions of our results of operations, "comparable" refers to Properties open and operating throughout both the current and prior periods.

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Three Months Ended September 30, 2004 vs. Three Months Ended September 30, 2003

Minimum rents, excluding rents from our consolidated Simon Brand and Simon Business initiatives, increased \$36.5 million during the period. The net effect of the Property Transactions increased minimum rents \$26.6 million and the amortization of the fair market value of in-place leases of \$2.3 million. Comparable rents increased \$7.6 million. This was primarily due to the leasing of space at higher rents that resulted in an increase in base rents of \$4.1 million. Straight line rent increased comparable rents by \$1.0 million. In addition, rents from carts, kiosks, and other temporary tenants increased comparable rents by \$2.4 million. Overage rents increased \$2.3 million, reflecting strengthening retail sales.

Management fees and other revenues decreased \$1.2 million primarily due to lower construction and development fees from joint venture activities. Total other income, excluding consolidated Simon Brand and Simon Business initiatives, increased \$2.0 million during the period. The net effect of the Property Transactions increased other income \$1.6 million. Other activity included a \$5.0 million increase in outlot land sales which was offset by a decrease in interest income and other fee income.

Consolidated revenues from Simon Brand and Simon Business initiatives increased \$11.0 million to \$33.7 million from \$22.7 million. The increase in revenues is primarily due to:

- increased revenue from our gift card program,
- increased rents and fees from service providers,
- increased advertising rentals, and
- increased event and sponsorship income.

The increased revenues from Simon Brand and Simon Business were offset by increases in Simon Brand and Simon Business expenses of \$2.9 million, that primarily resulted from increased gift card and other operating expenses included in property operating expenses.

Tenant reimbursements, excluding Simon Business initiatives, increased \$13.2 million of which the Property Transactions accounted for \$13.9 million. Depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$19.7 million primarily due to the net effect of the Property Transactions and the Forum Shops acquisition. The uninsured amount of hurricane damage to our Florida properties, \$4.4 million, is included in repairs and maintenance expense. Other expenses increased \$1.7 million primarily due to ground rent expense of \$1.2 million attributable to the acquisition of Stanford Shopping Center. In 2003, we recognized costs of \$10.5 million related to a withdrawn tender offer.

Interest expense increased \$12.4 million due to increased average borrowings resulting from the impact of the unsecured note offerings in January and August of 2004, and financing of acquisition activities in 2003 and 2004. This increase was offset by an overall decrease in weighted average interest rates as a result of refinancing activity and lower variable interest rate levels. Minority interest increased \$1.3 million due to our third party partner's interest in Kravco and our third party partner's share of certain land sales offset by our purchase of the minority partner's interest in Forum Shops.

The gain on sale of assets in 2004 of \$1.1 million, \$0.8 million net of tax, relates to the sale of our joint venture interest in a hotel property. In 2003, we recorded a \$5.1 million net loss on the sale of assets, which primarily consisted of the \$6.0 million loss we recorded in connection with the Mall of America litigation.

Preferred dividend expense decreased \$7.8 million due to the conversion of shares of 6.5% Series B Preferred Stock into common stock in the fourth quarter of 2003. Finally, preferred distributions of the Operating Partnership increased due to the issuance of preferred units in connection with the Kravco acquisition.

Nine Months Ended September 30, 2004 vs. Nine Months Ended September 30, 2003

Minimum rents, excluding rents from our consolidated Simon Brand and Simon Business initiatives, increased \$93.9 million during the period. The net effect of the Property Transactions increased minimum rents \$68.0 million and the amortization of the fair market value of in-place leases of \$9.0 million. Comparable rents increased \$16.9 million. This was primarily due to the leasing of space at higher rents that resulted in an increase in base rents of \$13.2 million. Straight-line rent decreased comparable rents by \$0.6 million. In addition, rents from carts, kiosks, and other temporary tenants increased comparable rents by \$4.3 million. Overage rents increased \$5.5 million, reflecting strengthening retail sales.

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Management fees and other revenues decreased \$1.3 million due to lower leasing and construction fees from joint venture activities, offset by increased development fees. Total other income, excluding consolidated Simon Brand and Simon Business initiatives, increased \$4.5 million during the period. This increase included a \$9.5 million increase in outlot land sales which was offset by a decrease in interest income and other fee income.

Consolidated revenues from Simon Brand and Simon Business initiatives increased \$25.7 million to \$87.3 million from \$61.6 million. The increase in revenues is primarily due to:

- increased revenue from our gift card program,
- increased rents and fees from service providers,
- increased parking income, and
- increased event and sponsorship income.

The increased revenues from Simon Brand and Simon Business were offset by increases in Simon Brand and Simon Business expenses of \$7.2 million in property operating expenses and \$1.4 million in other expenses. These increases primarily resulted from increased gift card and other operating expenses.

