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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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(Mark one)

Quarterly report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2015.

or

Transition report pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Commission file number:

001-32324 (CubeSmart)

000-54662 (CubeSmart, L.P.)

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CUBESMART

CUBESMART, L.P.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland (CubeSmart)	20-1024732
Delaware (CubeSmart, L.P.)	34-1837021
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
5 Old Lancaster Road	
Malvern, Pennsylvania	19355
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

(610) 535-5000

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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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.

CubeSmart	Yes	No
CubeSmart, L.P.	Yes	No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

CubeSmart	Yes	No
CubeSmart, L.P.	Yes	No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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Large accelerated filer   Accelerated filer   Non-accelerated filer   Smaller reporting company

CubeSmart, L.P.:

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

CubeSmart      Yes   No

CubeSmart, L.P.   Yes   No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date:

Class	Outstanding at April 29, 2015
Common shares, \$0.01 par value per share, of CubeSmart	166,345,360

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

This report combines the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2015 of CubeSmart (the “Parent Company” or “CubeSmart”) and CubeSmart, L.P. (the “Operating Partnership”). The Parent Company is a Maryland real estate investment trust, or REIT, that owns its assets and conducts its operations through the Operating Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, and subsidiaries of the Operating Partnership. The Parent Company, the Operating Partnership and their consolidated subsidiaries are collectively referred to in this report as the “Company.” In addition, terms such as “we”, “us”, or “our” used in this report may refer to the Company, the Parent Company, or the Operating Partnership.

The Parent Company is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership and, as of March 31, 2015, owned a 98.7% interest in the Operating Partnership. The remaining 1.3% interest consists of common units of limited partnership interest issued by the Operating Partnership to third parties in exchange for contributions of facilities to the Operating Partnership. As the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, the Parent Company has full and complete authority over the Operating Partnership’s day-to-day operations and management.

Management operates the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership as one enterprise. The management teams of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership are identical, and their constituents are officers of both the Parent Company and of the Operating Partnership.

There are few differences between the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership, which are reflected in the note disclosures in this report. The Company believes it is important to understand the differences between the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership in the context of how these entities operate as a consolidated enterprise. The Parent Company is a REIT, whose only material asset is its ownership of the partnership interests of the Operating Partnership. As a result, the Parent Company does not conduct business itself, other than acting as the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, issuing public equity from time to time and guaranteeing the debt obligations of the Operating Partnership. The Operating Partnership holds substantially all the assets of the Company and, directly or indirectly, holds the ownership interests in the Company’s real estate ventures. The Operating Partnership conducts the operations of the Company’s business and is structured as a partnership with no publicly traded equity. Except for net proceeds from equity issuances by the Parent Company, which are contributed to the Operating Partnership in exchange for partnership units, the Operating Partnership generates the capital required by the Company’s business through the Operating Partnership’s operations, by the Operating Partnership’s direct or indirect incurrence of indebtedness or through the issuance of partnership units of the Operating Partnership or equity interests in subsidiaries of the Operating Partnership.

The substantive difference between the Parent Company’s and the Operating Partnership’s filings is the fact that the Parent Company is a REIT with public equity, while the Operating Partnership is a partnership with no publicly traded equity. In the financial statements, this difference is primarily reflected in the equity (or capital for Operating Partnership) section of the consolidated balance sheets and in the consolidated statements of equity (or capital). Apart

from the different equity treatment, the consolidated financial statements of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership are nearly identical.

The Company believes that combining the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership into a single report will:

- facilitate a better understanding by the investors of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership by enabling them to view the business as a whole in the same manner as management views and operates the business;
- remove duplicative disclosures and provide a more straightforward presentation in light of the fact that a substantial portion of the disclosure applies to both the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership; and
- create time and cost efficiencies through the preparation of one combined report instead of two separate reports.

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In order to highlight the differences between the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership, the separate sections in this report for the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership specifically refer to the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership. In the sections that combine disclosures of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership, this report refers to such disclosures as those of the Company. Although the Operating Partnership is generally the entity that directly or indirectly enters into contracts and real estate ventures and holds assets and debt, reference to the Company is appropriate because the business is one enterprise and the Parent Company operates the business through the Operating Partnership.

As general partner with control of the Operating Partnership, the Parent Company consolidates the Operating Partnership for financial reporting purposes, and the Parent Company does not have significant assets other than its investment in the Operating Partnership. Therefore, the assets and liabilities of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership are the same on their respective financial statements. The separate discussions of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership in this report should be read in conjunction with each other to understand the results of the Company's operations on a consolidated basis and how management operates the Company.

This report also includes separate Item 4 - Controls and Procedures sections, signature pages and Exhibit 31 and 32 certifications for each of the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership in order to establish that the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Parent Company and the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of the Operating Partnership have made the requisite certifications and that the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership are compliant with Rule 13a-15 or Rule 15d-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and 18 U.S.C. §1350.

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Forward-Looking Statements

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, or “this Report”, together with other statements and information publicly disseminated by the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership, contain certain forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the “Exchange Act.” Forward-looking statements include statements concerning the Company’s plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, future revenues or performance, capital expenditures, financing needs, plans or intentions relating to acquisitions and other information that is not historical information. In some cases, forward-looking statements can be identified by terminology such as “believes,” “expects,” “estimates,” “may,” “will,” “should,” “anticipates,” or “intends” or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology, or by discussions of strategy. Such statements are based on assumptions and expectations that may not be realized and are inherently subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, many of which cannot be predicted with accuracy and some of which might not even be anticipated. Although we believe the expectations reflected in these forward-looking statements are based on reasonable assumptions, future events and actual results, performance, transactions or achievements, financial and otherwise, may differ materially from the results, performance, transactions or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. As a result, you should not rely on or construe any forward-looking statements in this Report, or which management may make orally or in writing from time to time, as predictions of future events or as guarantees of future performance. We caution you not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Report or as of the dates otherwise indicated in the statements. All of our forward-looking statements, including those in this Report, are qualified in their entirety by this statement.

There are a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements contained in or contemplated by this Report. Any forward-looking statements should be considered in light of the risks and uncertainties referred to in Item 1A. “Risk Factors” in the Parent Company’s and the Operating Partnership’s combined Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”). These risks include, but are not limited to, the following:

- national and local economic, business, real estate and other market conditions;
- the competitive environment in which we operate, including our ability to maintain or raise occupancy and rental rates;
- the execution of our business plan;
- the availability of external sources of capital;
- financing risks, including the risk of over-leverage and the corresponding risk of default on our mortgage and other debt and potential inability to refinance existing indebtedness;



- increases in interest rates and operating costs;
- counterparty non-performance related to the use of derivative financial instruments;
- our ability to maintain our Parent Company's qualification as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") for federal income tax purposes;
- acquisition and development risks;
- increases in taxes, fees, and assessments from state and local jurisdictions;
- risks of investing through joint ventures;
- changes in real estate and zoning laws or regulations;
- risks related to natural disasters;
- potential environmental and other liabilities;
- other factors affecting the real estate industry generally or the self-storage industry in particular; and

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- other risks identified in the Parent Company's and the Operating Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K and, from time to time, in other reports that we file with the SEC or in other documents that we publicly disseminate.

Given these uncertainties and the other risks identified elsewhere in this Report, we caution readers not to place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise these forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise except as may be required by securities laws. Because of the factors referred to above, the future events discussed in or incorporated by reference in this Report may not occur and actual results, performance or achievement could differ materially from that anticipated or implied in the forward-looking statements.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share data)

(unaudited)

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Storage facilities	\$ 3,178,202	\$ 3,117,198
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(520,114)	(492,069)
Storage facilities, net (including VIE assets of \$60,744 and \$49,829, respectively)	2,658,088	2,625,129
Cash and cash equivalents	3,017	2,901
Restricted cash	3,675	3,305
Loan procurement costs, net of amortization	10,173	10,653
Investment in real estate venture, at equity	93,918	95,709
Other assets, net	39,129	48,642
Total assets	\$ 2,808,000	\$ 2,786,339
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Unsecured senior notes	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Revolving credit facility	80,000	78,000
Unsecured term loans	400,000	400,000
Mortgage loans and notes payable	196,868	195,851
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	70,116	69,198
Distributions payable	28,480	28,137
Deferred revenue	16,242	15,311
Security deposits	399	401
Total liabilities	1,292,105	1,286,898

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Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	54,446	49,823
Commitments and contingencies		
Equity		
7.75% Series A Preferred shares \$.01 par value, 3,220,000 shares authorized, 3,100,000 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 , respectively	31	31
Common shares \$.01 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized, 166,151,060 and 163,956,675 shares issued and outstanding at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively	1,661	1,639
Additional paid-in capital	2,011,695	1,974,308
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(9,835)	(8,759)
Accumulated deficit	(543,860)	(519,193)
Total CubeSmart shareholders' equity	1,459,692	1,448,026
Noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	1,757	1,592
Total equity	1,461,449	1,449,618
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 2,808,000	\$ 2,786,339

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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## CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share data)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended	
	March 31,	2014
	2015	2014
REVENUES		
Rental income	\$ 91,556	\$ 75,714
Other property related income	10,543	10,147
Property management fee income	1,589	1,406
Total revenues	103,688	87,267
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Property operating expenses	37,431	32,290
Depreciation and amortization	37,895	28,115
General and administrative	7,173	6,569
Acquisition related costs	510	1,679
Total operating expenses	83,009	68,653
OPERATING INCOME	20,679	18,614
OTHER (EXPENSE) INCOME		
Interest:		
Interest expense on loans	(11,057)	(11,871)
Loan procurement amortization expense	(546)	(541)
Equity in losses of real estate ventures	(238)	(1,369)
Other	(316)	(593)
Total other expense	(12,157)	(14,374)
INCOME FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS	8,522	4,240
DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS		
Income from discontinued operations	—	336
Total discontinued operations	—	336
NET INCOME	8,522	4,576
NET (INCOME) LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS		
Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	(91)	(49)

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Noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries	3	3
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY	8,434	4,530
Distribution to preferred shareholders	(1,502)	(1,502)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY'S COMMON SHAREHOLDERS	\$ 6,932	\$ 3,028
Basic earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02
Basic earnings per share from discontinued operations attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Basic earnings per share attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02
Diluted earnings per share from continuing operations attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02
Diluted earnings per share from discontinued operations attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Diluted earnings per share attributable to common shareholders	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02
Weighted-average basic shares outstanding	165,502	140,219
Weighted-average diluted shares outstanding	167,165	142,774
AMOUNTS ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY'S COMMON SHAREHOLDERS:		
Income from continuing operations	\$ 6,932	\$ 2,697
Total discontinued operations	—	331
Net income	\$ 6,932	\$ 3,028

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## CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (LOSS)

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
NET INCOME	\$ 8,522	\$ 4,576
Other comprehensive (loss) income:		
Unrealized losses on interest rate swaps	(2,329)	(984)
Reclassification of realized losses on interest rate swaps	1,565	1,576
Unrealized (loss) gain on foreign currency translation	(337)	74
OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME	(1,101)	666
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	7,421	5,242
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	(76)	(59)
Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries	13	1
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY	\$ 7,358	\$ 5,184

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## CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

Common Shares Number	Common Shares Amount	Preferred Shares Number	Preferred Shares Amount	Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated Loss	Other Comprehensive Accumulated Deficit	Total Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interest in Subsidiaries	Total Equity
1,957	\$ 1,639	3,100	\$ 31	\$ 1,974,308	\$ (8,759)	\$ (519,193)	\$ 1,448,026	\$ 1,592	\$ 1,449,618
								178	178
10	12			29,429			29,441		29,441
	1						1		1
	—			74			74		74
	9			8,429			8,438		8,438
				(789)			(789)		(789)
				244			244		244
						(4,982)	(4,982)		(4,982)
						8,434	8,434	(3)	8,431



