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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 June 30, 2014

OR

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

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

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HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Maryland 251811499  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

44 Hersha Drive, Harrisburg, PA 17102  
(Address of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (717) 236-4400

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (i) 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 (ii) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (Sec.232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files).

Yes No

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

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

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

Yes No

As of August 5, 2014, the number of Class A common shares of beneficial interest outstanding was 200,729,931 and there were no Class B common shares of beneficial interest outstanding.



Hersha Hospitality Trust

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## HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

AS OF JUNE 30, 2014 [UNAUDITED] AND DECEMBER 31, 2013

[IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE/UNIT AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS]

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Assets:		
Investment in Hotel Properties, Net of Accumulated Depreciation, Including Consolidation of Variable Interest Entity Assets of \$85,006 and \$85,759	\$ 1,760,893	\$ 1,535,835
Investment in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures	11,593	12,044
Cash and Cash Equivalents	29,191	36,213
Escrow Deposits	21,159	25,938
Hotel Accounts Receivable, Net of Allowance for Doubtful Accounts of \$192 and \$43	13,156	9,141
Deferred Financing Costs, Net of Accumulated Amortization of \$6,354 and \$7,070	8,913	7,570
Due from Related Parties	6,358	11,124
Intangible Assets, Net of Accumulated Amortization of \$3,299 and \$3,227	7,515	7,603
Deposits on Hotel Acquisitions	-	18,586
Other Assets	35,013	27,460
Hotel Assets Held for Sale	-	56,583
Total Assets	\$ 1,893,791	\$ 1,748,097
Liabilities and Equity:		
Line of Credit	\$ 27,000	\$ -
Unsecured Term Loan	250,000	150,000
Unsecured Notes Payable	51,548	51,548
Mortgages Payable, including Net Unamortized Premium and Consolidation of Variable Interest Entity Debt of \$54,926 and \$55,714	615,229	571,953
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	52,797	40,852
Dividends and Distributions Payable	15,830	15,955
Due to Related Parties	6,386	4,815
Liabilities Related to Hotel Assets Held for Sale	-	45,835
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,018,790	\$ 880,958
Equity:		
Shareholders' Equity:		
Preferred Shares: \$.01 Par Value, 29,000,000 Shares Authorized, 4,600,000 Series B and 3,000,000 Series C Shares Issued and Outstanding at June 30, 2014 and December	\$ 76	\$ 76

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31, 2013, with Liquidation Preferences of \$25 Per Share (Note 1)

Common Shares: Class A, \$.01 Par Value, 300,000,000 Shares Authorized at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, 200,676,750 and 202,759,419 Shares Issued and Outstanding at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively	2,007	2,028
Common Shares: Class B, \$.01 Par Value, 1,000,000 Shares Authorized, None Issued and Outstanding at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013	-	-
Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	(894)	(376)
Additional Paid-in Capital	1,190,875	1,200,798
Distributions in Excess of Net Income	(346,562)	(364,568)
Total Shareholders' Equity	845,502	837,958
Noncontrolling Interests (Note 1):		
Noncontrolling Interests - Common Units	30,209	29,523
Noncontrolling Interests - Consolidated Variable Interest Entity	(710)	(342)
Total Noncontrolling Interests	29,499	29,181
Total Equity	875,001	867,139
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 1,893,791	\$ 1,748,097

The Accompanying Notes Are an Integral Part of These Consolidated Financial Statements.

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013 [UNAUDITED]

[IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE/UNIT AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS]

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenue:				
Hotel Operating Revenues	\$ 111,487	90,526	\$ 191,404	155,768
Interest Income from Development Loans	-	12	-	158
Other Revenues	66	1	99	206
Total Revenues	111,553	90,539	191,503	156,132
Operating Expenses:				
Hotel Operating Expenses	56,948	47,077	105,724	87,253
Insurance Recoveries	(2,557)	-	(4,602)	(403)
Hotel Ground Rent	595	266	1,005	494
Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes and Property Insurance General and Administrative (including Share Based Payments of \$1,449 and \$2,439 for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and \$2,561 and \$4,827 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively)	4,738	5,691	8,640	10,841
Acquisition and Terminated Transaction Costs	1,672	773	1,806	776
Depreciation and Amortization	17,457	13,886	33,800	26,584
Total Operating Expenses	86,033	73,300	160,359	136,968
Operating Income	25,520	17,239	31,144	19,164
Interest Income	277	469	675	925
Interest Expense	(10,745)	(10,167)	(20,793)	(19,582)
Other Expense	(214)	-	(330)	-
Gain on Disposition of Hotel Properties	7,227	-	7,227	-
Gain on Hotel Acquisitions, net	13,609	12,107	13,609	12,107
Development Loan Recovery	22,494	-	22,494	-
Loss on Debt Extinguishment	-	(284)	(644)	(545)
Income Before Income (Loss) from Unconsolidated Joint Venture Investments, Income Taxes and Discontinued Operations	58,168	19,364	53,382	12,069



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Income (Loss) from Unconsolidated Joint Venture Investments	419	148	(1)	(248)
Income Before Income Taxes	58,587	19,512	53,381	11,821
Income Tax (Expense) Benefit	(1)	(1,439)	107	(309)
Income from Continuing Operations	58,586	18,073	53,488	11,512
Discontinued Operations (Note 11):				
Gain on Disposition of Discontinued Assets	-	1,043	81	1,043
Impairment of Discontinued Assets	-	(3,723)	(1,800)	(3,723)
Income from Discontinued Operations, Net of Income Taxes	-	2,692	304	1,577
Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations	-	12	(1,415)	(1,103)
Net Income	58,586	18,085	52,073	10,409
(Income) Loss Allocated to Noncontrolling Interests	(1,655)	(210)	(1,148)	463
Preferred Distributions	(3,589)	(3,589)	(7,178)	(7,433)
Extinguishment of Issuance Costs Upon Redemption of Series A Preferred Shares	-	-	-	(2,250)
Net Income Applicable to Common Shareholders	\$ 53,342	\$ 14,286	\$ 43,747	\$ 1,189