Tenant reimbursements, excluding Simon Business initiatives, increased \$34.2 million of which the Property Transactions accounted for \$34.8 million. Depreciation and amortization expenses increased \$59.0 million primarily due to the net effect of the Property Transactions and the Forum Shops acquisition. The uninsured amount of hurricane damage to our Florida properties, \$4.4 million, is included in repairs and maintenance expense. Other expenses increased \$6.4 million primarily due to ground rent expense of \$3.7 million due to the acquisition of Stanford Shopping Center. In 2003, we recognized costs of \$10.5 million related to a withdrawn tender offer.

Interest expense increased \$20.2 million due to increased average borrowings as a result of the impact of the unsecured note offerings in January and August of 2004, and financing of acquisition activities in 2003 and 2004. This increase was offset by an overall decrease in weighted average interest rates as a result of refinancing activity and lower variable interest rate levels. Minority interest increased \$3.6 million due to our third party partner's interest in Kravco and our third party partner's share of certain land sales offset by our purchase of the minority partner's interest in Forum Shops.

The net loss on sale of assets in 2004 of \$0.8 million includes the court ordered sale of our interest in Mall of America (see Note 8) of \$13.5 million. This loss was offset primarily by the \$12.6 million gain, \$7.8 million net of tax, related to the sale of our joint venture interest in a hotel property, held by the Management Company, which was acquired as part of the Rodamco North America N.V. acquisition in May 2002. In 2003, we recorded a \$5.1 million net loss on the sale of assets, which primarily consisted of the \$6.0 million loss we recorded in connection with the Mall of America litigation.

Income from unconsolidated entities decreased \$10.2 million in 2004 as compared to 2003 resulting from:

- the consolidation of two Properties upon our adoption of FIN 46 (see Note 10),
- the cessation of recording any net income contribution from Mall of America (see Note 8),
- a decrease in outlot land sales,
- offset by the opening of Las Vegas Premium Outlets and Chicago Premium Outlets.

Preferred dividend expense decreased \$23.5 million due to the conversion of shares of 6.5% Series B Preferred Stock into common stock in the fourth quarter of 2003. Finally, preferred distributions of the Operating Partnership increased due to the issuance of preferred units in connection with the Kravco acquisition.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our balance of cash and cash equivalents decreased \$46.7 million to \$489.0 million as of September 30, 2004, including \$98.1 million related to our gift card and certificate programs, which we do not consider available for general working capital purposes.

On September 30, 2004, the Credit Facility had available borrowing capacity of \$1.2 billion net of letters of credit of \$38.1 million. The Credit Facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 65 basis points with an additional 15 basis point facility fee on the entire \$1.25 billion facility and provides for variable grid pricing based upon our corporate credit rating. The Credit Facility has an initial maturity date of April 2005, with an additional one-year extension available at our option. In addition, the Credit Facility has a \$100 million EURO sub-tranche that provides availability to borrow Euros at EURIBOR plus 65 basis points and/or dollars at LIBOR plus 65 basis points, at our option, and has the same maturity date as the overall Credit Facility. The amount available under the \$100 million EURO sub-tranche will vary with changes in the exchange rate, however, we may also borrow the amount available under this EURO sub-tranche in dollars, if necessary.

During the first nine months of 2004, the maximum amount outstanding under the Credit Facility was \$585.0 million and the weighted average amount outstanding was \$393.9 million. The weighted average interest rate was 1.75% for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2004.

We and the Operating Partnership also have access to public and private capital markets for our equity and unsecured debt. Finally, we have access to private equity from institutional investors at the Property level. Our current senior unsecured debt ratings are Baa2 by Moody's Investors Service and BBB by Standard & Poor's. Our current corporate rating is BBB+ by Standard & Poor's.

Cash Flows

Our net cash flow from operating activities and distributions of capital from unconsolidated entities totaled \$759.9 million. This cash flow includes \$25.7 million of excess proceeds from refinancing activities from two unconsolidated joint ventures. In addition, we had net proceeds from all of our debt financing and repayment activities of \$655.3 million as discussed below in Financing and Debt. We used a portion of these proceeds to fund the acquisitions as discussed below in Acquisitions and Disposals. We also:

paid shareholder dividends and unitholder distributions totaling \$512.8 million,

paid preferred stock dividends and preferred unit distributions totaling \$38.6 million,

funded consolidated capital expenditures of \$369.4 million. These capital expenditures include development costs of \$120.9 million, renovation and expansion costs of \$156.6 million and tenant costs and other operational capital expenditures of \$91.9 million, and

funded investments in unconsolidated entities of \$116.0 million of which \$81.2 million was used to fund new developments, redevelopments, and other capital expenditures.

In general, we anticipate that cash generated from operations will be sufficient to meet operating expenses, monthly debt service, recurring capital expenditures, and distributions to shareholders necessary to maintain our REIT qualification for 2004 and on a long-term basis. In addition, we expect to be able to obtain capital for nonrecurring capital expenditures, such as acquisitions, major building renovations and expansions, as well as for scheduled principal maturities on outstanding indebtedness, from:

excess cash generated from operating performance and working capital reserves,

borrowings on the Credit Facility,

additional secured or unsecured debt financing, or

additional equity raised in the public or private markets.