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Common Shares Number	Common Shares Amount	Preferred Shares Number	Preferred Shares Amount	Additional Paid in Capital	Accumulated (Loss) Income	Other Accumulated Deficit	Total Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interest in Subsidiaries	Total Equity
					(754)		(754)		(754)
					(322)		(322)	(10)	(332)
						(1,502)	(1,502)		(1,502)
						(26,617)	(26,617)		(26,617)
1,151	\$ 1,661	3,100	\$ 31	\$ 2,011,695	\$ (9,835)	\$ (543,860)	\$ 1,459,692	\$ 1,757	\$ 1,461,449
1,328	\$ 1,393	3,100	\$ 31	\$ 1,542,703	\$ (11,014)	\$ (440,837)	\$ 1,092,276	\$ 931	\$ 1,093,207
105	28			46,134			46,162	515	46,677
	1						1		1
	—			234			234		234
	—			560			560		560
				149			149		149
				214		(3,001)	214 (3,001)		214 (3,001)

						4,530	4,530	(3)	4,5
					583		583		58.
					71		71	2	73
						(1,502)	(1,502)		(1,
						(18,525)	(18,525)		(18
,207	\$ 1,422	3,100	\$ 31	\$ 1,589,994	\$ (10,360)	\$ (459,335)	\$ 1,121,752	\$ 1,445	\$ 1,1

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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## CUBESMART AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	2014
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 8,522	\$ 4,576
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	38,441	28,656
Equity compensation expense	(545)	363
Accretion of fair market value adjustment of debt	(395)	(351)
Equity in losses of real estate ventures	238	1,369
Changes in other operating accounts:		
Other assets	136	2,147
Restricted cash	(288)	(26)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(3,399)	(6,800)
Other liabilities	715	647
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 43,425	\$ 30,581
Investing Activities		
Acquisitions of storage facilities	(41,347)	(76,619)
Additions and improvements to storage facilities	(4,948)	(5,112)
Development costs	(9,155)	(7,488)
Cash contributed to real estate venture	—	(1,050)
Cash distributed from real estate venture	1,553 (31)	1,524 306

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Change in restricted cash				
Net cash used in investing activities	\$	(53,928)	\$	(88,439)
Financing Activities				
Proceeds from:				
Revolving credit facility		161,900		197,500
Principal payments on:				
Revolving credit facility		(159,900)		(165,500)
Mortgage loans and notes payable		(1,283)		(1,309)
Loan procurement costs		(19)		(57)
Proceeds from issuance of common shares, net		29,442		46,163
Exercise of stock options		8,438		560
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries		178		515
Distributions paid to common shareholders		(26,274)		(18,157)
Distributions paid to preferred shareholders		(1,502)		(1,502)
Distributions paid to noncontrolling interests in Operating Partnership		(361)		(296)
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$	10,619	\$	57,917
Change in cash and cash equivalents		116		59
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year		2,901		3,176
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$	3,017	\$	3,235
Supplemental Cash Flow and Noncash Information				
Cash paid for interest, net of interest capitalized	\$	12,115	\$	12,819
Supplemental disclosure of noncash activities:				
Accretion of liability	\$	3,619	\$	1,786
	\$	(764)	\$	592

Derivative valuation adjustment				
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$	(337)	\$	74
Mortgage loan assumption - acquisitions of storage facilities	\$	2,695	\$	27,467

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## CUBESMART, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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Total assets	\$ 2,808,000	\$ 2,786,339
<b>LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL</b>		
Unsecured senior notes	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
Revolving credit facility	80,000	78,000
Unsecured term loan	400,000	400,000
Mortgage loans and notes payable	196,868	195,851
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Distributions payable	28,480	28,137
Deferred revenue	16,242	15,311
Security deposits	399	401
Total liabilities	1,292,105	1,286,898
Limited Partnership interests of third parties	54,446	49,823
Commitments and contingencies		
Capital		
Operating Partner	1,469,527	1,456,785
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(9,835)	(8,759)
Total CubeSmart, L.P. capital	1,459,692	1,448,026
Noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	1,757	1,592
Total capital	1,461,449	1,449,618

Total liabilities and capital	\$ 2,808,000	\$ 2,786,339
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Income from discontinued operations	—	336
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NET INCOME	8,522	4,576
NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS		
Noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries	3	3
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO CUBESMART L.P.	8,525	4,579



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Operating Partnership interests of third parties	(91)	(49)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO OPERATING PARTNER	8,434	4,530
Distribution to preferred unitholders	(1,502)	(1,502)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON UNITHOLDERS	\$ 6,932	\$ 3,028
Basic earnings per unit from continuing operations attributable to common unitholders	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02
Basic earnings per unit from discontinued operations attributable to common unitholders	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
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Net income	\$ 6,932	\$ 3,028

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## CUBESMART, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

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(in thousands)

(unaudited)

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OTHER COMPREHENSIVE (LOSS) INCOME	(1,101)	666
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME	7,421	5,242
Comprehensive income attributable to Operating Partnership interests of third parties	(76)	(59)
Comprehensive loss attributable to noncontrolling interest in subsidiaries	13	1
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO OPERATING PARTNER	\$ 7,358	\$ 5,184

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.

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## CUBESMART, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CAPITAL

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Number of OP Units Outstanding		Operating Partner	Accumulated Comprehensive (Loss) Income	Total CubeSmart L.P. Capital	Noncontrolling Interests in Subsidiaries	Total Capital	Operating Partnership Interest of Third Pa
	Common	Preferred						
Balance at December 31, 2014	163,957	3,100	\$ 1,456,785	\$ (8,759)	\$ 1,448,026	\$ 1,592	\$ 1,449,618	\$ 49,823
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries						178	178	
Issuance of common OP units	1,210		29,441		29,441		29,441	
Issuance of restricted OP units	126		1		1		1	
Conversion from units to shares	3		74		74		74	(74)
Exercise of OP unit options	855		8,438		8,438		8,438	
Amortization of restricted OP units			(789)		(789)		(789)	
OP unit compensation expense			244		244		244	
Adjustment for Operating Partnership interest of third			(4,982)		(4,982)		(4,982)	4,982

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Parties								
Net income			8,434		8,434	(3)	8,431	91
(Loss)								
Other								
Comprehensive								
Loss:								
Unrealized								
Losses on								
Interest rate								
Swaps				(754)	(754)		(754)	(10)
Unrealized loss								
on foreign								
currency								
translation				(322)	(322)	(10)	(332)	(5)
Preferred OP								
Unit								
Distributions			(1,502)		(1,502)		(1,502)	
Common OP								
Unit								
Distributions			(26,617)		(26,617)		(26,617)	(361)
Balance at								
March 31, 2015	166,151	3,100	\$ 1,469,527	\$ (9,835)	\$ 1,459,692	\$ 1,757	\$ 1,461,449	\$ 54,446
	Number of OP Units			Total				Operating
	Outstanding	Preferred	Operating	Accumulated	CubeSmart	Noncontrolling	Total	Partnership
	Common		Partner	Comprehensive	L.P.	Interests in	Capital	Interest
				(Loss) Income	Capital	Subsidiaries		of Third Pa
Balance at								
December 31,								
2014	139,328	3,100	\$ 1,103,290	\$ (11,014)	\$ 1,092,276	\$ 931	\$ 1,093,207	\$ 36,275
Contributions								
from								
noncontrolling								
interests in								
subsidiaries								
issuance of								
common OP								
units	2,705		46,162		46,162		46,162	
issuance of								
restricted OP								
units	114		1		1		1	
Conversion								
from units to								
shares	14		234		234		234	(234)
Exercise of OP								
unit options	46		560		560		560	
Amortization								
of restricted OP								
units			149		149		149	
			214		214		214	

OP unit									
compensation									
expense									
Adjustment for									
Operating									
Partnership									
interest of third									
parties			(3,001)		(3,001)			(3,001)	3,001
Net income									
(loss)			4,530		4,530	(3)		4,527	49
Other									
comprehensive									
income:									
Unrealized									
gains on									
interest rate									
swaps			583		583			583	9
Unrealized gain									
on foreign									
currency									
translation			71		71	2		73	1
Preferred OP									
unit									
distributions			(1,502)		(1,502)			(1,502)	
Common OP									
unit									
distributions			(18,525)		(18,525)			(18,525)	(294)
Balance at									
March 31, 2015	142,207	3,100	\$ 1,132,112	\$ (10,360)	\$ 1,121,752	\$ 1,445	\$ 1,123,197	\$ 38,807	

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## CUBESMART, L.P. AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(in thousands)

(unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	2014
Operating Activities		
Net income	\$ 8,522	\$ 4,576
Adjustments to reconcile net income to cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	38,441	28,656
Equity compensation expense	(545)	363
Accretion of fair market value adjustment of debt	(395)	(351)
Equity in losses of real estate ventures	238	1,369
Changes in other operating accounts:		
Other assets	136	2,147
Restricted cash	(288)	(26)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(3,399)	(6,800)
Other liabilities	715	647
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 43,425	\$ 30,581
Investing Activities		
Acquisitions of storage facilities	(41,347)	(76,619)
Additions and improvements to storage facilities	(4,948)	(5,112)
Development costs	(9,155)	(7,488)
	—	(1,050)

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Cash contributed to real estate venture			
Cash distributed from real estate venture	1,553		1,524
Change in restricted cash	(31)		306
Net cash used in investing activities	\$ (53,928)	\$	(88,439)
Financing Activities			
Proceeds from:			
Revolving credit facility	161,900		197,500
Principal payments on:			
Revolving credit facility	(159,900)		(165,500)
Mortgage loans and notes payable	(1,283)		(1,309)
Loan procurement costs	(19)		(57)
Proceeds from issuance of common OP units	29,442		46,163
Exercise of OP unit options	8,438		560
Contributions from noncontrolling interests in subsidiaries	178		515
Distributions paid to common OP unitholders	(26,635)		(18,453)
Distributions paid to preferred OP unitholders	(1,502)		(1,502)
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 10,619	\$	57,917
Change in cash and cash equivalents	116		59
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	2,901		3,176
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 3,017	\$	3,235
Supplemental Cash Flow and Noncash Information			
Cash paid for interest, net of interest capitalized	\$ 12,115	\$	12,819
Supplemental disclosure of noncash activities:			

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Accretion of liability	\$	3,619	\$	1,786
Derivative valuation adjustment	\$	(764)	\$	592
Foreign currency translation adjustment	\$	(337)	\$	74
Mortgage loan assumption - acquisition of storage facilities	\$	2,695	\$	27,467

See accompanying notes to the unaudited consolidated financial statements.



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CUBESMART AND CUBESMART, L.P.

NOTES TO UNAUDITED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. ORGANIZATION AND NATURE OF OPERATIONS

CubeSmart (the “Parent Company”) operates as a self-managed and self-administered real estate investment trust (“REIT”) with its operations conducted solely through CubeSmart, L.P. and its subsidiaries. CubeSmart, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the “Operating Partnership”), operates through an umbrella partnership structure, with the Parent Company, a Maryland REIT, as its sole general partner. In the notes to the consolidated financial statements, we use the terms “the Company”, “we” or “our” to refer to the Parent Company and the Operating Partnership together, unless the context indicates otherwise. As of March 31, 2015, the Company owned self-storage facilities located in 22 states throughout the United States and the District of Columbia which are presented under one reportable segment: the Company owns, operates, develops, manages and acquires self-storage facilities.

As of March 31, 2015, the Parent Company owned approximately 98.7% of the partnership interests (“OP Units”) of the Operating Partnership. The remaining OP Units, consisting exclusively of limited partner interests, are held by persons who contributed their interests in facilities to the Operating Partnership in exchange for OP Units. Under the partnership agreement, these persons have the right to tender their OP Units for redemption to the Operating Partnership at any time for cash equal to the fair value of an equivalent number of common shares of the Parent Company. In lieu of delivering cash, however, the Parent Company, as the Operating Partnership’s general partner, may, at its option, choose to acquire any OP Units so tendered by issuing common shares in exchange for the tendered OP Units. If the Parent Company so chooses, its common shares will be exchanged for OP Units on a one-for-one basis. This one-for-one exchange ratio is subject to adjustment to prevent dilution. With each such exchange or redemption, the Parent Company’s percentage ownership in the Operating Partnership will increase. In addition, whenever the Parent Company issues common or other classes of its shares, it contributes the net proceeds it receives from the issuance to the Operating Partnership and the Operating Partnership issues to the Parent Company an equal number of OP Units or other partnership interests having preferences and rights that mirror the preferences and rights of the shares issued. This structure is commonly referred to as an umbrella partnership REIT or “UPREIT.”