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (CONTINUED)

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[IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE/UNIT AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS]

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Earnings Per Share:				
BASIC				
Income from Continuing Operations Applicable to Common Shareholders	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.01
Loss from Discontinued Operations Applicable to Common Shareholders	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.01)
Net Income Applicable to Common Shareholders	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.00
DILUTED				
Income from Continuing Operations Applicable to Common Shareholders	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.01
Loss from Discontinued Operations Applicable to Common Shareholders	0.00	0.00	0.00	(0.01)
Net Income Applicable to Common Shareholders	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.00
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding:				
Basic	198,494,473	198,633,051	199,612,898	197,835,465
Diluted*	200,213,554	201,201,337	201,015,581	201,083,900

\*Income (loss) allocated to noncontrolling interest in Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership (the “Operating Partnership” or “HHLP”) has been excluded from the numerator and common units of limited partnership interest (“Common Units”) in the Operating Partnership have been omitted from the denominator for the purpose of computing diluted earnings per share since the effect of including these shares and units in the numerator and denominator would have no impact. In addition, potentially dilutive common shares, if any, have been excluded from the denominator if they are anti-dilutive to income (loss) from continuing operations applicable to common shareholders.

The following table summarizes potentially dilutive securities that have been excluded from the denominator for the purpose of computing diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2013	2012
Common Units of Limited Partnership Interest	6,914,716	6,944,496	6,914,716	7,022,238
Total Potentially Dilutive Securities Excluded from the Denominator	6,914,716	6,944,496	6,914,716	7,022,238

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013 [UNAUDITED]

[IN THOUSANDS]

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30, 2014	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Net Income	\$ 58,586	\$ 18,085	\$ 52,073	10,409
Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income				
Change in Fair Value of Derivative Instruments	(1)	2,519	256	2,971
Less: Reclassification Adjustment for Change in Fair Value of Derivative Instruments Included in Net Income	(418)	(312)	(774)	(608)
	\$ (419)	\$ 2,207	\$ (518)	\$ 2,363
Comprehensive Income	58,167	20,292	51,555	12,772
Less: Comprehensive (Income) Loss Attributable to Noncontrolling Interests	(1,655)	(210)	(1,148)	463
Less: Preferred Distributions	(3,589)	(3,589)	(7,178)	(7,433)
Less: Extinguishment of Issuance Costs Upon Redemption of Series A Preferred Shares	-	-	-	(2,250)
Comprehensive Income Attributable to Common Shareholders	\$ 52,923	\$ 16,493	\$ 43,229	\$ 3,552

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## HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013 [UNAUDITED]

[IN THOUSANDS]

	Shareholders' Equity									Distributions in Excess of Total Shareholders' Equity (\$)
	Common Shares	Class A Common Shares (\$)	Class B Common Shares (\$)	Preferred Shares	Preferred Shares (\$)	Additional Paid-In Capital (\$)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss (\$)	Net Earnings (\$)	Total Shareholders' Equity (\$)	
Balance at December 31, 2013	202,759,419	2,028	-	7,600,000	76	1,200,798	(376)	(364,568)	837,958	6
Repurchase of Common Shares	(2,626,854)	(26)	-	-	-	(13,686)	-	(1,621)	(15,333)	-
Dividends and Distributions declared: Common Shares (\$0.12 per share)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(24,120)	(24,120)	-
Preferred Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,178)	(7,178)	-
Common Units (\$0.12 per share)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	4,310	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	23	-

Dividend										
Reinvestment										
Plan										
Share Based										
Compensation:										
Grants	539,875	5	-	-	-	494	-	-	499	-
Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	3,246	-	-	3,246	-
Change in Fair										
Value of										
Derivative										
Instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-	(518)	-	(518)	-
Net Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,925	50,925	-
Balance at June										
30, 2014	200,676,750	2,007	-	7,600,000	76	1,190,875	(894)	(346,562)	845,502	6

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (CONTINUED)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013 [UNAUDITED]

[IN THOUSANDS]

	Shareholders' Equity					Preferred Shares (\$)	Additional Paid-In Capital (\$)	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss (\$)	Distributions in Excess of Net Earnings (\$)	Total Shareholders' Equity
	Common Shares	Class A Common Shares (\$)	Class B Common Shares (\$)	Preferred Shares	Common Shares					
Balance at December 31, 2012	198,672,356	1,986	-	7,000,000	70	1,178,292	(1,786)	(348,734)	829,828	
Unit Conversion/Redemption	27,790	1	-	-	-	(234)	-	-	(233)	
Reallocation of Noncontrolling Interest	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Preferred Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Preferred Share Offering, Net of Costs	-	-	-	-	30	72,341	-	-	72,371	
Preferred Share Redemption	-	-	-	-	(24)	(59,976)	-	-	(60,000)	
Dividends and Distributions declared: Common Shares (\$0.12 per share)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(25,414)	(25,414)	
Preferred Shares	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(7,433)	(7,433)	
Common Units (\$0.12 per share)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Dividend Reinvestment Plan	3,571	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	19	
Share Based Compensation:										

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Grants	3,963,929	40	-	-	-	285	-	-	325
Amortization	-	-	-	-	-	6,187	-	-	6,187
Change in Fair Value of									
Derivative Instruments	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,363	-	2,363
Net Income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,872	10,872
Balance at June 30, 2013	202,667,646	2,027	-	7,000,000	76	1,196,914	577	(370,709)	828,883

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## HERSHA HOSPITALITY TRUST AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013 [UNAUDITED]

[IN THOUSANDS]