Financing and Debt

Unsecured Financing

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On January 20, 2004, we issued two tranches of senior unsecured notes to institutional investors pursuant to Rule 144A totaling \$500.0 million at a weighted average fixed interest rate of 4.21%. The first tranche is \$300.0 million at a fixed interest rate of 3.75% due January 30, 2009 and the second tranche is \$200.0 million at a fixed interest rate of 4.90% due January 30, 2014. We received net proceeds of \$383.4 million and we exchanged our \$113.1 million Floating

Rate Mandatory Extension Notes ("MAXES") with the holder. The MAXES were due November 15, 2014 and bore interest at LIBOR plus 80 basis points. The exchange of the MAXES for the notes instruments did not result in a significant modification of the terms in the debt arrangement. We used \$277.0 million of the net proceeds to reduce borrowings on the Credit Facility, to unencumber one Property, and the remaining portion was used for general working capital purposes. On June 11, 2004, we completed an exchange offer in which notes registered under the Securities Act of 1933 were exchanged for the Rule 144A notes. The exchange notes and the Rule 144A notes have the same economic terms and conditions.

Concurrent with the issuance of the Rule 144A notes, we entered into a five-year variable rate \$300.0 million notional amount swap agreement to effectively convert the \$300.0 million tranche to floating rate debt at an effective rate of six-month LIBOR. We completed this swap agreement, as our amount of variable rate indebtedness as a percent of our total outstanding was lower than our desired range.

On January 15, 2004, we paid off \$150.0 million of 6.75% unsecured notes that matured on that date with borrowings from the Credit Facility.

On February 9, 2004, we paid off \$300.0 million of 6.75% unsecured notes that matured on that date with borrowings from the Credit Facility.

On February 26, 2004, we obtained a \$250.0 million unsecured term loan with an initial maturity date of April 1, 2005. The maturity date may be extended, at our option, for two, one-year extension periods. The unsecured term loan bears interest at LIBOR plus 65 basis points. The proceeds from this financing were used to pay off our \$65.0 million unsecured term loan that matured on March 15, 2004 and our \$150.0 million unsecured term loan that matured on February 28, 2004. The remaining proceeds were used for general working capital purposes. The \$65.0 million unsecured term loan bore interest at LIBOR plus 80 basis points and the \$150.0 million unsecured term loan bore interest at LIBOR plus 65 basis points.

On July 15, 2004, we paid off \$100.0 million of 6.75% unsecured notes that matured on that date with available working capital.

On August 11, 2004, we issued two tranches of senior unsecured notes to institutional investors pursuant to Rule 144A totaling \$900.0 million at a weighted average fixed interest rate of 5.29%. The first tranche is \$400.0 million at a fixed interest rate of 4.875% due August 15, 2010 and the second tranche is \$500.0 million at a fixed interest rate of 5.625% due August 15, 2014. We received net proceeds of \$890.6 million. We used \$585.0 million of the net proceeds to reduce borrowings on our Credit Facility, \$150.0 million to retire fixed rate 7.75% unsecured notes, \$120.7 million to unencumber two consolidated Properties, and the remaining portion was used for general working capital purposes. On October 8, 2004, we filed a registration statement under the Securities Act of 1933 registering notes to be exchanged for the Rule 144A notes. The exchange notes and the Rule 144A notes have the same economic terms and conditions.

Secured Financing

On January 22, 2004, we paid off a \$60.0 million variable rate mortgage, at LIBOR plus 125 basis points, that encumbered one consolidated Property with remaining proceeds from the senior unsecured notes mentioned above. In addition, we refinanced another consolidated mortgaged Property with a \$32.0 million 6.05% fixed rate mortgage that matures on February 11, 2014. The balance of the previous mortgage was \$34.7 million at a variable rate of LIBOR plus 250 basis points and was scheduled to mature on April 1, 2004.

On March 31, 2004, we secured a \$86.0 million variable rate mortgage, at LIBOR plus 95 basis points, to permanently finance a portion of the Gateway Shopping Center acquisition. The mortgage has an initial maturity date of March 31, 2005 with three, one-year extensions available at our option.

On April 27, 2004, we secured a \$96.0 million fixed rate mortgage at 5.17% to permanently finance a portion of the Montgomery Mall purchase of additional ownership interest. The mortgage has an anticipated maturity date of May 11, 2014.

On May 19, 2004, we secured a \$260.0 million mortgage to permanently finance a portion of the Plaza Carolina Mall acquisition. The mortgage consists of two fixed-rate tranches and three variable-rate tranches. The fixed-rate components total \$100 million at a blended rate of 5.10% and have a maturity date of May 9, 2009. The \$160.0 million variable-rate components bear interest at LIBOR plus 90 basis points and have an initial maturity of May 9, 2006 with

three, one-year, extensions available at our option. The initial weighted average all-in interest rate was approximately 3.2%.