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC regarding interim financial reporting and, in the opinion of each of the Parent Company’s and Operating Partnership’s respective management, include all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments)

necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations and cash flows for each respective company for the interim periods presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”). Accordingly, readers of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should refer to the Parent Company’s and the Operating Partnership’s audited financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP, and the related notes thereto, for the year ended December 31, 2014, which are included in the Parent Company’s and the Operating Partnership’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. The results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for any future period or the full year.

#### Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standard Update (“ASU”) No. 2015-03, an update to the accounting standard relating to the presentation of debt issuance costs. Under the new guidance, debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability will be presented on the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the debt liability. This amendment becomes effective for the Company on January 1, 2016.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02, Consolidation – Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis, which amends the current consolidation guidance affecting both the variable interest entity (VIE) and voting interest

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entity (VOE) consolidation models. The standard does not add or remove any of the characteristics in determining if an entity is a VIE or VOE, but rather enhances the way the Company assesses some of these characteristics. The new standard is effective for the Company on January 1, 2016. The Company is still evaluating the effects of the standard on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP (“GAAP”) when it becomes effective. The new standard currently will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2017, however on April 1, 2015, the FASB proposed a deferral of the effective date by one year. Early application prior to the original effective date would not be permitted under the proposed deferral. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its financial statements and related disclosures.

### 3. STORAGE FACILITIES

The book value of the Company’s real estate assets is summarized as follows:

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
	(in thousands)	
Land	\$ 552,168	\$ 545,393
Buildings and improvements	2,339,341	2,304,653
Equipment	224,150	218,731
Construction in progress	62,543	48,421
Storage facilities	3,178,202	3,117,198
Less Accumulated depreciation	(520,114)	(492,069)
Storage facilities, net	\$ 2,658,088	\$ 2,625,129

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The following table summarizes the Company's acquisition and disposition activity from the period beginning on January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015:

Asset/Portfolio	Market	Transaction Date	Number of Facilities	Purchase / Sale Price (in thousands)
2015 Acquisitions:				
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	February 2015	1	\$ 7,295
HSRE Assets	Chicago	March 2015	4	27,500
Arizona Asset	Arizona / Las Vegas	March 2015	1	7,900
Tennessee Asset	Tennessee	March 2015	1	6,575
			7	\$ 49,270
2014 Acquisitions:				
Connecticut Asset	Connecticut	January 2014	1	\$ 4,950
Florida Asset	Miami / Ft. Lauderdale	January 2014	1	14,000
Florida Assets	Florida Markets - Other	January 2014	2	14,450
California Asset	Other West	January 2014	1	8,300
Maryland Asset	Baltimore / DC	February 2014	1	15,800
Maryland Asset	Baltimore / DC	February 2014	1	15,500
Arizona Asset	Arizona / Las Vegas	March 2014	1	14,750
Pennsylvania Asset	Philadelphia / Southern NJ	March 2014	1	7,350
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	March 2014	1	8,225
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	April 2014	1	6,450
New York Assets	New York / Northern NJ	April 2014	2	55,000
Florida Asset	Florida Markets - Other	April 2014	1	11,406
Massachusetts Asset	Other Northeast	April 2014	1	11,100
Indiana Asset	Other Midwest	May 2014	1	8,400
Florida Assets	Florida Markets - Other	June 2014	3	35,000
Florida Assets	Florida Markets - Other	July 2014	2	15,800
Massachusetts Asset	Boston	September 2014	1	23,100
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	October 2014	1	7,700
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	October 2014	1	8,500
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	October 2014	1	7,750
HSRE Assets	Various (see note 4)	November 2014	22	195,500
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	December 2014	1	18,650
Florida Assets	Florida Markets - Other	December 2014	3	18,200
New York Asset	New York / Northern NJ	December 2014	1	38,000
Texas Asset	Texas Markets - Major	December 2014	1	4,345
			53	\$ 568,226

## 4. INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

## 2015 Acquisitions

During 2014, the Operating Partnership entered into an Agreement for Purchase and Sale with certain limited liability companies controlled by HSRE REIT I and HSRE REIT II, both Maryland real estate investment trusts, to acquire (the "HSRE Acquisition") 26 self-storage facilities for an aggregate purchase price of \$223.0 million plus customary closing costs. During 2014, the Company closed on the first tranche of 22 facilities comprising the HSRE Acquisition, for an aggregate purchase price of \$195.5 million. On March 18, 2015, the Company closed on the second tranche of the remaining four self-storage facilities comprising the HSRE Acquisition, for an aggregate purchase price of \$27.5 million. The four facilities purchased in the second tranche are located in Illinois. In connection with this acquisition, the Company allocated a portion of the purchase price to the intangible value of in-place leases, which aggregated to \$2.7 million at the time of the acquisition and prior to any amortization of such amounts. The estimated life of these in-place leases was 12 months, and no amortization expense was recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2015.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, the Company acquired three additional self-storage facilities located throughout the United States for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$21.8 million. In connection with these acquisitions, the Company allocated a portion of the purchase price to the intangible value of in-place leases, which aggregated \$1.6 million at the time of the acquisitions and prior to any amortization of such amounts. The estimated life of these in-place leases was 12 months, and the amortization expense that was recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2015 was approximately \$0.1 million. In connection with one of the acquired facilities, the Company assumed mortgage debt that was recorded at a fair value of \$2.7 million, which fair value includes an outstanding principal

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balance totaling \$2.5 million and a net premium of \$0.2 million to reflect the estimated fair value of the debt at the time of assumption.

As of March 31, 2015, the Company was under contract and had made aggregate deposits of \$5.3 million associated with four facilities under construction for a total purchase price of \$85.2 million. These deposits are reflected in Other assets, net on the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The purchase of these four facilities is expected to occur by the first quarter of 2016 after the completion of construction and the issuance of a certificate of occupancy. These acquisitions are subject to due diligence and other customary closing conditions and no assurance can be provided that these acquisitions will be completed on the terms described, or at all.

Development

At March 31, 2015, the Company had five contracts through joint ventures for the construction of four self-storage facilities located in New York and one self-storage facility located in Virginia (see note 12). Construction for all projects is expected to be completed by the second quarter of 2016. At March 31, 2015, development costs for these projects totaled \$56.0 million. These costs are capitalized to construction in progress while the projects are under development and are reflected in Storage facilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

During the first quarter of 2014, the Company completed the construction of a self-storage facility subject to a ground lease located in Bronx, NY and opened for operation. Total costs for this project were \$17.2 million. These costs are capitalized to building and improvements as well as equipment and are reflected in Storage facilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

During the fourth quarter of 2013, the Company completed the construction of the portion of a mixed-use facility comprised of office space and self-storage and relocated its corporate headquarters to 5 Old Lancaster Road in Malvern, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia. During the first quarter of 2014, construction was completed on the portion of the building comprised of rentable storage space and the facility opened for operation. Total costs for this mixed-use project were \$25.1 million.

2014 Acquisitions

On November 3, 2014, the Company closed on the first tranche of 22 self-storage facilities comprising the HSRE Acquisition, for an aggregate purchase price of \$195.5 million. The 22 self-storage facilities purchased are located in California, Florida, Illinois, Nevada, New York, Ohio and Rhode Island. In connection with this acquisition, the Company allocated a portion of the purchase price to the intangible value of in-place leases, which aggregated to

\$14.5 million at the time of the acquisition and prior to any amortization of such amounts. The estimated life of these in-place leases was 12 months, and the amortization expense that was recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2015 was approximately \$3.6 million.

During 2014, the Company acquired 31 additional self-storage facilities located throughout the United States for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$372.7 million. In connection with these acquisitions, the Company allocated a portion of the purchase price to the intangible value of in-place leases, which aggregated \$23.8 million at the time of such acquisitions and prior to any amortization of such amounts. The estimated life of these in-place leases was 12 months, and the amortization expense that was recognized during the three months ended March 31, 2015 was approximately \$4.9 million. In connection with four of the acquired facilities, the Company assumed mortgage debt that was recorded at a fair value of \$27.5 million, which fair value includes an outstanding principal balance totaling \$26.0 million and a net premium of \$1.5 million to reflect the estimated fair value of the debt at the time of assumption.

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The following table summarizes the Company's revenue and earnings associate with the 2015 and 2014 acquisitions from the respective acquisition dates in the period they were acquired, included in the consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015      2014 (in thousands)	
Total revenue	\$ 219	\$ 1,357
Net income (loss)	22	(799)

## 5. INVESTMENT IN UNCONSOLIDATED REAL ESTATE VENTURE

On December 10, 2013, the Company acquired a 50% ownership interest in 35 self-storage facilities located in Texas (34) and North Carolina (1) through a newly-formed joint venture ("HHF"). HHF paid \$315.7 million for these facilities, of which \$12.1 million was allocated to the value of the in-place lease intangible. The Company and the unaffiliated joint venture partner (collectively the "HHF Partners"), each contributed cash equal to 50% of the capital required to fund the acquisition. HHF was not consolidated as the entity was not determined to be a variable interest entity ("VIE") and the HHF Partners have equal ownership and voting rights in the entity. The Company accounts for its unconsolidated interest in the real estate venture using the equity method. The Company's investment in HHF is included in Investment in real estate venture, at equity on the Company's consolidated balance sheets and losses attributed to HHF are presented in Equity in losses of real estate ventures on the Company's consolidated statements of operations.

On May 1, 2014, HHF obtained a \$100 million loan secured by the 34 self-storage facilities located in Texas that are owned by the venture. There is no recourse to the Company, subject to customary exceptions to non-recourse provisions. The loan bears interest at 3.59% per annum and matures on April 30, 2021. This financing completed the planned capital structure of HHF and proceeds (net of closing costs) of \$99.2 million were distributed proportionately to the partners.

The amounts reflected in the following table are based on the historical financial information of the real estate venture.



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The following is a summary of the financial position of the HHF venture as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 (in thousands):

	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets		
Storage facilities, net	\$ 287,964	\$ 291,357
Other assets	3,196	5,786
Total assets	\$ 291,160	\$ 297,143
Liabilities and equity		
Other liabilities	\$ 3,324	\$ 5,725
Debt	100,000	100,000
Equity		
CubeSmart	93,918	95,709
Joint venture partner	93,918	95,709
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 291,160	\$ 297,143

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The following is a summary of results of operations of the real estate venture for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015	Three Months Ended March 31, 2014
Total revenues	\$ 7,060	\$ 6,520
Operating expenses	3,053	2,778
Interest expense, net	931	—
Depreciation and amortization	3,552	6,480
Net loss	(476)	(2,738)
Company's share of net loss	(238)	(1,369)

## 6. UNSECURED SENIOR NOTES

On December 17, 2013, the Operating Partnership issued \$250 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.375% unsecured senior notes due December 15, 2023 (the "2023 Senior Notes"). On June 26, 2012, the Operating Partnership issued \$250 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.80% unsecured senior notes due July 15, 2022 (the "2022 Senior Notes"). The 2023 Senior Notes along with the 2022 Senior Notes are collectively referred to as the "Senior Notes." The indenture under which the Senior Notes were issued restricts the ability of the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries to incur debt unless the Operating Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries comply with a leverage ratio not to exceed 60% and an interest coverage ratio of more than 1.5:1 after giving effect to the incurrence of the debt. The indenture also restricts the ability of the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries to incur secured debt unless the Operating Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries comply with a secured debt leverage ratio not to exceed 40% after giving effect to the incurrence of the debt. The indenture also contains other financial and customary covenants, including a covenant not to own unencumbered assets with a value less than 150% of the unsecured indebtedness of the Operating Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2015, the Operating Partnership was in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the Senior Notes.

## 7. REVOLVING CREDIT FACILITY AND UNSECURED TERM LOANS

On June 20, 2011, the Company entered into an unsecured term loan agreement (the "Term Loan Facility") which consisted of a \$100 million term loan with a five-year maturity ("Term Loan A") and a \$100 million term loan with a seven-year maturity ("Term Loan B"). On December 9, 2011, the Company entered into a credit facility (the "Credit

Facility”) comprised of a \$100 million unsecured term loan maturing in December 2014 (“Term Loan C”); a \$200 million unsecured term loan maturing in March 2017 (“Term Loan D”); and a \$300 million unsecured revolving facility maturing in December 2015 (“Revolver”).