	2014	2013
Operating Activities:		
Net Income	\$ 52,073	10,409
Adjustments to Reconcile Net Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:		
Gain on Hotel Acquisitions, net	(13,609)	(12,107)
Development Loan Recovery	(22,494)	-
Gain on Disposition of Hotel Properties	(7,308)	(1,043)
Impairment of Hotel Assets	1,800	3,723
Deferred Taxes	(107)	309
Depreciation	33,596	30,690
Amortization	990	1,246
Loss on Debt Extinguishment	644	470
Equity in Loss of Unconsolidated Joint Ventures	1	248
Distributions from Unconsolidated Joint Ventures	312	12
Loss Recognized on Change in Fair Value of Derivative Instrument	67	106
Share Based Compensation Expense	2,561	4,827
Change in Assets and Liabilities:		

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(Increase) Decrease in:		
Hotel Accounts Receivable	(4,143)	(2,436)
Escrows	(1,856)	(4,048)
Other Assets	(6,415)	(6)
Due from Related Parties	4,767	2,712
Increase (Decrease) in:		
Due to Related Parties	1,571	1,736
Accounts Payable, Accrued Expenses and Other Liabilities	(1,028)	3,861
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$ 41,422	\$ 40,709
Investing Activities:		
Purchase of Hotel Property Assets	\$ (174,037)	\$ (166,390)
Deposits on Hotel Acquisitions, Net	-	264
Capital Expenditures	(19,478)	(25,739)
Cash Paid for Hotel Development Projects	(3,063)	(9,907)
Proceeds from Disposition of Hotel Properties	30,300	3,855
Net Changes in Capital Expenditure Escrows	3,487	(1,667)
Proceeds from Insurance Claims	1,032	2,189
Repayment of Development Loans Receivable	-	15,122
Distributions from Unconsolidated Joint Venture	138	1,382
Net Cash Used in Investing Activities	\$ (161,621)	\$ (180,891)

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

FOR THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013 [UNAUDITED]

[IN THOUSANDS]

	2014	2013
Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from (Repayments of) Borrowings Under Line of Credit, Net	\$ 27,000	\$ 66,200
Proceeds from Unsecured Term Loan Borrowing	100,000	50,000
Principal Repayment of Mortgages and Notes Payable	(17,436)	(50,908)
Proceeds from Mortgages and Notes Payable	54,500	60,000
Cash Paid for Deferred Financing Costs	(3,316)	(2,235)
Proceeds from Issuance of Preferred Stock, Net	-	72,371
Redemption of Series A Preferred Shares	-	(60,000)
Repurchase of Common Shares	(15,333)	-
Redemption of Common Partnership Units	-	(1,000)
Settlement of Interest Rate Cap	(8)	(661)
Dividends Paid on Common Shares	(24,222)	(25,154)
Dividends Paid on Preferred Shares	(7,178)	(7,344)
Distributions Paid on Common Partnership Units	(830)	(852)
Net Cash Provided by Financing Activities	\$ 113,177	\$ 100,417
Net Decrease in Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ (7,022)	\$ (39,765)
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Period	36,213	69,059
Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Period	\$ 29,191	\$ 29,294

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NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FOR THE THREE AND SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013 [UNAUDITED]

[IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE/UNIT AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS]

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements of Hersha Hospitality Trust (“we,” “us,” “our” or the “Company”) have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“US GAAP”) for interim financial information and with the general instructions to Form 10-Q and Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and notes required by US GAAP for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals), considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2014 or any future period. Accordingly, readers of these consolidated interim financial statements should refer to the Company’s audited financial statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP, and the related notes thereto, for the year ended December 31, 2013, which are included in the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2013, as certain footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with US GAAP have been condensed or omitted from this report pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

We are a self-administered Maryland real estate investment trust that was organized in May 1998 and completed our initial public offering in January 1999. Our common shares are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) under the symbol “HT.” We own our hotels and our investments in joint ventures through our operating partnership, Hersha Hospitality Limited Partnership (“HHLP”), for which we serve as the sole general partner. As of June 30, 2014, we owned an approximate 96.7% partnership interest in HHLP, including a 1.0% general partnership interest.

Noncontrolling Interest

We classify the noncontrolling interests of our consolidated variable interest entity and common units of limited partnership interest in HHLP (“Common Units”) that are nonredeemable (“Nonredeemable Common Units”) as equity. The noncontrolling interest of Nonredeemable Common Units totaled \$30,209 as of June 30, 2014 and \$29,523 as of December 31, 2013. As of June 30, 2014, there were 6,914,716 Nonredeemable Common Units outstanding with a fair market value of \$46,398, based on the price per share of our common shares on the NYSE on such date. In

accordance with the partnership agreement of HHLP, holders of these units may redeem them for cash unless we, in our sole and absolute discretion, elect to issue common shares on a one-for-one basis in lieu of paying cash.

Net income or loss attributed to Nonredeemable Common Units, as well as the net income or loss related to the noncontrolling interests of our consolidated variable interest entity, is included in net income or loss in the consolidated statements of operations. Net income or loss attributed to the Common Units and the noncontrolling interests of our consolidated variable interest entity is excluded from net income or loss applicable to common shareholders in the consolidated statements of operations.

### Shareholders' Equity

Terms of the Series B and Series C Preferred Shares outstanding at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 are summarized as follows:

Series	Shares Outstanding		Aggregate Liquidation Preference	Distribution Rate	Dividend Per Share Six Months Ended June 30,	
	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013			2014	2013
Series B	4,600,000	4,600,000	\$ 115,000	8.000%	\$ 1.0000	\$ 1.0000
Series C	3,000,000	3,000,000	75,000	6.875%	0.8594	0.6159
Total	7,600,000	7,600,000				

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[IN THOUSANDS, EXCEPT SHARE/UNIT AND PER SHARE AMOUNTS]

NOTE 1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)

In December 2012, our Board of Trustees authorized us to repurchase from time to time up to an aggregate of \$75,000 of our outstanding common shares through December 31, 2013. We did not repurchase any common shares prior to the expiration of the share repurchase program. In January 2014, our Board of Trustees again authorized us to repurchase from time to time up to an aggregate of \$75,000 of our outstanding common shares. The current share repurchase program will expire on December 31, 2014. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company repurchased 2,626,854 common shares for an aggregate purchase price of \$15,284. Upon repurchase by the Company, these common shares ceased to be outstanding and became authorized but unissued common shares.