On June 15, 2004, we refinanced a pool of seven cross-collateralized mortgages totaling \$219.4 million with a \$220.0 million variable-rate term loan. The original mortgages would have matured on December 15, 2004 and had an effective interest rate of 7.06% including the effect of an interest rate protection agreement on \$48.1 million of variable-rate debt. The collateralized term loan bore interest at LIBOR plus 80 basis points. On June 30, 2004, we refinanced the term loan with individually secured fixed-rate mortgages on six of the seven original mortgages totaling \$290.0 million. The mortgages have a maturity date of July 1, 2014 and have a weighted average interest rate of 5.90%. One of the Properties was unencumbered as part of this refinancing.

On July 1, 2004, we paid off, with available working capital, two mortgages encumbering one consolidated Property that were scheduled to mature on January 1, 2005. The first mortgage had a balance of \$41.1 million, and bore interest at a fixed rate of 8.45%. The second mortgage had a balance of \$14.9 million, and bore interest at a fixed rate of 6.81%.

On July 12, 2004, we refinanced a consolidated Property with a \$73.0 million, 5.84% fixed rate mortgage that matures on August 1, 2014. The balance of the previous mortgage was \$47.0 million, bore interest at a variable rate of LIBOR plus 275 basis points and was scheduled to mature on July 1, 2005.

On July 28, 2004, we refinanced a consolidated Property with a \$86.0 million, 5.65% fixed rate mortgage that matures on August 11, 2014. The balance of the previous mortgage was \$45.0 million, bore interest at a variable rate of LIBOR plus 150 basis points and was scheduled to mature on June 12, 2005.

Summary of Financing

Our consolidated debt, after giving effect to outstanding derivative instruments, consisted of the following (dollars in thousands):

<i>Debt Subject to</i>	<i>Adjusted Balance as of September 30, 2004</i>	<i>Effective Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>	<i>Adjusted Balance as of December 31, 2003</i>	<i>Effective Weighted Average Interest Rate</i>
Fixed Rate	\$ 9,738,449	6.36%	\$ 8,499,750	6.71%
Variable Rate	1,289,509	2.66%	1,766,638	2.61%
	\$ 11,027,958	5.92%	\$ 10,266,388	6.00%

As of September 30, 2004, we had interest rate cap protection agreements on \$209.5 million of consolidated variable rate debt. We had interest rate protection agreements effectively converting variable rate debt to fixed rate debt on \$48.1 million of consolidated variable rate debt. In addition, we hold €150 million of notional amount fixed rate swap agreements that have a weighted average pay rate of 2.12% and a weighted average receive rate of 2.08% at September 30, 2004. We also hold \$370.0 million of notional amount variable rate swap agreements that have a weighted average pay rate of 2.13% and a weighted average receive rate of 3.72% at September 30, 2004. As of September 30, 2004, the net effect of these agreements effectively converted \$136.9 million of fixed rate debt to variable rate debt. As of December 31, 2003, the net effect of these agreements effectively converted \$237.0 million of fixed rate debt to variable rate debt.

Contractual Obligations and Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements. There have been no material changes in our outstanding capital expenditure commitments since December 31, 2003, as previously disclosed in our 2003 Annual

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Report on Form 10-K. The following table summarizes the material aspects of our future obligations as of September 30, 2004 for the remainder of 2004 and subsequent years thereafter (dollars in thousands):

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>After 2009</u>	<u>Total</u>
Long Term Debt							
Consolidated (1)	\$ 153,559	\$ 1,877,171		\$ 4,050,168		\$ 4,944,065	\$ 11,024,963
Pro rata share of Long Term Debt:							
Consolidated (2)	\$ 151,736	\$ 1,871,803		\$ 3,954,199		\$ 4,823,775	\$ 10,801,513
Joint Ventures (2)	33,177	905,442		718,562		996,357	2,653,538
Total Pro Rata Share of Long Term Debt	\$ 184,913	\$ 2,777,245		\$ 4,672,761		\$ 5,820,132	\$ 13,455,051

(1) Represents principal maturities only and therefore, excludes net premiums and discounts and fair value swaps of \$2,995.

(2) Represents our pro rata share of principal maturities and excludes net premiums and discounts.

We expect to meet our 2004 debt maturities through refinancings, the issuance of new debt securities or borrowings on the Credit Facility. We also expect to have the ability and financial resources to meet all future long-term obligations. Specific financing decisions will be made based upon market rates, property values, and our desired capital structure at the maturity date of each instrument.

Our off-balance sheet arrangements consist primarily of our investments in real estate joint ventures which are common in the real estate industry and are described in Note 5 of the notes to the accompanying financial statements. Joint venture debt is the liability of the joint venture, is typically secured by the joint venture Property, and is non-recourse to us. As of September 30, 2004, we have guaranteed or have provided letters of credit to support \$54.5 million of our total \$2.7 billion share of joint venture mortgage and other indebtedness presented in the table above.