On June 18, 2013, the Company amended both the Term Loan Facility and Credit Facility. With respect to the Term Loan Facility, among other things, the amendment extended the maturity and decreased the pricing of Term Loan A, while Term Loan B remained unchanged by the amendment. On August 5, 2014, the Company further amended the Term Loan Facility (collectively with the amendment on June 18, 2013, the “Amendments”) to extend the maturity and decrease the pricing of Term Loan B. On December 17, 2013, the Company repaid the \$100 million balance under Term Loan C that was scheduled to mature in December 2014.

Pricing on the Term Loan Facility depends on the Company’s unsecured debt credit ratings. On September 25, 2014, the Company’s unsecured debt credit rating was upgraded to Baa2 from Baa3 by Moody’s Investors Service with a stable outlook. As a result, the LIBOR spreads were reduced, effective October 1, 2014. In addition, on November 3, 2014, the Company’s unsecured bonds and issuer ratings were upgraded to BBB from BBB- by Standard and Poor’s Ratings Services with a stable outlook. At the Company’s current Baa2/BBB level, amounts drawn under Term Loan A

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are priced at 1.30% over LIBOR, with no LIBOR floor, while amounts drawn under Term Loan B are priced at 1.15% over LIBOR, with no LIBOR floor.

	Amount	Term Loan Facility Prior to Amendment				Term Loan Facility As Amended			
		Maturity Date	LIBOR Spread		Maturity Date	LIBOR Spread			
			Baa3/BBB-	Baa2/BBB		Baa3/BBB-	Baa2/BBB		
Term Loan A	\$ 100 million	June 2016	1.85	% 1.65	%	June 2018	1.50	% 1.30	%
Term Loan B	\$ 100 million	June 2018	2.00	% 1.80	%	January 2020	1.40	% 1.15	%

With respect to the Credit Facility, among other things, the Amendments extended the maturities and decreased the pricing of the Revolver and Term Loan D. Pricing on the Credit Facility depends on the Company's unsecured debt credit ratings. At the Company's current Baa2/BBB level, amounts drawn under the Revolver are priced at 1.30% over LIBOR, inclusive of a facility fee of 0.20%, with no LIBOR floor, while amounts drawn under Term Loan D are priced at 1.30% over LIBOR, with no LIBOR floor.

	Amount	Credit Facility Prior to Amendment				Credit Facility As Amended			
		Maturity Date	LIBOR Spread		Maturity Date	LIBOR Spread			
			Baa3/BBB-	Baa2/BBB		Baa3/BBB-	Baa2/BBB		
Revolver	\$ 300 million	December 2015	1.80	% 1.50	%	June 2017	1.60	% 1.30	%
Term Loan D	\$ 200 million	March 2017	1.75	% 1.45	%	January 2019	1.50	% 1.30	%

The Company incurred costs of \$0.2 million in 2014 in connection with amending the agreements and capitalized such costs as a component of loan procurement costs, net of amortization on the consolidated balance sheet. Unamortized costs, along with costs incurred in connection with the amendments, are amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the remaining term of the modified facilities.

As of March 31, 2015, \$200 million of unsecured term loan borrowings were outstanding under the Term Loan Facility, \$200 million of unsecured term loan borrowings were outstanding under the Credit Facility, \$80.0 million of unsecured revolving credit facility borrowings were outstanding under the Credit Facility and \$220.0 million was available for borrowing under the unsecured revolving portion of the Credit Facility. The available balance under the unsecured revolving portion of the Credit Facility is reduced by an outstanding letter of credit of \$30 thousand. In connection with a portion of the unsecured borrowings, the Company had interest rate swaps as of March 31, 2015

that fix 30-day LIBOR (see note 10). As of March 31, 2015, borrowings under the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility, as amended and after giving effect to the interest rate swaps, had an effective weighted average interest rate of 2.74%.

The Term Loan Facility and the term loan under the Credit Facility were fully drawn at March 31, 2015 and no further borrowings may be made under the term loans. The Company's ability to borrow under the revolving portion of the Credit Facility is subject to ongoing compliance with certain financial covenants which include:

- Maximum total indebtedness to total asset value of 60.0% at any time;
- Minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.50:1.00; and
- Minimum tangible net worth of \$821,211,200 plus 75% of net proceeds from equity issuances after June 30, 2010.

Further, under the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility, the Company is restricted from paying distributions on the Parent Company's common shares in excess of the greater of (i) 95% of funds from operations, and (ii) such amount as may be necessary to maintain the Parent Company's REIT status.

As of March 31, 2015, the Company was in compliance with all of its financial covenants and anticipates being in compliance with all of its financial covenants through the terms of the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility.

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## 8. MORTGAGE LOANS AND NOTES PAYABLE

The Company's mortgage loans and notes payable are summarized as follows:

Mortgage Loans and Notes Payable	Carrying Value as of:		Effective Interest Rate	Maturity Date
	March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014		
	(in thousands)			
YSI 29	12,576	12,635	3.69	% Aug-15
YSI 13	8,396	8,427	3.00	% Oct-15
YSI 20	53,499	54,091	5.97	% Nov-15
YSI 63	7,439	7,466	2.82	% Dec-15
YSI 59	9,168	9,221	4.82	% Mar-16
YSI 60	3,594	3,610	5.04	% Aug-16
YSI 51	7,074	7,105	5.15	% Sep-16
YSI 64	7,884	7,919	3.54	% Oct-16
YSI 62	7,929	7,962	3.54	% Dec-16
YSI 33	10,362	10,429	6.42	% Jul-19
YSI 26	8,736	8,780	4.56	% Nov-20
YSI 57	3,067	3,082	4.61	% Nov-20
YSI 55	23,665	23,767	4.85	% Jun-21
YSI 24	27,699	27,873	4.64	% Jun-21
YSI 65	2,528	—	3.85	% Jun-23
Unamortized fair value adjustment	3,252	3,484		
Total mortgage loans and notes payable	\$ 196,868	\$ 195,851		

As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, the Company's mortgage loans payable were secured by certain of its self-storage facilities with net book values of approximately \$346 million and \$344 million, respectively. The following table represents the future principal payment requirements on the outstanding mortgage loans and notes payable at March 31, 2015 (in thousands):

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2015	\$ 83,622
2016	36,880
2017	1,830
2018	1,934
2019	10,902
2020 and thereafter	58,448
Total mortgage payments	193,616
Plus: Unamortized fair value adjustment	3,252
Total mortgage indebtedness	\$ 196,868

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## 9. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE LOSS

The following table summarizes the changes in accumulated other comprehensive loss by component for the three months ended March 31, 2015 (in thousands):

	Unrealized losses on interest rate swaps	Unrealized loss on foreign currency translation	Total
Balance at December 31, 2014	\$ (7,795)	\$ (964)	\$ (8,759)
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications	(2,299)	(322)	(2,621)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive loss	1,545	(a) —	1,545
Net current-period other comprehensive loss	(754)	(322)	(1,076)
Balance at March 31, 2015	\$ (8,549)	\$ (1,286)	\$ (9,835)

(a) See note 10 for additional information about the effects of the amounts reclassified.

## 10. RISK MANAGEMENT AND USE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company's use of derivative instruments is limited to the utilization of interest rate swap agreements or other instruments to manage interest rate risk exposures and not for speculative purposes. The principal objective of such arrangements is to minimize the risks and/or costs associated with the Company's operating and financial structure, as well as to hedge specific transactions. The counterparties to these arrangements are major financial institutions with which the Company and its subsidiaries may also have other financial relationships. The Company is potentially exposed to credit loss in the event of non-performance by these counterparties. However, because of the high credit ratings of the counterparties, the Company does not anticipate that any of the counterparties will fail to meet these obligations as they come due. The Company does not hedge credit or property value market risks.

The Company has entered into interest rate swap agreements that qualify and are designated as cash flow hedges designed to reduce the impact of interest rate changes on its variable rate debt. Therefore, the interest rate swaps are recorded in the consolidated balance sheet at fair value and the related gains or losses are deferred in shareholders' equity as accumulated other comprehensive loss. These deferred gains and losses are amortized into interest expense during the period or periods in which the related interest payments affect earnings. However, to the extent that the



interest rate swaps are not perfectly effective in offsetting the change in value of the interest payments being hedged, the ineffective portion of these contracts is recognized in earnings immediately.

The Company formally assesses, both at inception of a hedge and on an on-going basis, whether each derivative is highly-effective in offsetting changes in cash flows of the hedged item. If management determines that a derivative is highly-effective as a hedge, then the Company accounts for the derivative using hedge accounting, pursuant to which gains or losses inherent in the derivative do not impact the Company's results of operations. If management determines that a derivative is not highly-effective as a hedge or if a derivative ceases to be a highly-effective hedge, the Company will discontinue hedge accounting prospectively and will reflect in its statement of operations realized and unrealized gains and losses in respect of the derivative.

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The following table summarizes the terms and fair values of the Company's derivative financial instruments at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively (dollars in thousands):

Hedge Product	Hedge Type (a)	Notional Amount	Strike	Effective Date	Maturity	Fair Value	
						March 31, 2015	December 31, 2014
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 40,000	1.8025 %	6/20/2011	6/20/2016	\$ (685)	\$ (757)
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 40,000	1.8025 %	6/20/2011	6/20/2016	(685)	(757)
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 20,000	1.8025 %	6/20/2011	6/20/2016	(343)	(378)
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 75,000	1.3360 %	12/30/2011	3/31/2017	(1,004)	(841)
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 50,000	1.3360 %	12/30/2011	3/31/2017	(669)	(561)
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 50,000	1.3360 %	12/30/2011	3/31/2017	(669)	(561)
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 25,000	1.3375 %	12/30/2011	3/31/2017	(336)	(281)
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 40,000	2.4590 %	6/20/2011	6/20/2018	(1,858)	(1,654)
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 40,000	2.4725 %	6/20/2011	6/20/2018	(1,875)	(1,672)
Swap	Cash flow	\$ 20,000	2.4750 %	6/20/2011	6/20/2018	(939)	(837)
		\$ 400,000				\$ (9,063)	\$ (8,299)

(a) Hedging unsecured variable rate debt by fixing 30-day LIBOR.

The Company measures its derivative instruments at fair value and records them in the balance sheet as either an asset or liability. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, all derivative instruments were included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The effective portions of changes in the fair value of the derivatives are reported in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on the Company's variable-rate debt. The change in unrealized loss on interest rate swap reflects a reclassification of \$1.5 million of unrealized losses from accumulated other comprehensive loss as an increase to interest expense during the three months ended March 31, 2015. The Company estimates that \$5.6 million will be reclassified as an increase to interest expense within the next 12 months.

## 11. FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company applies the methods of determining fair value as described in authoritative guidance, to value its financial assets and liabilities. As defined in the guidance, fair value is based on the price that would be received from the sale of an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. In order to increase consistency and comparability in fair value measurements, the guidance establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes observable and unobservable inputs used to measure fair value into three broad levels, which are described below:

Level 1: Quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for assets or liabilities. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to Level 1 inputs.

Level 2: Observable prices that are based on inputs not quoted on active markets, but corroborated by market data.

Level 3: Unobservable inputs are used when little or no market data is available. The fair value hierarchy gives the lowest priority to Level 3 inputs.

In determining fair value, the Company utilizes valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs, to the extent possible, as well as considering counterparty credit risk in its assessment of fair value.

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Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value as of March 31, 2015 are classified in the table below in one of the three categories described above (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Interest Rate Swap Derivative Liabilities	\$ —	\$ 9,063	\$ —
Total liabilities at fair value	\$ —	\$ 9,063	\$ —

Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value as of December 31, 2014 are classified in the table below in one of the three categories described above (in thousands):

	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Interest Rate Swap Derivative Liabilities	\$ —	\$ 8,299	\$ —
Total liabilities at fair value	\$ —	\$ 8,299	\$ —

Financial assets and liabilities carried at fair value were classified as Level 2 inputs. For financial liabilities that utilize Level 2 inputs, the Company utilizes both direct and indirect observable price quotes, including LIBOR yield curves, bank price quotes for forward starting swaps, NYMEX futures pricing and common stock price quotes. Below is a summary of valuation techniques for Level 2 financial liabilities:

- Interest rate swap derivative assets and liabilities – valued using LIBOR yield curves at the reporting date. Counterparties to these contracts are most often highly rated financial institutions, none of which experienced any significant downgrades in 2015 that would reduce the amount owed by the Company. Although the Company has determined that the majority of the inputs used to value its derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with the Company’s derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads, to evaluate the likelihood of default by the Company and the counterparties. However, as of March 31, 2015, the Company has assessed the significance of the effect of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of its derivative positions and has determined that the credit valuation adjustments are not significant to the overall valuation of its derivatives. As a result, the Company has determined that its derivative valuations in their entirety are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The fair values of financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate their respective carrying values at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. The aggregate carrying value of the Company's debt was \$1.2 billion at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. The estimated fair value of the Company's debt was \$1.2 billion at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. These estimates were based on a discounted cash flow analysis assuming market interest rates for comparable obligations at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014. The Company estimates the fair value of its fixed rate debt and the credit spreads over variable market rates on its variable rate debt by discounting the future cash flows of each instrument at estimated market rates or credit spreads consistent with the maturity of the debt obligation with similar credit policies, which is classified within level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. Rates and credit spreads take into consideration general market conditions and maturity.