On February 25, 2013, we completed a public offering of 3,000,000 6.875% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares. These shares have a par value of \$0.01 per share with a \$25.00 liquidation preference per share. Net proceeds of the offering, after deducting the underwriting discount and the offering expenses payable by us, were approximately \$72,371.

We utilized the net proceeds of the offering to redeem all outstanding 8.00% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Shares on March 28, 2013, and for general corporate purposes. The Series A Preferred Shares were redeemed at a per share redemption price of \$25.00 together with accrued and unpaid dividends to the redemption date for an aggregate per share redemption price of \$25.4056. Dividends ceased accruing on the Series A Preferred Shares on March 28, 2013.

New Accounting Pronouncements

On May 28, 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 when it becomes effective. The new standard is effective for the Company on January 1, 2017. Early application is not

permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The Company is evaluating the effect that ASU No. 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. The Company has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its ongoing financial reporting.

#### Reclassification

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



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NOTE 2 – INVESTMENT IN HOTEL PROPERTIES

Investment in hotel properties consists of the following at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Land	\$ 439,540	\$ 339,027
Buildings and Improvements	1,415,055	1,222,639
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	193,483	171,116
Construction in Progress	-	63,168
	2,048,078	1,795,950
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(287,185)	(260,115)
Total Investment in Hotel Properties	\$ 1,760,893	\$ 1,535,835

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we acquired the following wholly-owned hotel properties:

Hotel	Acquisition Date	Land	Buildings and Improvements	Furniture Fixtures	Ground Lease	Franchise Fees and	Total Purchase	Assumption of Debt
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				and Equipment	Intangible	Loan Costs	Price	
Hotel Oceana, Santa Barbara, CA	2/28/2014	\$ -	\$ 55,080	\$ 805	\$ (14,230)	\$ 273	\$ 41,928	\$ 24,924
Parrot Key Resort, Key West, FL	5/7/2014	57,889	33,959	8,152	-	-	100,000	-
Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street, New York, NY	5/27/2014	45,480	60,762	4,920	-	1,123	112,285	-

Acquisition-related cost, such as due diligence, legal and accounting fees, are not capitalized or applied in determining the fair value of the above acquired assets. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we paid \$1,861 in acquisition costs related to the above acquired asset.

The purchase agreement for the acquisition of the Parrot Key Resort in Key West, FL, contains a provision that entitles the seller to additional consideration of \$2,000 contingent upon the hotel achieving certain net operating income thresholds within twelve months of acquisition. At the time of acquisition and upon remeasurement at June 30, 2014, no liability was recorded as the fair market value of the contingent consideration was determined to be \$0.

On May 27, 2014, we completed the acquisition of the Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street hotel in New York, NY from RS 206 LLC. Previously, we had entered into a purchase and sale agreement to acquire this property for total consideration of \$84,000. The purchase price for this property was contractually fixed on August 23, 2012, the date we entered into the purchase and sale agreement. During the 21-month period of time between entering in the purchase and sale agreement on August 23, 2012 and the closing date, the real estate market for hotels located in Manhattan experienced an increase in valuations due to improved economic conditions in the market and in the overall economy. This resulted in an increase in the fair value of the property at the time of closing the acquisition, and as such, we recognized a net gain of approximately \$13,727 as the fair value of the asset acquired less any liabilities assumed exceeded the consideration transferred.

Consideration given in exchange for the property included \$27,500 paid in cash to the seller and our reinstatement and cancellation of a development loan receivable in the original principal amount of \$10,000 and \$12,494 of accrued interest and late fees. This development loan receivable had previously been fully impaired in 2009, but was recovered as part of this acquisition. As a result, we recognized a gain of \$22,494 on the recovery of the previously impaired development loan. In addition, we paid off the existing construction financing and entered into a new

mortgage loan of \$45,000. Concurrent with our entry into the new mortgage loan, we entered into an interest rate cap and swap – see “Note 7 – Fair Measurements and Derivative Instruments” for more information on this derivative. No other consideration was exchanged in connection with the acquisition of this property. Below is a tabular reference to illustrate the components of the consideration and fair value of the property:

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## NOTE 2 – INVESTMENT IN HOTEL PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

	Initial Purchase Price	Interest and Late Fees on Development Loan	Non-Cash Fair Market Value Gain on Acquisition	Other	Fair Market Value At Acquisition	Franchise Fees and Loan Costs	Asset Value Upon Acquisition
Hotel Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street, New York, NY	\$ 84,000	\$ 12,494	\$ 13,727	\$ 941	\$ 111,162	\$ 1,123	\$ 112,285

Included in the consolidated statement of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 are total revenues of \$5,920 and \$6,632, respectively, and total net income of \$1,115 and \$1,144, respectively, for the hotels we acquired during the six months ended June 30, 2014 and consolidated since the date of acquisition of each hotel.

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2014		Six Months Ended June 30, 2014	
Hotel	Revenue	Net Income	Revenue	Net Income
Hotel Oceana, Santa Barbara, CA	\$ 2,588	262	3,300	291
Parrot Key Resort, Key West, FL	2,189	716	2,189	716
Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street, New York, NY	1,143	137	1,143	137
Total	\$ 5,920	\$ 1,115	\$ 6,632	\$ 1,144