Acquisitions and Dispositions

Acquisitions. The acquisition of high quality individual properties or portfolios of properties are an integral component of our growth strategies. During the first nine months of 2004, we acquired two Properties consisting of one regional mall and one community center. In addition, we purchased additional ownership interests in two regional malls and one community center.

On October 14, 2004, we acquired all of the outstanding common stock of Chelsea Property Group, Inc. ("Chelsea") and the limited partner units of its operating partnership subsidiary in a transaction valued at approximately \$5.1 billion, including the assumption of debt. Chelsea has interests in 60 premium outlet and other shopping centers containing 16.6 million square feet of gross leasable area in 31 states and Japan.

Chelsea common shareholders received consideration of \$36.00 per share for each share of Chelsea's common stock in cash, a fractional share of 0.2936 of our common stock, and a fractional share of 0.3000 of Simon 6% Series I convertible perpetual preferred stock. The holders of Chelsea's operating partnership subsidiary's limited partnership common units exchanged their units for common and convertible preferred units of the Operating Partnership.

We funded the cash portion of this acquisition with a \$1.8 billion unsecured acquisition term loan facility (the "Acquisition Facility"). The Acquisition Facility bears interest at LIBOR plus 55 basis points and provides for variable grid pricing based upon our corporate credit rating. The Acquisition Facility has a maturity date of October 12, 2006 and requires minimum principal repayments in three equal installments after twelve months, eighteen months, and at maturity.

Buy/sell provisions are common in real estate partnership agreements. Most of our partners are institutional investors who have a history of direct investment in regional mall properties. Our partners in our joint ventures may initiate these provisions at any time and if we determine it is in our shareholders' best interests for us to purchase the joint venture interest, we believe we have adequate liquidity to execute the purchases of the interests without hindering our cash flows or liquidity. Should we decide to sell any of our joint venture interests, we would

expect to use the net proceeds from any such sale to reduce outstanding indebtedness.

Dispositions. As part of our strategic plan to own quality retail real estate we continue to pursue the sale of Properties, under the right circumstances, that no longer meet our strategic criteria. During the first nine months of

2004 we disposed of three non-core Properties that no longer meet our strategic criteria. These Properties consisted of two regional malls and one community center. If we sell any Properties that are classified as held for use, their sale prices may differ from their carrying value. We do not believe the sale of these assets will have a material impact on our future results of operations or cash flows and their removal from service and sale will not materially affect our ongoing operations.

Development Activity

New Developments. The following describes our new development projects, the estimated total cost, and our share of the estimated total cost and our share of the construction in progress balance as of September 30, 2004 (dollars in millions):

<i>Property</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Gross Leasable Area</i>	<i>Estimated Total Cost (a)</i>	<i>Our Share of Estimated Total Cost</i>	<i>Our Share of Construction in Progress</i>	<i>Estimated Opening Date</i>
Under construction						
Clay Terrace	Carmel, IN	570,000	\$ 100.3	\$ 50.2	\$ 40.5	October 16, 2004
St. Johns Town Center	Jacksonville, FL	1,500,000	125.9	107.1(b)	80.3(b)	1 st Quarter 2005
Wolf Ranch	Georgetown, TX	670,000	62.4	62.4	36.1	3 rd Quarter 2005
Coconut Point	Bonita Springs, FL	1,200,000	178.2	89.1	24.3	4 th Quarter 2005(c)
Firewheel Center	Garland, TX	785,000	97.8	97.8	43.4	4 th Quarter 2005

- (a) Represents the project costs net of land sales, tenant reimbursements for construction, and other items (where applicable).
- (b) Due to our preference in the joint venture partnership, we are contributing 85% of the project costs.
- (c) The estimated opening date represents Phase I only. Phase II estimated opening date is 3rd quarter 2006.

We expect to fund these capital projects with either available cash flow from operations, borrowings from the Credit Facility, or project specific construction loans. We expect total 2004 new development costs during the year to be approximately \$250 million.

Strategic Expansions and Renovations. The following describes our significant renovation and/or expansion projects currently under construction, the estimated total cost, our share of the estimated total cost and our share of the construction in progress balance as of September 30, 2004 (dollars in millions):

<i>Property</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Gross Leasable Area</i>	<i>Estimated Total Cost (a)</i>	<i>Our Share of Estimated Total Cost</i>	<i>Our Share of Construction in Progress</i>	<i>Estimated Opening Date</i>
Under Construction						
Forum Shops at Caesars	Las Vegas, NV	175,000	\$ 139.0	\$ 139.0	\$ 116.0	October 22, 2004
Aurora Mall	Aurora, CO	1,000,000	44.6	44.6	9.5	3 rd Quarter 2006

- (a) Represents the project costs net of land sales, tenant reimbursements for construction, and other items (where applicable).

We expect to fund these capital projects with either available cash flow from operations and borrowings from the Credit Facility. We have other renovation and/or expansion projects currently under construction or in preconstruction development and expect to invest a total of approximately \$325 million on expansion and renovation activities in 2004.