## 12. NONCONTROLLING INTERESTS

### Interests in Consolidated Real Estate Joint Ventures

2301 Tillotson Ave, LLC ("Tillotson") was formed to own, operate, and develop a self-storage facility in New York, NY. The Company owns a 51% interest in Tillotson and 49% is owned by another member (the "Tillotson Member"). The facility is expected to commence operations during 2016. The Tillotson Member has an option to put its ownership interest in the venture to the Company for \$17.0 million within the one-year period after construction of the facility is

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substantially complete. Additionally, the Company has a one-year option to call the ownership interest of the Tillotson Member for \$17.0 million beginning on the second anniversary of the facility's construction being substantially complete. The Company is accreting the \$17.0 million liability during the development period and has accrued \$4.9 million as of March 31, 2015. The Company determined that Tillotson is a variable interest entity, and that the Company is the primary beneficiary. Accordingly, the Company consolidates the assets, liabilities, and results of operations of Tillotson. At March 31, 2015, Tillotson had total assets of \$5.6 million and total liabilities of \$5.4 million.

251 Jamaica Ave, LLC ("Jamaica Ave") was formed to own, operate, and develop a self-storage facility in New York, NY. The Company owns a 51% interest in Jamaica Ave and 49% is owned by another member (the "Jamaica Ave Member"). The facility is expected to commence operations during 2016. The Jamaica Ave Member has an option to put its ownership interest in the venture to the Company for \$12.5 million within the one-year period after construction of the facility is substantially complete. Additionally, the Company has a one-year option to call the ownership interest of the Jamaica Ave Member for \$12.5 million beginning on the second anniversary of the facility's construction being substantially complete. The Company is accreting the \$12.5 million liability during the development period and has accrued \$7.7 million as of March 31, 2015. The Company determined that Jamaica Ave is a variable interest entity, and that the Company is the primary beneficiary. Accordingly, the Company consolidates the assets, liabilities, and results of operations of Jamaica Ave. At March 31, 2015, Jamaica Ave had total assets of \$18.3 million and total liabilities of \$9.3 million.

CS SNL New York Ave, LLC and 186 Jamaica Avenue, LLC, collectively known as "SNL", were formed with a partner to own, operate and develop two self-storage facilities in the boroughs of New York, NY. The Company owns 90% of SNL. One of the facilities is expected to commence operations during the fourth quarter of 2015, while the other facility is expected to commence operations during 2016. The Company consolidates the assets, liabilities, and results of operations of SNL. At March 31, 2015, SNL had total assets of \$16.1 million and total liabilities of \$4.3 million. As of March 31, 2015, the Company has provided \$3.6 million of a total \$22.6 million loan commitment to SNL which is secured by a mortgage on the real estate assets of SNL. The loan and related interest were eliminated during consolidation.

Shirlington Rd, LLC ("SRLLC") was formed to own, operate, and develop a self-storage facility in Northern Virginia. The Company owns a 90% interest in SRLLC and the facility is expected to commence operations during the second quarter of 2015. The Company consolidates the assets, liabilities, and results of operations of SRLLC. During 2013, SRLLC acquired land for development for \$13.1 million. In 2014, SRLLC completed the planned subdivision of the land into two parcels and sold one parcel for \$6.5 million. No gain or loss was recorded as a result of this transaction. SRLLC retained the second parcel of land for the development of the storage facility. At March 31, 2015, SRLLC had total assets of \$16.3 million and total liabilities of \$12.2 million. As of March 31, 2015, the Company has provided \$11.8 million of a total \$14.6 million loan commitment to SRLLC, which loan is secured by a mortgage on the real estate assets of SRLLC. The loan and related interest were eliminated during consolidation.

USIFB, LLP ("USIFB") was formed to own, operate, acquire and develop self-storage facilities in England. The Company owns a 97% interest in the USIFB through a wholly-owned subsidiary and USIFB commenced operations at

two facilities in London, England during 2008. The Company determined that USIFB is a variable interest entity, and that the Company is the primary beneficiary. Accordingly, the Company consolidates the assets, liabilities and results of operations of USIFB. On December 31, 2013 the Company provided a \$6.8 million (£4.1 million) loan secured by a mortgage on real estate assets of USIFB. On June 30, 2014, one of the assets was sold for net proceeds of \$7.0 million and the loan was repaid with proceeds from the sale. The loan and any related interest were eliminated during consolidation. At March 31, 2015, USIFB had total assets of \$5.4 million and total liabilities of \$0.2 million.

#### Operating Partnership Ownership

The Company follows guidance regarding the classification and measurement of redeemable securities. Under this guidance, securities that are redeemable for cash or other assets, at the option of the holder and not solely within the control of the issuer, must be classified outside of permanent equity/capital. This classification results in certain outside ownership interests being included as redeemable noncontrolling interests outside of permanent equity/capital in the consolidated

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balance sheets. The Company makes this determination based on terms in applicable agreements, specifically in relation to redemption provisions.

Additionally, with respect to redeemable ownership interests in the Operating Partnership held by third parties for which CubeSmart has a choice to settle the redemption by delivery of its own shares, the Operating Partnership considered the guidance regarding accounting for derivative financial instruments indexed to, and potentially settled in, a company's own shares, to evaluate whether CubeSmart controls the actions or events necessary to presume share settlement. The guidance also requires that noncontrolling interests classified outside of permanent capital be adjusted each period to the greater of the carrying value based on the accumulation of historical cost or the redemption value.

Approximately 1.3% and 1.4% of the outstanding OP Units as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, were not owned by CubeSmart, the sole general partner. The interests in the Operating Partnership represented by these OP Units were a component of the consideration that the Operating Partnership paid to acquire certain self-storage facilities. The holders of the OP Units are limited partners in the Operating Partnership and have the right to require CubeSmart to redeem all or part of their OP Units for, at the general partner's option, an equivalent number of common shares of CubeSmart or cash based upon the fair value of an equivalent number of common shares of CubeSmart. However, the partnership agreement contains certain provisions that could result in a settlement outside the control of CubeSmart and the Operating Partnership, as CubeSmart does not have the ability to settle in unregistered shares. Accordingly, consistent with the guidance, the Operating Partnership will record the OP Units owned by third parties outside of permanent capital in the consolidated balance sheets. Net income or loss related to the OP Units owned by third parties is excluded from net income or loss attributable to Operating Partner in the consolidated statements of operations.

At March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, 2,254,486 and 2,257,486 OP units, respectively, were held by third parties. The per unit cash redemption amount of the outstanding OP units was calculated based upon the average of the closing prices of the common shares of CubeSmart on the New York Stock Exchange for the final 10 trading days of the quarter. Based on the Company's evaluation of the redemption value of the redeemable noncontrolling interest, the Company has reflected these interests at their redemption value at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, as the estimated redemption value exceeded their carrying value. The Operating Partnership recorded an increase to OP Units owned by third parties and a corresponding decrease to capital of \$5.0 million and \$14.8 million at March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

### 13. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### Affiliated Real Estate Investments



The Company provides management services to certain joint ventures and other related party facilities. Management agreements provide generally for management fees of between 5-6% of cash collections at the managed facilities. Total management fees for unconsolidated joint ventures or other entities in which the Company held an ownership interest for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 totaled \$0.2 million and \$0.2 million, respectively.

The management agreements for certain joint ventures, other related parties and third-party facilities provide for the reimbursement to the Company for certain expenses incurred to manage the facilities. These amounts consist of amounts due for management fees, payroll, and other expenses incurred on behalf of the facilities. The amounts due to the Company were \$1.4 million and \$1.6 million as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively. Additionally, as discussed in note 12 the Company has outstanding mortgage loans receivable from consolidated joint ventures of \$15.4 million and \$10.8 million as of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, which are eliminated for consolidation purposes. The Company believes that all of these related-party receivables are fully collectible.

#### 14. DISCONTINUED OPERATIONS

For the three months ended March 31, 2015, there were no discontinued operations. For the three months ended March 31, 2014, \$0.3 million of discontinued operations relates to real estate tax refunds received as a result of appeals

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of previous tax assessments on six self-storage facilities that the Company sold in prior years. There were no other income or expense items related to discontinued operations for the three months ended March 31, 2014.

## 15. PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION

During the three months ended March 31, 2015 and the year ended December 31, 2014, the Company acquired seven self-storage facilities for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$49.3 million (see note 4) and 53 self-storage facilities for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$568.2 million, respectively.

The condensed consolidated pro forma financial information set forth below reflects adjustments to the Company's historical financial data to give effect to each of the acquisitions and related financing activity (including the issuance of common shares) that occurred during 2015 and 2014 as if each had occurred as of January 1, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The unaudited pro forma information presented below does not purport to represent what the Company's actual results of operations would have been for the periods indicated, nor does it purport to represent the Company's future results of operations.

The following table summarizes, on a pro forma basis, the Company's consolidated results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 based on the assumptions described above:

	Three Months Ended March 31, 2015                      2014 (in thousands, except per share data)	
Pro forma revenue	\$ 104,726	\$ 114,368
Pro forma income from continuing operations	\$ 17,525	\$ 17,246
Earnings per common share from continuing operations:		
Basic and diluted — as reported	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02
Basic and diluted — as pro forma	\$ 0.10	\$ 0.11

## 16. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent to March 31, 2015, the Company further amended its Credit Facility with respect to the Revolver. Among other things, the amendment increased the aggregate amount of the Revolver from \$300 million to \$500 million, decreased the pricing and extended the maturity date from June 18, 2017 to April 22, 2020.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Report. Some of the statements we make in this section are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. For a discussion of forward-looking statements, see the section in this Report entitled "Forward-Looking Statements." Certain risk factors may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by the following discussion. For a complete discussion of such risk factors, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in the Parent Company's and Operating Partnership's combined Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Overview

We are an integrated self-storage real estate company, and as such we have in-house capabilities in the operation, design, development, leasing, management and acquisition of self-storage facilities. The Parent Company's operations are conducted solely through the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries. The Parent Company has elected to be taxed as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes. As of March 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, we owned 428 and 421 self-storage facilities, respectively, totaling approximately 29.0 million and 28.6 million rentable square feet, respectively. As of March 31, 2015, we owned facilities in the District of Columbia and the following 22 states: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Virginia. In addition, as of March 31, 2015, we managed 181 facilities for third parties (including 35 facilities containing an aggregate of approximately 2.4 million rentable square feet as part of an unconsolidated real estate venture) bringing the total number of facilities which we owned and/or managed to 609. As of March 31, 2015, we managed facilities for third parties in the following 22 states: Alabama, Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

We derive revenues principally from rents received from customers who rent cubes at our self-storage facilities under month-to-month leases. Therefore, our operating results depend materially on our ability to retain our existing customers and lease our available self-storage cubes to new customers while maintaining and, where possible, increasing our pricing levels. In addition, our operating results depend on the ability of our customers to make required rental payments to us. Our approach to the management and operation of our facilities combines centralized marketing, revenue management and other operational support with local operations teams that provide market-level oversight and control. We believe this approach allows us to respond quickly and effectively to changes in local market conditions, and to maximize revenues by managing rental rates and occupancy levels.

We typically experience seasonal fluctuations in the occupancy levels of our facilities, which are generally slightly higher during the summer months due to increased moving activity.

Our results of operations may be sensitive to changes in overall economic conditions that impact consumer spending, including discretionary spending, as well as to increased bad debts due to recessionary pressures. Adverse economic conditions affecting disposable consumer income, such as employment levels, business conditions, interest rates, tax rates, fuel and energy costs, and other matters could reduce consumer spending or cause consumers to shift their spending to other products and services. A general reduction in the level of discretionary spending or shifts in consumer discretionary spending could adversely affect our growth and profitability.