## Pro Forma Results (Unaudited)

The following condensed pro forma financial data for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, are presented as if the hotels acquired by the Company in 2014 (excluding the Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street hotel, which did not have any operating history prior to acquisition) had been acquired as of January 1, 2013 and the four hotels acquired by the Company in 2013 (other than the Hyatt Union Square, which did not have any operating history prior to acquisition) had been acquired as of January 1, 2012. The condensed pro forma financial data is not necessarily indicative of what actual results of operations of the Company would have been for the periods presented assuming the acquisitions had been consummated on January 1, 2013 and January 1, 2012 at the beginning of the year presented, nor do they purport to represent the results of operations for future periods.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Pro Forma Total Revenues	\$ 113,326	\$ 101,589	\$ 199,126	\$ 180,195
Pro Forma Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 59,429	\$ 19,566	\$ 56,354	\$ 15,436
Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations	-	12	(1,415)	(1,103)
Pro Forma Net Income	59,429	19,578	54,939	14,333
(Loss) Income Allocated to Noncontrolling Interest	(1,683)	(260)	(1,244)	328
Preferred Distributions	(3,589)	(3,589)	(7,178)	(7,433)
Extinguishment of Issuance Costs Upon Redemption of Series A Preferred Shares	-	-	-	(2,250)
Pro Forma Net Income Applicable to Common Shareholders	\$ 54,157	\$ 15,729	\$ 46,517	\$ 4,978
Pro Forma Income Applicable to Common Shareholders per Common Share				
Basic	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.03
Diluted	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.23	\$ 0.02
Weighted Average Common Shares Outstanding				
Basic	198,494,473	198,633,051	199,612,898	197,835,465
Diluted	200,213,554	201,201,337	201,015,581	201,083,900

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NOTE 2 – INVESTMENT IN HOTEL PROPERTIES (CONTINUED)

Asset Development and Renovation

The Company has opportunistically engaged in the development of hotel assets. On July 22, 2011, the Company completed the acquisition of the real property and improvements located at 32 Pearl Street, New York, NY, from an unaffiliated seller for a total purchase price of \$28,300. On June 23, 2014, this property opened as a Hampton Inn. The total construction costs spent on this property since acquisition were \$9,122, which equated to a total carrying value of approximately \$37,422 at the time the property opened.

In January 2014, the Company completed the construction of an additional oceanfront tower, additional meeting space and structured parking on a land parcel adjacent to the Courtyard by Marriott, Miami, FL, a hotel acquired on November 16, 2011. This land parcel was included in the acquisition of the hotel.

We capitalize expenditures related to hotel development projects and renovations, including indirect costs such as interest expense, real estate taxes and utilities related to hotel development projects and renovations.

We have capitalized the following indirect development costs for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013:

	Three Months Ended June 30, 2014		Six Months Ended June 30, 2014	
	2013	2014	2013	2014
Property Tax	\$ 114	\$ 84	\$ 223	\$ 167
Interest Expense	216	318	458	593
Utility	62	1	70	2
Total	\$ 392	\$ 403	\$ 751	\$ 762

During the second quarter of 2014, we finalized our settlement of the insurance claim we had for losses incurred as a result of Hurricane Sandy. In October 2012, Hurricane Sandy affected numerous hotels within our portfolio. Two hotels within our portfolio were significantly impacted by this natural disaster; one hotel was inoperable (Holiday Inn Express Water Street, New York, NY) and one hotel development project, which was subsequently completed on June 23, 2014, incurred delays in construction (Hampton Inn, Pearl Street, New York, NY). Prior to March 31, 2014, we had recorded estimated property losses of \$1,586 on the Holiday Inn Express Water Street and a corresponding insurance claim receivable of \$1,486. This hotel re-opened in April 2013. We also had recorded estimated property losses of \$1,997 on the Hampton Inn Pearl Street and a corresponding insurance claim receivable of \$1,897. This hotel opened in June 2014. As a result of the claim settlement, we recorded a gain on insurance settlements of approximately \$4,602, which included business interruption claims.

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## NOTE 3 – INVESTMENT IN UNCONSOLIDATED JOINT VENTURES

As of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, our investment in unconsolidated joint ventures consisted of the following:

Joint Venture	Hotel Properties	Percent Owned	Preferred Return	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
SB Partners, LLC	Holiday Inn Express, South Boston, MA	50.0%	N/A	\$ 941	\$ 1,057
Hiren Boston, LLC	Courtyard by Marriott, South Boston, MA	50.0%	N/A	4,676	4,777
Mystic Partners, LLC	Hilton and Marriott branded hotels in CT	8.8%-66.7%	8.5% non-cumulative	5,976	6,210
				\$ 11,593	\$ 12,044

Income or loss from our unconsolidated joint ventures is allocated to us and our joint venture partners consistent with the allocation of cash distributions in accordance with the joint venture agreements. Any difference between the carrying amount of these investments and the underlying equity in net assets is amortized over the expected useful lives of the properties and other intangible assets.

Income (loss) recognized during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, for our investments in unconsolidated joint ventures is as follows:



	Three Months		Six Months	
	Ended June 30,		Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
SB Partners, LLC	\$ 205	\$ 119	\$ 84	\$ 2
Hiren Boston, LLC	313	119	148	(50)
Mystic Partners, LLC	(99)	(90)	(233)	(200)
Income (Loss) from Unconsolidated Joint Venture Investments	\$ 419	\$ 148	\$ (1)	\$ (248)

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## NOTE 3 – INVESTMENT IN UNCONSOLIDATED JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

The following tables set forth the total assets, liabilities, equity and components of net income or loss, including the Company's share, related to the unconsolidated joint ventures discussed above as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 and for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

## Balance Sheets

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Assets		
Investment in Hotel Properties, Net	\$ 112,716	\$ 114,221
Other Assets	21,971	19,146
Total Assets	\$ 134,687	\$ 133,367
Liabilities and Equity		
Mortgages and Notes Payable	\$ 124,930	\$ 112,654
Other Liabilities	32,090	37,464
Equity:		
Hersha Hospitality Trust	26,064	26,230
Joint Venture Partner(s)	(48,397)	(42,981)
Total Equity	(22,333)	(16,751)
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 134,687	\$ 133,367