International. Our strategy is to invest capital internationally not only to acquire existing properties but also to use the net cash flow from the existing properties to fund other future developments. We believe reinvesting the cash flow derived in Euros in other Euro denominated development and redevelopment projects helps minimize our exposure to our initial investment and to the changes in the Euro on future investments that might otherwise significantly increase our cost and reduce our returns on these new projects and developments. In addition, to date we have funded the majority of our investments in Europe with Euro-denominated borrowings that act as a natural hedge on our investments.

Currently, our net income exposure to changes in the volatility of the Euro is not material. In addition, since cash flow from operations is currently being reinvested in other development projects, we do not expect to repatriate Euros for the next few years. Therefore, we also do not currently have a significant cash flow from operations exposure due to fluctuations in the value of the Euro.

The agreements for the Operating Partnership's 34.7% interest in European Retail Enterprises, B.V. ("ERE") are structured to require us to acquire an additional 26.0% ownership interest over time. The future commitments to purchase shares from three of the existing shareholders of ERE are based upon a multiple of adjusted results of operations in the year prior to the purchase of the shares. Therefore, the actual amount of these additional commitments may vary. The current estimated additional commitment is approximately \$55 million to purchase shares of stock of ERE, assuming that the three existing shareholders exercise their rights under put options. We expect these purchases to be made from 2006-2008.

The carrying amount of our total equity method investments as of September 30, 2004 in European subsidiaries net of the related cumulative translation adjustment was \$303.8 million, including subordinated debt in ERE. As of September 30, 2004, a total of 8 new developments or expansions are under construction that will add approximately 5.8 million square feet of GLA for a total net cost to the joint ventures of approximately €635 million, of which our share is approximately €164 million.

Distributions and Stock Repurchase Program

The Board of Directors declared and we paid a common stock dividend of \$0.65 per share in the third quarter of 2004. We are required to pay a minimum level of dividends to maintain our status as a REIT. Our dividends and limited partner distributions typically exceed our net income generated in any given year primarily because of depreciation, which is a "non-cash" expense. Our future dividends and the distributions of the Operating Partnership will be determined by the Board of Directors based on actual results of operations, cash available for dividends and limited partner distributions, and what may be required to maintain our status as a REIT.

On May 5, 2004, the Board of Directors authorized a common stock repurchase program under which we may purchase up to \$250 million of our common stock over the next twelve months as market conditions warrant. We may repurchase the shares in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions. As of September 30, 2004, no shares had been repurchased under this program.

On October 4, 2004, we announced a partial quarterly dividend of \$0.409783 per share of common stock payable on November 30, 2004, subject to the completion of the merger with Chelsea. The purpose of this dividend is to align the payment time periods for Simon Property and Chelsea. With the completion of the merger on October 14, 2004, the record date for the partial dividend is October 13, 2004.

Non-GAAP Financial Measure Funds from Operations

Industry practice is to evaluate real estate properties in part based on funds from operations ("FFO"). We consider FFO to be a key measure of our operating performance that is not specifically defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States ("GAAP"). We believe that FFO is helpful to investors because it is a widely recognized measure of the performance of REITs and provides a relevant basis for comparison among REITs. We also use this measure internally to measure the operating performance of our Portfolio.

As defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT"), FFO is consolidated net income computed in accordance with GAAP:

excluding real estate related depreciation and amortization,

excluding gains and losses from extraordinary items and cumulative effects of accounting changes,

excluding gains and losses from the sales of real estate,

plus the allocable portion of FFO of unconsolidated joint ventures based upon economic ownership interest, and

all determined on a consistent basis in accordance with GAAP.

We have adopted NAREIT's clarification of the definition of FFO that requires us to include the effects of nonrecurring items not classified as extraordinary, cumulative effect of accounting change or resulting from the sale of depreciable real estate. However, you should understand that FFO:

does not represent cash flow from operations as defined by GAAP,

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should not be considered as an alternative to net income determined in accordance with GAAP as a measure of operating performance, and

is not an alternative to cash flows as a measure of liquidity.

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The following schedule sets forth total FFO before allocation to the limited partners of the Operating Partnership and FFO allocable to Simon Property. This schedule also reconciles consolidated net income, which we believe is the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure, to FFO for the periods presented.