We continue our focus on maximizing internal growth opportunities and selectively pursuing targeted acquisitions and developments of self-storage facilities.

We have one reportable segment: we own, operate, develop, manage and acquire self-storage facilities.

Our self-storage facilities are located in major metropolitan and suburban areas and have numerous customers per facility. No single customer represents a significant concentration of our revenues. Our facilities in Florida, New York,

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Texas and California provided approximately 18%, 16%, 10% and 8%, respectively, of total revenues for the three months ended March 31, 2015.

Summary of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Set forth below is a summary of the accounting policies and estimates that management believes are critical to the preparation of the unaudited consolidated financial statements included in this Report. Certain of the accounting policies used in the preparation of these consolidated financial statements are particularly important for an understanding of the financial position and results of operations presented in the historical consolidated financial statements included in this Report. A summary of significant accounting policies is also provided in the aforementioned notes to our consolidated financial statements (see note 2 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements). These policies require the application of judgment and assumptions by management and, as a result, are subject to a degree of uncertainty. Due to this uncertainty, actual results could differ materially from estimates calculated and utilized by management.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include all of the accounts of the Company, and its majority-owned and/or controlled subsidiaries. The portion of these entities not owned by the Company is presented as noncontrolling interests as of and during the periods presented. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

When the Company obtains an economic interest in an entity, the Company evaluates the entity to determine if the entity is deemed a variable interest entity ("VIE"), and if the Company is deemed to be the primary beneficiary, in accordance with authoritative guidance issued by the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") on the consolidation of VIEs. When an entity is not deemed to be a VIE, the Company considers the provisions of additional FASB guidance to determine whether a general partner, or the general partners as a group, controls a limited partnership or similar entity when the limited partners have certain rights. The Company consolidates (i) entities that are VIEs and of which the Company is deemed to be the primary beneficiary and (ii) entities that are non-VIEs which the Company controls and in which the limited partners do not have substantive participating rights, or the ability to dissolve the entity or remove the Company without cause.

Self-Storage Facilities

The Company records self-storage facilities at cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation on the buildings and equipment is recorded on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives, which range from five to 39 years. Expenditures for significant renovations or improvements that extend the useful life of assets are capitalized. Repairs and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

When facilities are acquired, the purchase price is allocated to the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on estimated fair values. When a portfolio of facilities is acquired, the purchase price is allocated to the individual facilities based upon an income approach or a cash flow analysis using appropriate risk adjusted capitalization rates, which take into account the relative size, age and location of the individual facility along with current and projected occupancy and rental rate levels or appraised values, if available. Allocations to the individual assets and liabilities are based upon their respective fair values as estimated by management.

In allocating the purchase price for an acquisition, the Company determines whether the acquisition includes intangible assets or liabilities. The Company allocates a portion of the purchase price to an intangible asset attributable to the value of in-place leases. This intangible asset is generally amortized to expense over the expected remaining term of the respective leases. Substantially all of the leases in place at acquired facilities are at market rates, as the majority of the leases are month-to-month contracts. Accordingly, to date no portion of the purchase price for an acquired property has been allocated to above- or below-market lease intangibles. To date, no intangible asset has been recorded for the value of customer relationships, because the Company does not have any concentrations of significant customers and the average customer turnover is fairly frequent.

Long-lived assets classified as “held for use” are reviewed for impairment when events and circumstances such as declines in occupancy and operating results indicate that there may be an impairment. The carrying value of these long-lived assets is compared to the undiscounted future net operating cash flows, plus a terminal value, attributable to the

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assets to determine if the facility's basis is recoverable. If a facility's basis is not considered recoverable, an impairment loss is recorded to the extent the net carrying value of the asset exceeds the fair value. The impairment loss recognized equals the excess of net carrying value over the related fair value of the asset. There were no impairment losses recognized in accordance with these procedures during the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014.

The Company considers long-lived assets to be "held for sale" upon satisfaction of the following criteria:

(a) management commits to a plan to sell a facility (or group of facilities), (b) the facility is available for immediate sale in its present condition subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such facilities, (c) an active program to locate a buyer and other actions required to complete the plan to sell the facility have been initiated, (d) the sale of the facility is probable and transfer of the asset is expected to be completed within one year, (e) the facility is being actively marketed for sale at a price that is reasonable in relation to its current fair value, and (f) actions required to complete the plan indicate that it is unlikely that significant changes to the plan will be made or that the plan will be withdrawn.

Typically these criteria are all met when the relevant asset is under contract, significant non-refundable deposits have been made by the potential buyer, the assets are immediately available for transfer and there are no contingencies related to the sale that may prevent the transaction from closing. However, each potential transaction is evaluated based on its separate facts and circumstances. Facilities classified as held for sale are reported at the lesser of carrying value or fair value less estimated costs to sell.

## Revenue Recognition

Management has determined that all of our leases with customers are operating leases. Rental income is recognized in accordance with the terms of the lease agreements or contracts, which generally are month to month.

The Company recognizes gains from disposition of facilities only upon closing in accordance with the guidance on sales of real estate. Payments received from purchasers prior to closing are recorded as deposits. Profit on real estate sold is recognized using the full accrual method upon closing when the collectability of the sales price is reasonably assured and the Company is not obligated to perform significant activities after the sale. Profit may be deferred in whole or part until the sale meets the requirements of profit recognition on sales under this guidance.

## Share-Based Payments



We apply the fair value method of accounting for contingently issued shares and share options issued under our equity incentive plans. The share compensation expense is recorded ratably over the vesting period relating to such contingently issued shares and options. The Company has elected to recognize compensation expense on a straight-line method over the requisite service period.

#### Noncontrolling Interests

Noncontrolling interests are the portion of equity (net assets) in a subsidiary not attributable, directly or indirectly, to a parent. The ownership interests in the subsidiary that are held by owners other than the parent are noncontrolling interests. In accordance with authoritative guidance issued on noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements, such noncontrolling interests are reported on the consolidated balance sheets within equity/capital, separately from the Parent Company's equity/capital. The guidance also requires that noncontrolling interests are adjusted each period so that the carrying value equals the greater of its carrying value based on the accumulation of historical cost or its redemption value. On the consolidated statements of operations, revenues, expenses and net income or loss from less-than-wholly-owned subsidiaries are reported at the consolidated amounts, including both the amounts attributable to the Parent Company and noncontrolling interests. Presentation of consolidated equity/capital activity is included for both quarterly and annual financial statements, including beginning balances, activity for the period and ending balances for shareholders' equity/capital, noncontrolling interests and total equity/capital.

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Investments in Unconsolidated Real Estate Ventures

The Company accounts for its investments in unconsolidated real estate ventures under the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method, investments in unconsolidated joint ventures are recorded initially at cost, as investments in real estate entities, and subsequently adjusted for equity in earnings (losses), cash contributions, less distributions and impairments. On a periodic basis, management also assesses whether there are any indicators that the carrying value of the Company's investments in unconsolidated real estate entities may be other than temporarily impaired. An investment is impaired only if the fair value of the investment, as estimated by management, is less than the carrying value of the investment and the decline is other than temporary. To the extent impairment has occurred, the loss shall be measured as the excess of the carrying amount of the investment over the fair value of the investment, as estimated by management. The determination as to whether impairment exists requires significant management judgment about the fair value of its ownership interest. Fair value is determined through various valuation techniques, including but not limited to, discounted cash flow models, quoted market values and third party appraisals.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In April 2015, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standard Update ("ASU") No. 2015-03, an update to the accounting standard relating to the presentation of debt issuance costs. Under the new guidance, debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability will be presented on the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the debt liability. This amendment becomes effective for the Company on January 1, 2016.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-02, Consolidation – Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis, which amends the current consolidation guidance affecting both the variable interest entity (VIE) and voting interest entity (VOE) consolidation models. The standard does not add or remove any of the characteristics in determining if an entity is a VIE or VOE, but rather enhances the way the Company assesses some of these characteristics. The new standard is effective for the Company on January 1, 2016. The Company is still evaluating the effects of the standard on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which requires an entity to recognize the amount of revenue to which it expects to be entitled for the transfer of promised goods or services to customers. The ASU will replace most existing revenue recognition guidance in U.S. GAAP ("GAAP") when it becomes effective. The new standard currently will be effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2017, however on April 1, 2015, the FASB proposed a deferral of the effective date by one year. Early application prior to the original effective date would not be permitted under the proposed deferral. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its financial statements and related disclosures.

## Results of Operations

The following discussion of our results of operations should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and the accompanying notes thereto. Historical results set forth in the consolidated statements of operations reflect only the existing facilities and should not be taken as indicative of future operations. We consider our same-store portfolio to consist of only those facilities owned and operated on a stabilized basis at the beginning and at the end of the applicable periods presented. We consider a facility to be stabilized once it has achieved an occupancy rate that we believe, based on our assessment of market-specific data, is representative of similar self-storage assets in the applicable market for a full year measured as of the most recent January 1 and has not been significantly damaged by natural disaster or undergone significant renovation. We believe that same-store results are useful to investors in evaluating our performance because they provide information relating to changes in facility-level operating performance without taking into account the effects of acquisitions, developments or dispositions. At March 31, 2015, we owned 361 same-store facilities and 67 non-same-store facilities. All of the non-same-store facilities were acquired or developed within the last three years. For analytical presentation, all percentages are calculated using the numbers presented in the financial statements contained in this Report.

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## Acquisition and Development Activities

The comparability of our results of operations is affected by the timing of acquisition and disposition activities during the periods reported. At March 31, 2015 and 2014, we owned 428 and 378 self-storage facilities and related assets, respectively. The following table summarizes the change in number of owned self-storage facilities from January 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015:

	2015	2014
Balance - January 1	421	366
Facilities acquired	7	10
Facilities developed	—	2
Balance - March 31	428	378
Facilities acquired		9
Balance - June 30		387
Facilities acquired		3
Balance - September 30		390
Facilities acquired		31
Balance - December 31		421

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Comparison of the three months ended March 31, 2015 to the three months ended March 31, 2014 (in thousands)

	Store Property Portfolio			Non Same-Store Properties		Other/ Eliminations		Total Portfolio	
	2014	Increase/ (Decrease)	% Change	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014
045	\$ 72,883	\$ 5,162	7.1 %	\$ 13,511	\$ 2,831	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 91,556	\$ 75,711
35	7,958	477	6.0 %	1,358	1,355	750	834	10,543	10,144
480	—	—	—	—	—	1,589	1,406	1,589	1,406
	80,841	5,639	7.0 %	14,869	4,186	2,339	2,240	103,688	87,267
346	27,297	549	2.0 %	5,588	1,332	3,997	3,661	37,431	32,299
534	53,544	5,090	9.5 %	9,281	2,854	(1,658)	(1,421)	66,257	54,974
290	361			67	17			428	378
	24,290			4,756	1,170			29,046	25,466
2 %	89.3 %			85.8 %	74.4 %			90.3 %	88.6 %
7 %	88.9 %								
17	\$ 13.50								
								37,895	28,111
								7,173	6,569
								510	1,679
								45,578	36,366
								20,679	18,611
								(11,057)	(11,811)
								(546)	(541)

(238)	(1,36
(316)	(593)
(12,157)	(14,3

8,522	4,240
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—	336
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—	336
8,522	4,576

(91)	(49)
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\$ 8,434	\$ 4,530
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(1,502)	(1,50
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\$ 6,932	\$ 3,028
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(1) Represents occupancy at March 31 of the respective year.

(2) Represents the weighted average occupancy for the period.

(3) Realized annual rent per occupied square foot is computed by dividing rental income by the weighted average occupied square feet for the period.

## Revenues

Rental income increased from \$75.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$91.6 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, an increase of \$15.9 million, or 20.9%. This increase is primarily attributable

to \$10.7 million of additional income from the facilities acquired in 2014 and 2015 and increases in net rental rates and average occupancy on the same-store portfolio which contributed to the \$5.2 million increase in rental income during the three months ended March 31, 2015 as compared to the three months ended March 31, 2014.

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Operating Expenses

Property operating expenses increased from \$32.3 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$37.4 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, an increase of \$5.1 million, or 15.9%. This increase is attributable to \$4.3 million of increased expenses associated with newly acquired facilities and \$0.6 million of increased expenses attributable to real estate taxes associated with the same-store portfolio.