## Statements of Operations

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30,		June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Room Revenue	\$ 16,048	\$ 15,502	\$ 28,537	\$ 27,840
Other Revenue	5,887	5,958	10,672	11,244
Operating Expenses	(14,213)	(14,070)	(27,168)	(27,093)
Interest Expense	(1,787)	(1,855)	(8,616)	(3,724)
Lease Expense	(274)	(247)	(524)	(495)
Property Taxes and Insurance	(751)	(777)	(1,498)	(1,520)
General and Administrative	(1,487)	(1,477)	(2,892)	(2,929)
Depreciation and Amortization	(1,578)	(1,623)	(3,194)	(3,232)
(Loss) Income Allocated to Noncontrolling Interests	(53)	(72)	176	(96)
Net Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations	1,792	1,339	(4,507)	(5)
Loss from Discontinued Operations	-	-	-	(55)
Gain on Disposition of Hotel Properties	-	-	-	1,162
Net Income (Loss)	\$ 1,792	\$ 1,339	\$ (4,507)	\$ 1,102

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## NOTE 3 – INVESTMENT IN UNCONSOLIDATED JOINT VENTURES (CONTINUED)

The following table is a reconciliation of the Company's share in the unconsolidated joint ventures' equity to the Company's investment in the unconsolidated joint ventures as presented on the Company's balance sheets as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Company's share of equity recorded on the joint ventures' financial statements	\$ 26,064	\$ 26,230
Adjustment to reconcile the Company's share of equity recorded on the joint ventures' financial statements to our investment in unconsolidated joint ventures(1)	(14,471)	(14,186)
Investment in Unconsolidated Joint Ventures	\$ 11,593	\$ 12,044

(1) Adjustment to reconcile the Company's share of equity recorded on the joint ventures' financial statements to our investment in unconsolidated joint ventures consists of the following:

- cumulative impairment of the Company's investment in joint ventures not reflected on the joint ventures' financial statements;
- the Company's basis in the investment in joint ventures not recorded on the joint ventures' financial statements; and
- accumulated amortization of the Company's equity in joint ventures that reflects the Company's portion of the excess of the fair value of joint ventures' assets on the date of our investment over the carrying value of the assets recorded on the joint ventures financial statements (this excess investment is amortized over the life of the properties, and the amortization is included in Income (Loss) from Unconsolidated Joint Venture Investments on the Company's

consolidated statement of operations).

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NOTE 4 – OTHER ASSETS AND DEPOSITS ON HOTEL ACQUISITIONS

Other Assets

Other Assets consisted of the following at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013:

	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Transaction Costs	\$ -	\$ 115
Investment in Statutory Trusts	1,548	1,548
Prepaid Expenses	13,826	9,256
Insurance Claims Receivable	2,826	1,706
Deferred Tax Asset, Net of Valuation Allowance of \$804	8,872	8,766
Other	7,941	6,069
	\$ 35,013	\$ 27,460

Transaction Costs - Transaction costs include legal fees and other third party transaction costs incurred relative to entering into debt facilities, issuances of equity securities and other costs that are recorded in other assets prior to the closing of the respective transactions.

Investment in Statutory Trusts - We have an investment in the common stock of Hersha Statutory Trust I and Hersha Statutory Trust II. Our investment is accounted for under the equity method.

Prepaid Expenses - Prepaid expenses include amounts paid for property tax, insurance and other expenditures that will be expensed in the next twelve months.

Insurance Claims Receivable – As noted in “Note 2 – Investment in Hotel Properties,” we recorded an insurance claim receivable due to the property damage that occurred at several of our hotel properties as a result of Hurricane Sandy in October 2012. This claim was settled in June 2014, and we received our final claim payment in July 2014 in the amount of \$2,498. The remaining balance in insurance claims receivable as of June 30, 2014 is comprised of claims that arose from property damage at several hotel properties as a result of other events.

Deferred Tax Asset - We have approximately \$8,872 of net deferred tax assets as of June 30, 2014. We have considered various factors, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, future projected taxable income and tax planning strategies in determining a valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets, and we believe that it is more likely than not that we will be able to realize the \$8,872 of net deferred tax assets in the future.

#### Deposits on Hotel Acquisitions

As of June 30, 2014, we had no deposits on hotel acquisitions. As of December 31, 2013, deposits on hotel acquisitions consisted of \$15,486 in interest bearing deposits related to the acquisition of the Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street, New York, NY and \$3,100 in non-interest bearing deposits related to the acquisition of the Hotel Oceana, located in Santa Barbara, California. The acquisition of the Hotel Oceana closed in the first quarter of 2014, and the acquisition of the Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street closed in the second quarter of 2014. See “Note 2 – Investment in Hotel Properties” for more information.

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NOTE 5 – DEBT

Mortgages

We had total mortgages payable at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 of \$615,229 and \$617,788 (including \$45,835 in outstanding mortgage indebtedness related to assets held for sale at December 31, 2013), respectively. These balances consisted of mortgages with fixed and variable interest rates, which ranged from 3.05% to 8.25% as of June 30, 2014. Included in these balances are net premiums of \$2,027 and \$2,466 as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, which are amortized over the remaining life of the loans. Aggregate interest expense incurred under the mortgage loans payable totaled \$7,694 and \$8,916 and \$15,520 and \$17,210 during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Our mortgage indebtedness contains various financial and non-financial covenants customarily found in secured, non-recourse financing arrangements. Our mortgage loans payable typically require that specified debt service coverage ratios be maintained with respect to the financed properties before we can exercise certain rights under the loan agreements relating to such properties. If the specified criteria are not satisfied, the lender may be able to escrow cash flow generated by the property securing the applicable mortgage loan. We have determined that certain debt service coverage ratio covenants contained in the loan agreements securing four of our hotel properties were not met as of June 30, 2014. Pursuant to these loan agreements, the lender has elected to escrow the operating cash flow for a number of these properties. However, these covenants do not constitute an event of default for these loan agreements.

As of June 30, 2014, the maturity dates for the outstanding mortgage loans ranged from October 2014 to April 2023.