	<i>For the Three Months Ended September 30,</i>		<i>For the Nine Months Ended September 30,</i>	
	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>	<i>2004</i>	<i>2003</i>
	<i>(in thousands)</i>			
Funds From Operations	\$ 276,399	\$ 237,547	\$ 796,656	\$ 707,852
Increase in FFO from prior period	16.4%		12.5%	
Reconciliation of Net Income to Funds From Operations:				
Net Income	\$ 81,975	\$ 58,404	\$ 216,707	\$ 195,201
Plus:				
Limited partners' interest in the Operating Partnership and Preferred distributions of the Operating Partnership	25,697	17,079	70,278	56,422
Depreciation and amortization from consolidated properties and discontinued operations	143,820	126,978	423,618	374,907
Our share of depreciation and amortization from unconsolidated entities	39,712	36,218	123,344	108,721
Loss /(Gain) on sales of real estate and discontinued operations	(618)	18,081	975	30,815
Tax provision related to gain on sale	369		4,784	
Less:				
Minority interest portion of depreciation and amortization	(1,817)	(695)	(4,836)	(2,661)
Preferred distributions and dividends	(12,739)	(18,518)	(38,214)	(55,553)
Funds From Operations	\$ 276,399	\$ 237,547	\$ 796,656	\$ 707,852
FFO allocable to Simon Property	\$ 216,239	\$ 179,345	\$ 619,399	\$ 534,370
Diluted net income per share to diluted FFO per share reconciliation:				
Diluted earnings per common share	\$.36	\$.22	\$.94	\$.78
Plus: Depreciation and amortization from consolidated entities, net of minority interest portion, and our share of depreciation and amortization from unconsolidated entities	.69	.65	2.05	1.92
Plus: Loss (gain) on sales of real estate and discontinued operations		.07		.12
Plus: Tax provision related to gain on sale			.02	
Less: Impact of additional dilutive securities	(.01)	(.01)		(.04)
Diluted FFO per common share	\$ 1.04	\$.93	\$ 3.01	\$ 2.78

Retail Climate and Tenant Bankruptcies

Bankruptcy filings by retailers are normal in the course of our operations. We are continually releasing vacant spaces resulting from tenant terminations. Pressures which affect consumer confidence, job growth, energy costs and income gains can affect retail sales growth, and a continuing soft economic cycle may impact our ability to retenant property vacancies resulting from store closings or bankruptcies. We lost approximately 496,000 square feet of mall shop tenants during the first nine months of 2004. We expect 2004 to be similar to 2003 in terms of square feet lost to bankruptcies.

The geographical diversity of our Portfolio mitigates some of the risk of an economic downturn. In addition, the diversity of our tenant mix also is important because no single retailer represents either more than 1.8% of total GLA or more than 4.4% of our annualized base minimum rent. Bankruptcies and store closings may, in some circumstances, create opportunities for us to release spaces at higher rents to tenants with enhanced sales performance. We have demonstrated an ability to successfully retenant anchor and in line store locations during soft economic cycles. While these factors reflect some of the inherent strengths of our portfolio in a difficult retail environment, we cannot assure you that we will successfully execute our releasing strategy.

Seasonality

The shopping center industry is seasonal in nature, particularly in the fourth quarter during the holiday season, when tenant occupancy and retail sales are typically at their highest levels. In addition, shopping malls achieve most of

their temporary tenant rents during the holiday season. As a result, our earnings are generally highest in the fourth quarter of each year.

In addition, given the number of Properties in warm summer climates our utility expenses are typically higher in the months of June through September due to higher electricity costs to supply air conditioning to our Properties. As a result some seasonality results in increased property operating expenses during these months; however, the majority of these costs are recoverable from tenants.

Environmental Matters

Nearly all of the Properties have been subjected to Phase I or similar environmental audits. Such audits have not revealed nor is management aware of any environmental liability that we believe would have a material adverse impact on our financial position or results of operations. We are unaware of any instances in which we would incur significant environmental costs if any or all Properties were sold, disposed of or abandoned.

Item 3. Qualitative and Quantitative Disclosure About Market Risk

Sensitivity Analysis. A comprehensive qualitative and quantitative analysis regarding market risk is disclosed in our Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003. There have been no material changes in the assumptions used or results obtained regarding market risk since December 31, 2003.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. We carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with participation of management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-15. Based upon that evaluation, our management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of that date.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f)) that occurred during the third quarter of 2004 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II Other Information

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Triple Five of Minnesota, Inc., a Minnesota corporation, v. Melvin Simon, et. al. On or about November 9, 1999, Triple Five of Minnesota, Inc. commenced an action in the District Court for the State of Minnesota, Fourth Judicial District, against, among others, Mall of America, certain members of the Simon family and entities allegedly controlled by such individuals, and us. The action was later removed to federal court. Two transactions form the basis of the complaint: (i) the sale by Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association of America of one-half of its partnership interest in Mall of America Company and Minntertainment Company to the Operating Partnership and related entities; and (ii) a financing transaction involving a loan in the amount of \$312.0 million that is secured by a mortgage placed on Mall of America's assets. The complaint, which contains twelve counts, seeks remedies of unspecified damages, rescission, constructive trust, accounting, and specific performance. Although the complaint names all defendants in several counts, we are specifically identified as a defendant in connection with the sale by Teachers. On August 12, 2002, the court granted in part and denied in part motions for partial summary judgment filed by the parties.