Depreciation and amortization increased from \$28.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$37.9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, an increase of \$9.8 million, or 34.8%. This increase is primarily attributable to depreciation and amortization expenses related to the 2014 and 2015 acquisitions.

Acquisition-related costs decreased from \$1.7 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$0.5 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015. Acquisition-related costs are non-recurring and fluctuate based on quarterly investment activity.

Other (Expense) Income

Interest expense decreased from \$11.9 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$11.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, a decrease of \$0.8 million, or 6.9%. The decrease is attributable to lower rates on borrowings under the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility compared to 2014 as a result of the credit ratings upgrade and a lower amount of outstanding debt in 2015. The weighted average effective interest rate on our outstanding debt decreased from 3.99% for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to 3.76% for the three months ended March 31, 2015, while the average debt balance during the three months ended March 31, 2015 decreased approximately \$14.0 million from the same period in 2014, from \$1,189.4 million to \$1,175.4 million.

Equity in losses of real estate ventures decreased from \$1.4 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$0.2 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, a decrease of \$1.2 million, or 82.6%. This decrease is related to our share of the losses attributable to HHF, a partnership in which we own a 50% interest. Losses were larger in 2014 as the amortization expense associated with the in-place lease intangible recorded in connection with the acquisition existed in the 2014 period, but not the 2015 period as the intangible was fully amortized during 2014.

Cash Flows



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Comparison of the three months ended March 31, 2015 to the three months ended March 31, 2014

A comparison of cash flow from operating, investing and financing activities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 is as follows (in thousands):

Net cash provided by (used in):	Three Months Ended March 31,		Change
	2015 (in thousands)	2014	
Operating activities	\$ 43,425	\$ 30,581	\$ 12,844
Investing activities	\$ (53,928)	\$ (88,439)	\$ 34,511
Financing activities	\$ 10,619	\$ 57,917	\$ (47,298)

Cash provided by operating activities for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$43.4 million and \$30.6 million, respectively, reflecting an increase of \$12.8 million. Our principal source of cash flow is from the operation of our facilities. During the three months ended March 31, 2015, our increased cash flow from operating activities was primarily attributable to our 2014 acquisitions and increased net operating income levels on the same-store portfolio in the 2015 period as compared to the 2014 period.

Cash used in investing activities decreased from \$88.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$53.9 million for the three months ended March 31, 2015, reflecting a decrease of \$34.5 million. The change was driven by

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less acquisition activity in 2015 as we acquired seven facilities in the 2015 period for an aggregate purchase price of \$49.3 million, inclusive of \$2.7 million of assumed debt, compared to 10 facilities in the 2014 period for an aggregate purchase price of \$103.3 million, inclusive of \$27.5 million of assumed debt. This decrease in cash used to acquire storage facilities was offset by a \$1.7 million increase in cash used for development activities during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the same period in 2014.

For the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014, cash provided by financing activities was \$10.6 million and \$57.9 million, respectively, reflecting a decrease of \$47.3 million. This change is the result of a \$30.0 million net decrease in revolving credit facility borrowings during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the same period in 2014 and a \$16.7 million decrease in net proceeds received from the issuance of common shares under our “at-the-market” equity program during the three months ended March 31, 2015 compared to the same period in 2014. Additionally, cash distributions paid to common shareholders, preferred shareholders and noncontrolling interests in the OP increased from \$20.0 million during the three months ended March 31, 2014 to \$28.1 million during the three months ended March 31, 2015, as a result of the increase in the dividend per share and number of shares outstanding.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Liquidity Overview

Our cash flow from operations has historically been one of our primary sources of liquidity used to fund debt service, distributions and capital expenditures. We derive substantially all of our revenue from customers who lease space from us at our facilities and fees earned from managing facilities. Therefore, our ability to generate cash from operations is dependent on the rents that we are able to charge and collect from our customers. We believe that the facilities in which we invest, self-storage facilities, are less sensitive than other real estate product types to near-term economic downturns. However, prolonged economic downturns will adversely affect our cash flows from operations.

In order to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, the Parent Company is required to distribute at least 90% of REIT taxable income, excluding capital gains, to its shareholders on an annual basis or pay federal income tax. The nature of our business, coupled with the requirement that we distribute a substantial portion of our income on an annual basis, will cause us to have substantial liquidity needs over both the short term and the long term.

Our short-term liquidity needs consist primarily of funds necessary to pay operating expenses associated with our facilities, refinancing of certain mortgage indebtedness, interest expense and scheduled principal payments on debt, expected distributions to limited partners and shareholders, capital expenditures and the development of new facilities. These funding requirements will vary from year to year, in some cases significantly. For the remainder of the 2015 fiscal year, we expect recurring capital expenditures to be approximately \$7.0 million to \$13.0 million,

planned capital improvements and facility upgrades to be approximately \$5.0 million to \$10.0 million and costs associated with the development of new facilities to be approximately \$33.0 million to \$38.0 million. Our currently scheduled principal payments on debt, including borrowings outstanding on the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility, are approximately \$83.6 million for the remainder of 2015.

Our most restrictive financial covenants limit the amount of additional leverage we can add; however, we believe cash flows from operations, access to equity financing, including through our “at the market” equity program, and available borrowings under our Credit Facility provide adequate sources of liquidity to enable us to execute our current business plan and remain in compliance with our covenants.

Our liquidity needs beyond 2015 consist primarily of contractual obligations which include repayments of indebtedness at maturity, as well as potential discretionary expenditures such as (i) non-recurring capital expenditures; (ii) redevelopment of operating facilities; (iii) acquisitions of additional facilities; and (iv) development of new facilities. We will have to satisfy the portion of our needs not covered by cash flow from operations through additional borrowings, including borrowings under our Credit Facility, sales of common or preferred shares of the Parent Company and common or preferred units of the Operating Partnership and/or cash generated through facility dispositions and joint venture transactions.

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We believe that, as a publicly traded REIT, we will have access to multiple sources of capital to fund our long-term liquidity requirements, including the incurrence of additional debt and the issuance of additional equity. However, we cannot provide any assurance that this will be the case. Our ability to incur additional debt will be dependent on a number of factors, including our degree of leverage, the value of our unencumbered assets and borrowing restrictions that may be imposed by lenders. In addition, dislocation in the United States debt markets may significantly reduce the availability and increase the cost of long-term debt capital, including conventional mortgage financing and commercial mortgage-backed securities financing. There can be no assurance that such capital will be readily available in the future. Our ability to access the equity capital markets will be dependent on a number of factors as well, including general market conditions for REITs and market perceptions about us.

As of March 31, 2015, we had approximately \$3.0 million in available cash and cash equivalents. In addition, we had approximately \$220.0 million of availability for borrowings under our Credit Facility.

### Unsecured Senior Notes

On December 17, 2013, the Operating Partnership issued \$250 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.375% unsecured senior notes due December 15, 2023 (the “2023 Senior Notes”). On June 26, 2012, the Operating Partnership issued \$250 million in aggregate principal amount of 4.80% unsecured senior notes due July 15, 2022 (the “2022 Senior Notes”). The 2023 Senior Notes along with the 2022 Senior Notes are collectively referred to as the “Senior Notes.” The indenture under which the Senior Notes were issued restricts the ability of the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries to incur debt unless the Operating Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries comply with a leverage ratio not to exceed 60% and an interest coverage ratio of more than 1.5:1 after giving effect to the incurrence of the debt. The indenture also restricts the ability of the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries to incur secured debt unless the Operating Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries comply with a secured debt leverage ratio not to exceed 40% after giving effect to the incurrence of the debt. The indenture also contains other financial and customary covenants, including a covenant not to own unencumbered assets with a value less than 150% of the unsecured indebtedness of the Operating Partnership and its consolidated subsidiaries. As of March 31, 2015, the Operating Partnership was in compliance with all of the financial covenants under the Senior Notes.

### Revolving Credit Facility and Unsecured Term Loans

On June 20, 2011, we entered into an unsecured term loan agreement (the “Term Loan Facility”) which consisted of a \$100 million term loan with a five-year maturity (“Term Loan A”) and a \$100 million term loan with a seven-year maturity (“Term Loan B”). On December 9, 2011, we entered into a credit facility (the “Credit Facility”) comprised of a \$100 million unsecured term loan maturing in December 2014 (“Term Loan C”); a \$200 million unsecured term loan maturing in March 2017 (“Term Loan D”); and a \$300 million unsecured revolving facility maturing in December 2015 (“Revolver”).

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On June 18, 2013, we amended both the Term Loan Facility and Credit Facility. With respect to the Term Loan Facility, among other things, the amendment extended the maturity and decreased the pricing of Term Loan A, while Term Loan B remained unchanged by the amendment. On August 5, 2014, we further amended the Term Loan Facility (collectively with the amendment on June 18, 2013, the “Amendments”), to extend the maturity and decrease the pricing of Term Loan B. On December 17, 2013, we repaid the \$100 million balance under Term Loan C that was scheduled to mature in December 2014.

Pricing on the Term Loan Facility depends on our unsecured debt credit ratings. On September 25, 2014, our unsecured debt credit rating was upgraded to Baa2 from Baa3 by Moody’s Investors Service with a stable outlook. As a result, the LIBOR spreads applicable to our borrowing under the Term Loan Facility were reduced, effective October 1, 2014. In addition, on November 3, 2014, our unsecured bonds and issuer ratings were upgraded to BBB from BBB- by Standard and Poor’s Ratings Service with a stable outlook. At our current Baa2/BBB level, amounts drawn under Term

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Loan A are priced at 1.30% over LIBOR, with no LIBOR floor, while amounts drawn under Term Loan B are priced at 1.15% over LIBOR, with no LIBOR floor.

	Amount	Term Loan Facility Prior to Amendments				Term Loan Facility As Amended			
		Maturity Date	LIBOR Spread		Maturity Date	LIBOR Spread			
			Baa3/BBB-	Baa2/BBB		Baa3/BBB-	Baa2/BBB		
Term Loan A	\$ 100 million	June 2016	1.85	% 1.65	%	June 2018	1.50	% 1.30	%
Term Loan B	\$ 100 million	June 2018	2.00	% 1.80	%	January 2020	1.40	% 1.15	%

With respect to the Credit Facility, among other things, the Amendments extended the maturities and decreased the pricing of the Revolver and Term Loan D. Pricing on the Credit Facility depends on our unsecured debt credit ratings. At our current Baa2/BBB level, amounts drawn under the Revolver are priced at 1.30% over LIBOR, inclusive of a facility fee of 0.20%, with no LIBOR floor, while amounts drawn under Term Loan D are priced at 1.30% over LIBOR, with no LIBOR floor.

	Amount	Credit Facility Prior to Amendments				Credit Facility As Amended			
		Maturity Date	LIBOR Spread		Maturity Date	LIBOR Spread			
			Baa3/BBB-	Baa2/BBB		Baa3/BBB-	Baa2/BBB		
Revolver	\$ 300 million	December 2015	1.80	% 1.50	%	June 2017	1.60	% 1.30	%
Term Loan D	\$ 200 million	March 2017	1.75	% 1.45	%	January 2019	1.50	% 1.30	%

We incurred costs of \$0.2 million in 2014 in connection with the Amendments and capitalized such costs as a component of loan procurement costs, net of amortization on the consolidated balance sheet. Unamortized costs, along with costs incurred in connection with the amendments, are amortized as an adjustment to interest expense over the remaining term of the modified facilities.

As of March 31, 2015, \$200 million of unsecured term loan borrowings were outstanding under the Term Loan Facility, \$200 million of unsecured term loan borrowings were outstanding under the Credit Facility, \$80.0 million of unsecured revolving credit facility borrowings were outstanding under the Credit Facility and \$220.0 million was available for borrowing under the unsecured revolving portion of the Credit Facility. The available balance under the

unsecured revolving portion of the Credit Facility is reduced by an outstanding letter of credit of \$30 thousand. In connection with a portion of the unsecured borrowings, we had interest rate swaps as of March 31, 2015 that fix 30-day LIBOR (see note 10 to the unaudited consolidated financial statements). As of March 31, 2015, borrowings under the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility, as amended and after giving effect to the interest rate swaps, had an effective weighted average interest rate of 2.95%.