Subordinated Notes Payable



We have two junior subordinated notes payable in the aggregate amount of \$51,548 to the Hersha Statutory Trusts pursuant to indenture agreements which will mature on July 30, 2035, but may be redeemed at our option, in whole or in part, prior to maturity in accordance with the provisions of the indenture agreements. The \$25,774 of notes issued to Hersha Statutory Trust I and Hersha Statutory Trust II, bear interest at a variable rate of LIBOR plus 3% per annum. This rate resets two business days prior to each quarterly payment. The weighted average interest rate on our two junior subordinated notes payable was 3.26% and 3.32% and 3.25% and 3.31% during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Interest expense in the amount of \$421 and \$428 and \$838 and \$854 was recorded for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### Credit Facilities

On February 28, 2014, we entered into a senior unsecured credit agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and various other lenders. The credit agreement provides for a \$500,000 senior unsecured credit facility consisting of a \$250,000 senior unsecured revolving line of credit and a \$250,000 senior unsecured term loan. This new facility amended and restated the existing \$400,000 senior unsecured credit facility. The \$500,000 unsecured credit facility expires on February 28, 2018 and, provided no event of default has occurred, we may request that the lenders renew the credit facility for an additional one-year period. The credit facility is also expandable to \$850,000 at our request, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

Prior to February 28, 2014, we maintained a senior unsecured credit agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and various other lenders. The credit agreement provided for a \$400,000 senior unsecured credit facility consisting of a \$250,000 senior unsecured revolving line of credit and a \$150,000 senior unsecured term loan. Our previous \$250,000 senior secured credit facility was terminated and replaced by the \$400,000 unsecured credit facility and, as a result, all amounts outstanding under our \$250,000 secured credit facility were repaid with borrowings from our \$400,000 unsecured credit facility. The \$400,000 unsecured credit facility would have expired on November 5, 2015 and, provided no event of default had occurred and remained uncured, we could request that the lenders renew the credit facility for two additional one-year periods. The unsecured credit facility was also expandable to \$550,000 at our request, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

The amount that we can borrow at any given time on our \$500,000 unsecured credit facility is governed by certain operating metrics of designated unencumbered hotel properties known as borrowing base assets. As of June 30, 2014, the following hotel properties were borrowing base assets:

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NOTE 5 – DEBT (CONTINUED)

- Holiday Inn Express, Cambridge, MA
- Holiday Inn, Wall Street, NY
- Holiday Inn Express, Times Square, NY
- Residence Inn, Norwood, MA
- Residence Inn, Framingham, MA
- Sheraton, Wilmington South, DE
- Sheraton Hotel, JFK Airport, New York, NY
- Candlewood Suites, Times Square, NY
- Hampton Inn, Times Square, NY
- Winter Haven, Miami, FL
- Hampton Inn, Pearl Street, NY
- Hampton Inn, Philadelphia, PA
- Hampton Inn, Washington, DC
- Hyatt Place, King of Prussia, PA
- Nu Hotel, Brooklyn, NY
- The Rittenhouse Hotel, Philadelphia, PA
- The Boxer, Boston, MA
- Holiday Inn Express (Water Street), New York, NY
- Courtyard, San Diego, CA
- Residence Inn, Coconut Grove, FL
- Blue Moon, Miami, FL
- Parrot Key Resort, Key West, FL

The interest rate for the \$500,000 unsecured credit facility is based on a pricing grid with a range of one month U.S. LIBOR plus 1.70% to 2.45% for the revolving line of credit and 1.60% to 2.35% for the unsecured term loan. Prior to the refinancing of the unsecured credit facility as noted above, the pricing grid under the \$400,000 unsecured credit facility was a range of one month U.S. LIBOR plus 1.75% to 2.65% for the revolving line of credit and unsecured term loan.

As of June 30, 2014, we had borrowed \$250,000 in unsecured term loans under the unsecured credit facility, \$150,000 for which we had entered into interest rate swaps which effectively fix the interest rate on these term loans at a blended rate of 3.217%. See “Note 7 – Fair Value Measurements and Derivative Instruments” for more information.

The credit agreement providing for the \$500,000 unsecured credit facility includes certain financial covenants and requires that we maintain: (1) a minimum tangible net worth of \$803,711, plus an amount equal to 75% of the net cash proceeds of all issuances and primary sales of equity interests of the parent guarantor or any of its subsidiaries consummated following the closing date; (2) annual distributions not to exceed 95% of adjusted funds from operations; and (3) certain financial ratios, including the following:

- a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.45 to 1.00, which increases to 1.50 to 1.00 as of January 1, 2016;
- a maximum leverage ratio of not more than 60%; and
- a maximum secured debt leverage ratio of 50%, which decreases to 45% as of January 1, 2016.

The Company is in compliance with each of the covenants listed above as of June 30, 2014. As of June 30, 2014, our remaining borrowing capacity under the \$500,000 unsecured credit facility was \$218,745, based on the borrowing base assets at June 30, 2014.

As of June 30, 2014, the outstanding unsecured term loan balance under the \$500,000 unsecured credit facility was \$250,000 and we had outstanding borrowings of \$27,000 on the revolving line of credit. As of December 31, 2013, the outstanding unsecured term loan under the prior \$400,000 unsecured credit facility was \$150,000 and the revolving line of credit had no balance outstanding.

The Company recorded interest expense of \$1,548 and \$1,034 and \$2,652 and \$2,097 related to borrowings drawn on each of the aforementioned credit facilities for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The weighted average interest rate on our credit facilities was 2.79% and 2.68% and 2.93% and 2.93% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### Capitalized Interest

We utilize mortgage debt and our \$500,000 unsecured credit facility to finance on-going capital improvement projects at our hotels. Interest incurred on mortgages and the unsecured credit facility that relates to our capital improvement projects is capitalized through the date when the assets are placed in service. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we capitalized \$216 and \$321 and \$458 and \$596, respectively, of interest expense related to these projects.

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NOTE 5 – DEBT (CONTINUED)

Deferred Financing Costs

Costs associated with entering into mortgages and notes payable and our credit facilities are deferred and amortized over the life of the debt instruments. Amortization of deferred financing costs is recorded in interest expense. As of June 30, 2014, deferred costs were \$8,913, net of accumulated amortization of \$6,354. Amortization of deferred costs for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 was \$655 and \$761 and \$1,354 and \$1,377, respectively.