Trial on all of the equitable claims in this matter began June 2, 2003. On September 10, 2003, the court issued its decision in a Memorandum and Order (the "Order"). In the Order, the court found that certain entities and individuals breached their fiduciary duties to Triple Five. The court did not award Triple Five damages but instead awarded Triple Five equitable and other relief and imposed a constructive trust on that portion of the Mall of America owned by us. Specifically, as it relates to us, the court ordered that Triple Five was entitled to purchase from us the one-half partnership interest that we purchased from Teachers in October 1999, provided Triple Five remits to us the sum of \$81.38 million within nine months of the Order. The court further held that we must disgorge all "net profits" that we received as a result of our ownership interest in the Mall from October 1999 to the present. The court appointed a Special Master to, among other things, calculate "net profits," and, on May 3, 2004, the Special Master issued a memorandum order regarding "net profits." On May 27, 2004, the court affirmed the "net profits" memorandum order ("Net Profits Order"). On June 24, 2004, the court issued an order on a motion for ancillary relief filed by Triple Five ("Ancillary Relief Order"). The Ancillary Relief Order, among other things, found that it was appropriate that we indemnify Triple Five for any "expenses, losses or claims arising out of or connected to Triple Five's purchase of the Operating Partnership's interest in the Mall, in particular claims made by any Simon entity, any Teachers entity, and/or any Mall lender."

On June 4, 2004, GMAC Commercial Mortgage Corporation, in its capacity as servicer for the Trustee for registered certificate holders of Mall of America Capital Company LLC Miscellaneous Pass-Through Certificates ("MOA Mortgage Lender"), commenced an action in the United States District Court for the District of Minnesota seeking to enjoin Triple Five's purchase of our one-half partnership interest, alleging that the MOA Mortgage Lender has the right to consent to the purchase. On August 6, 2004, Triple Five closed on its purchase of our one-half partnership interest, by which time the MOA Mortgage Lender had provided its consent to the transaction.

We disagree with many aspects of the Order, the Ancillary Relief Order and the Net Profits Order. We have appealed the Order and the Ancillary Relief Order to the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit. Briefing on the appeals is complete and oral argument took place on October 18, 2004. The Eighth Circuit has denied our motion to stay pertinent provisions of the Order pending appeal. It is not, however, possible to provide an assurance of the ultimate outcome of the litigation.

As a result of the Order, we initially recorded a \$6.0 million loss in 2003. In the first quarter of 2004, as a result of the May 3, 2004 memorandum issued by the Special Master, which has now been affirmed by the court, we recorded an additional loss of \$13.5 million that is included in "(Loss) gain on sales of assets and other, net" in the accompanying statements of operations and comprehensive income. We have ceased recording any contribution to either net income or Funds from Operations ("FFO") from the results of operations of Mall of America since September 1, 2003.

G.K. Las Vegas Limited Partnership v. Simon Property Group, Inc., et. al. On or about August 27, 2004, G.K. Las Vegas Limited Partnership ("GKLV"), a former limited partner in Forum Developers Limited Partnership ("FDLP"), commenced an action in United States District Court, District of Nevada against, among others, us, certain members of the Simon family and entities allegedly controlled by us. The action arises out of FDLP's operation and expansion of Forum Shops at Caesar's Palace and GKLV's exercise of the "buy/sell right" in the FDLP partnership agreement. In the complaint GKLV alleges, among other things, a violation of the Nevada securities laws, violation of contractual

and statutory fiduciary duties and violation of Federal and Nevada racketeering statutes. We intend to vigorously defend the litigation. Although it is not possible to provide an assurance of the ultimate outcome of the litigation or an estimate of the amount or range of potential loss, if any, we believe that the GKLV litigation will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position or results of operations.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities

During the first nine months of 2004, we issued 3,485,104 shares of common stock to forty-two limited partners in exchange for an equal number of units. The issuance of the shares of common stock was made pursuant to the terms of the Partnership Agreement of the Operating Partnership and was exempt from registration under the Securities Act of 1933 as amended, in reliance upon Section 4(2) as a private offering. We subsequently registered the resale of the shares of common stock under the Securities Act.

Issuer Purchase of Equity Securities

<i>Period</i>	<i>Total Number of Shares Purchased</i>	<i>Average Price Paid per Share</i>	<i>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs (1)</i>	<i>Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</i>
July 1 July 31, 2004		N/A	N/A	\$250,000,000
August 1 August 31, 2004		N/A	N/A	\$250,000,000
September 1 September 30, 2004		N/A	N/A	\$250,000,000
Total		N/A	N/A	

(1) On May 5, 2004, the Board of Directors authorized a one-year common stock repurchase program. The program was publicly announced on May 6, 2004. Under the program, we may purchase up to \$250 million of our common stock as market conditions warrant. We may repurchase shares in the open market or in privately negotiated transactions.

Item 5. Other Information

During the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, the Audit Committee of our Board of Directors did not approve the engagement of Ernst & Young LLP, our independent auditors, to perform any non-audit services. This disclosure is made pursuant to Section 10A(i)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as added by Section 202 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Item 6. Exhibits

- 10 Credit Agreement, dated as of October 12, 2004, among Simon Property Group, L.P., the Lenders named therein, and the Co-Agents named therein.
- 31.1 Certification by the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 31.2 Certification by the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
- 32 Certification by the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC.

/s/ Stephen E. Sterrett

Stephen E. Sterrett
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 8, 2004

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