The Term Loan Facility and the term loan under our Credit Facility were fully drawn at March 31, 2015 and no further borrowings may be made under the term loans. Our ability to borrow under the revolving portion of the Credit Facility is subject to ongoing compliance with certain financial covenants which include:

- Maximum total indebtedness to total asset value of 60.0% at any time;
- Minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of 1.50:1.00; and
- Minimum tangible net worth of \$821,211,200 plus 75% of net proceeds from equity issuances after June 30, 2010.

Further, under the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility, we are restricted from paying distributions on the Parent Company's common shares in excess of the greater of (i) 95% of funds from operations, and (ii) such amount as may be necessary to maintain the Parent Company's REIT status.

As of March 31, 2015, we were in compliance with all of our financial covenants and anticipate being in compliance with all of our financial covenants through the terms of the Credit Facility and Term Loan Facility.

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### At The Market Equity Program

On May 7, 2013, we entered into separate equity distribution agreements (the “Equity Distribution Agreements”) with each of Wells Fargo Securities LLC; BMO Capital Markets Corp.; Jefferies LLC; Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated; and RBC Capital Markets, LLC (collectively, the “Sales Agents”). The Equity Distribution Agreements were amended on May 5, 2014 and October 2, 2014 to increase the number of common shares authorized for sale through “at-the-market” equity offerings. Pursuant to the Equity Distribution Agreements, as amended, we may sell, from time to time, up to 30 million common shares of beneficial interest through the Sales Agents.

During the three months ended March 31, 2015, we sold a total of 1.2 million common shares under the Equity Distribution Agreements at an average sales price of \$24.62 per share, resulting in gross proceeds of \$29.8 million under the program. We incurred \$0.4 million of offering costs in conjunction with the 2015 sales. We used proceeds from the sales conducted during the three months ended March 31, 2015 to fund acquisitions of storage facilities and for general corporate purposes. As of March 31, 2015, 8.0 million common shares remained available for issuance under the Equity Distribution Agreements.

### Recent Developments

On April 22, 2015, the Company further amended its Credit Facility with respect to the Revolver. Among other things, the amendment increased the aggregate amount of the Revolver from \$300 million to \$500 million, decreased the pricing and extended the maturity date from June 18, 2017 to April 22, 2020.

### Non-GAAP Financial Measures

#### NOI

We define net operating income, which we refer to as “NOI,” as total continuing revenues less continuing property operating expenses. NOI also can be calculated by adding back to net income (loss): interest expense on loans, loan procurement amortization expense, loan procurement amortization expense — early repayment of debt, acquisition related costs, equity in losses of real estate ventures, other expense, depreciation and amortization expense, general and administrative expense, and deducting from net income (loss): income from discontinued operations, gains from disposition of discontinued operations, other income, gains from remeasurement of investments in real estate ventures and interest income. NOI is not a measure of performance calculated in accordance with GAAP.



We use NOI as a measure of operating performance at each of our facilities, and for all of our facilities in the aggregate. NOI should not be considered as a substitute for operating income, net income, cash flows provided by operating, investing and financing activities, or other income statement or cash flow statement data prepared in accordance with GAAP.

We believe NOI is useful to investors in evaluating our operating performance because:

- it is one of the primary measures used by our management and our facility managers to evaluate the economic productivity of our facilities, including our ability to lease our facilities, increase pricing and occupancy and control our property operating expenses;
- it is widely used in the real estate industry and the self-storage industry to measure the performance and value of real estate assets without regard to various items included in net income that do not relate to or are not indicative of operating performance, such as depreciation and amortization, which can vary depending upon accounting methods and the book value of assets; and
- we believe it helps our investors to meaningfully compare the results of our operating performance from period to period by removing the impact of our capital structure (primarily interest expense on our outstanding indebtedness) and depreciation of our basis in our assets from our operating results.

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There are material limitations to using a measure such as NOI, including the difficulty associated with comparing results among more than one company and the inability to analyze certain significant items, including depreciation and interest expense, that directly affect our net income. We compensate for these limitations by considering the economic effect of the excluded expense items independently as well as in connection with our analysis of net income. NOI should be considered in addition to, but not as a substitute for, other measures of financial performance reported in accordance with GAAP, such as total revenues, operating income and net income.

FFO

Funds from operations (“FFO”) is a widely used performance measure for real estate companies and is provided here as a supplemental measure of operating performance. The April 2002 National Policy Bulletin of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (the “White Paper”), as amended, defines FFO as net income (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding gains (or losses) from sales of real estate and related impairment charges, plus real estate depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures.

Management uses FFO as a key performance indicator in evaluating the operations of our facilities. Given the nature of our business as a real estate owner and operator, we consider FFO a key measure of our operating performance that is not specifically defined by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. We believe that FFO is useful to management and investors as a starting point in measuring our operational performance because FFO excludes various items included in net income that do not relate to or are not indicative of our operating performance such as gains (or losses) from sales of real estate, gains from remeasurement of investments in real estate ventures, impairments of depreciable assets, and depreciation, which can make periodic and peer analyses of operating performance more difficult. Our computation of FFO may not be comparable to FFO reported by other REITs or real estate companies.

FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indication of our performance. FFO does not represent cash generated from operating activities determined in accordance with GAAP and is not a measure of liquidity or an indicator of our ability to make cash distributions. We believe that to further understand our performance, FFO should be compared with our reported net income and considered in addition to cash flows computed in accordance with GAAP, as presented in our Consolidated Financial Statements.

FFO, as adjusted

FFO, as adjusted represents FFO as defined above, excluding the effects of acquisition related costs, gains or losses from early extinguishment of debt, and non-recurring items, which we believe are not indicative of the Company’s operating results. We present FFO, as adjusted because we believe it is a helpful measure in understanding our results of operations insofar as we believe that the items noted above that are included in FFO, but excluded from FFO, as

adjusted are not indicative of our ongoing operating results. We also believe that the analyst community considers our FFO, as adjusted (or similar measures using different terminology) when evaluating us. Because other REITs or real estate companies may not compute FFO, as adjusted in the same manner as we do, and may use different terminology, our computation of FFO, as adjusted may not be comparable to FFO, as adjusted reported by other REITs or real estate companies.

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The following table presents a reconciliation of net income to FFO and FFO, as adjusted, for the three months ended March 31, 2015 and 2014 (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2015	2014
Net income attributable to the Company's common shareholders	\$ 6,932	\$ 3,028
Add (deduct):		
Real estate depreciation and amortization:		
Real property	37,464	27,710
Company's share of unconsolidated real estate ventures	1,776	3,240
Noncontrolling interests in the Operating Partnership	91	49
FFO	\$ 46,263	\$ 34,027
Add:		
Acquisition related costs	510	1,679
FFO, as adjusted	\$ 46,773	\$ 35,706
Weighted-average diluted shares and units outstanding	169,421	145,043

## Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have off-balance sheet arrangements, financings, or other relationships with other unconsolidated entities (other than our co-investment partnerships) or other persons, also known as variable interest entities not previously discussed.

## ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Our future income, cash flows and fair values relevant to financial instruments depend upon prevailing market interest rates.

## Market Risk

Our investment policy relating to cash and cash equivalents is to preserve principal and liquidity while maximizing the return through investment of available funds.

#### Effect of Changes in Interest Rates on our Outstanding Debt

Our interest rate risk objectives are to limit the impact of interest rate fluctuations on earnings and cash flows and to lower our overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, we manage our exposure to fluctuations in market interest rates for a portion of our borrowings through the use of derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps or caps to mitigate our interest rate risk on a related financial instrument or to effectively lock the interest rate on a portion of our variable rate debt. The analysis below presents the sensitivity of the market value of our financial instruments to selected changes in market rates. The range of changes chosen reflects our view of changes which are reasonably possible over a one-year period. Market values are the present value of projected future cash flows based on the market rates chosen.

As of March 31, 2015, our consolidated debt consisted of \$1.1 billion of outstanding mortgages, unsecured senior notes and unsecured term loans that are subject to fixed rates, including variable rate debt that is effectively fixed through our use of interest rate swaps. Additionally, as of March 31, 2015, there was \$80.0 million of outstanding credit facility borrowings subject to floating rates. Changes in market interest rates have different impacts on the fixed and variable rate portions of our debt portfolio. A change in market interest rates on the fixed portion of the debt portfolio impacts the net financial instrument position, but has no impact on interest incurred or cash flows. A change in market

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interest rates on the variable portion of the debt portfolio impacts the interest incurred and cash flows, but does not impact the net financial instrument position.

If market interest rates on our variable rate debt increase by 100 basis points, the increase in annual interest expense on our variable rate debt would decrease future earnings and cash flows by approximately \$0.8 million a year. If market interest rates on our variable rate debt decrease by 100 basis points, the decrease in interest expense on our variable rate debt would increase future earnings and cash flows by approximately \$0.8 million a year.

If market rates of interest increase by 100 basis points, the fair value of our outstanding fixed-rate mortgage debt, unsecured senior notes and unsecured term loans would decrease by approximately \$54.4 million. If market rates of interest decrease by 100 basis points, the fair value of our outstanding fixed-rate mortgage debt, unsecured senior notes and unsecured term loans would increase by approximately \$60.1 million.

## ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

### Controls and Procedures (Parent Company)

#### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this Report, the Parent Company carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of its management, including its chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of its disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act).

Based on that evaluation, the Parent Company's chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that the Parent Company's disclosure controls and procedures are designed at a reasonable assurance level and are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Parent Company in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Parent Company's management, including its chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

#### Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in the Parent Company's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during its most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, its internal control over financial reporting.

#### Controls and Procedures (Operating Partnership)

#### Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of the end of the period covered by this Report, the Operating Partnership carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of its management, including the Operating Partnership's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Operating Partnership's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) under the Exchange Act).

Based on that evaluation, the Operating Partnership's chief executive officer and chief financial officer have concluded that the Operating Partnership's disclosure controls and procedures are designed at a reasonable assurance level and are effective to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by the Operating Partnership in reports that it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Operating Partnership's management, including the Operating Partnership's chief executive officer and chief financial officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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## Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act) during its most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Operating Partnership's internal control over financial reporting.

## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

## ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table provides information about repurchases of the Parent Company's common shares during the three months ended March 31, 2015:

	Total Number of Shares Purchased (1)	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (2)
January 1- January 31	63,400	\$ 23.13	N/A	3,000,000
February 1- February 28	61	24.81	N/A	3,000,000
March 1- March 31	70	23.05	N/A	3,000,000
Total	63,531	\$ 23.14	N/A	3,000,000

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- (1) Represents common shares withheld by the Parent Company upon the vesting of restricted shares to cover employee tax obligations.
- (2) On September 27, 2007, the Parent Company announced that the Board of Trustees approved a share repurchase program for up to 3.0 million of the Parent Company's outstanding common shares. Unless terminated earlier by resolution of the Board of Trustees, the program will expire when the number of authorized shares has been repurchased. The Parent Company has made no repurchases under this program to date.





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ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No.	Exhibit Description
12.1	Statement regarding Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges of CubeSmart. (filed herewith)
12.2	Statement regarding Computation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges of CubeSmart L.P. (filed herewith)
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer of CubeSmart as required by Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (filed herewith)
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer of CubeSmart as required by Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (filed herewith)
31.3	Certification of Chief Executive Officer of CubeSmart, L.P., as required by Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (filed herewith)
31.4	Certification of Chief Financial Officer of CubeSmart, L.P., as required by Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) under the Exchange Act, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (filed herewith)
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of CubeSmart pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. (furnished herewith)
32.2	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of CubeSmart, L.P., pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith)
101	The following CubeSmart and CubeSmart, L.P. financial information for the three months ended March 31, 2015, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (iv) the Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, tagged as blocks of text. (filed herewith)

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SIGNATURES OF REGISTRANT

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.

CUBESMART  
(Registrant)

Date: May 1, 2015 By: /s/ Christopher P. Marr  
Christopher P. Marr, Chief  
Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: May 1, 2015 By: /s/ Timothy M. Martin  
Timothy M. Martin, Chief  
Financial Officer  
(Principal Financial Officer)

SIGNATURES OF REGISTRANT

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.

CUBESMART, L.P.  
(Registrant)

Date: May 1, 2015 By: /s/ Christopher P. Marr  
Christopher P. Marr, Chief  
Executive Officer  
(Principal Executive Officer)

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