Debt Payoff

On January 3, 2013, we funded an additional \$50,000 in unsecured term loan borrowings under our \$400,000 unsecured credit facility which was used to pay off the balance of the mortgage loan secured by the Holiday Inn Express, Times Square, New York, NY. This mortgage was also subject to an interest rate swap, which was terminated as a cash flow hedge as of December 31, 2012 due to this payoff. As a result of this payoff, we expensed \$261 in unamortized deferred financing costs and fees, which are included in the Loss on Debt Extinguishment caption of the consolidated statements of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

New Debt/Refinance

As previously mentioned, we refinanced our previous \$400,000 unsecured credit facility with a \$500,000 unsecured credit facility with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and various other lenders. As a result of this refinance, we expensed \$579 in unamortized deferred financing costs and fees, which are included in the Loss on Debt Extinguishment caption of the consolidated statements of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2014.

On January 31, 2014, we paid down \$5,175 of the outstanding debt and modified the mortgage loan on the Duane Street Hotel, New York, NY. In connection with this, we entered into a \$9,500 mortgage loan with a maturity date of February 1, 2017. The modified mortgage loan bears interest at a variable rate of one month U.S. dollar LIBOR plus 4.50%. The modification also includes an interest rate swap, which effectively fixes the interest rate at 5.433%. See “Note 7 – Fair Value Measurements and Derivative Instruments” for more information on the interest rate swap. As a result of this modification, we expensed \$65 in unamortized deferred financial costs and fees during the six months ended June 30, 2014.

On April 24, 2013, we modified the \$30,000 mortgage loan on the Courtyard by Marriott, Westside, Los Angeles, CA. The modified loan bears interest at a variable rate of one month U.S. dollar LIBOR plus 3.00%, and matures on September 29, 2017. The modification also contains an option for the Company to advance \$5,000 in principal subject to certain conditions, including there being no event of default and compliance with debt service coverage ratio requirements. As a result of this modification, we incurred a loss on debt extinguishment of \$284. This modification did not change the terms of the interest rate swap that we entered into in 2011, which effectively fixes the interest at 4.10% through September 29, 2015. After the maturity date of the swap, the loan will bear interest at the stated variable rate of one-month U.S. dollar LIBOR plus 3.00%, with a LIBOR floor of 0.75%. See “Note 7 – Fair Value Measurements and Derivative Instruments” for more information.

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NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Management Agreements

Our wholly-owned taxable REIT subsidiary ("TRS"), 44 New England, engages eligible independent contractors in accordance with the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the internal revenue code of 1986, as amended, including HHMLP, as the property managers for hotels it leases from us pursuant to management agreements. HHMLP is owned, in part, by certain executives and trustees of the Company. Our management agreements with HHMLP provide for five-year terms and are subject to early termination upon the occurrence of defaults and certain other events described therein. As required under the REIT qualification rules, HHMLP must qualify as an "eligible independent contractor" during the term of the management agreements. Under the management agreements, HHMLP generally pays the operating expenses of our hotels. All operating expenses or other expenses incurred by HHMLP in performing its authorized duties are reimbursed or borne by our TRS to the extent the operating expenses or other expenses are incurred within the limits of the applicable approved hotel operating budget. HHMLP is not obligated to advance any of its own funds for operating expenses of a hotel or to incur any liability in connection with operating a hotel. Management agreements with other unaffiliated hotel management companies have similar terms.

For its services, HHMLP receives a base management fee and, if a hotel exceeds certain thresholds, an incentive management fee. The base management fee for a hotel is due monthly and is equal to 3% of gross revenues associated with each hotel managed for the related month. The incentive management fee, if any, for a hotel is due annually in arrears on the ninetieth day following the end of each fiscal year and is based upon the financial performance of the hotels. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, base management fees incurred totaled \$3,265 and \$3,172 and \$5,726 and \$5,438, respectively, and are recorded as Hotel Operating Expenses. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we did not incur incentive management fees.

Franchise Agreements

Our branded hotel properties are operated under franchise agreements assumed by the hotel property lessee. The franchise agreements have 10 to 20 year terms, but may be terminated by either the franchisee or franchisor on certain anniversary dates specified in the agreements. The franchise agreements require annual payments for franchise royalties, reservation, and advertising services, and such payments are based upon percentages of gross room revenue. These payments are paid by the hotels and charged to expense as incurred. Franchise fee expenses for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 were \$6,924 and \$7,130 and \$11,992 and \$12,290, respectively, and are recorded in Hotel Operating Expenses. The initial fees incurred to enter into the franchise agreements are amortized over the life of the franchise agreements.

#### Accounting and Information Technology Fees

Each of the wholly-owned hotels and consolidated joint venture hotel properties managed by HHMLP incurs a monthly accounting and information technology fee. Monthly fees for accounting services are between \$2 and \$3 per property and monthly information technology fees range from \$1 to \$2 per property. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company incurred accounting fees of \$344 and \$436 and \$702 and \$862, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, the Company incurred information technology fees of \$102 and \$128 and \$208 and \$252, respectively. Accounting fees and information technology fees are included in Hotel Operating Expenses.

#### Capital Expenditure Fees

HHMLP charges a 5% fee on all capital expenditures and pending renovation projects at the properties as compensation for procurement services related to capital expenditures and for project management of renovation projects. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we incurred fees of \$157 and \$389 and \$445 and \$841, respectively, which were capitalized with the cost of fixed asset additions.

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NOTE 6 – COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS (CONTINUED)

Acquisitions from Affiliates

We have entered into an option agreement with each of our officers and certain trustees such that we obtain a right of first refusal to purchase any hotel owned or developed in the future by these individuals or entities controlled by them at fair market value. This right of first refusal would apply to each party until one year after such party ceases to be an officer or trustee of the Company. Our Acquisition Committee of the Board of Trustees is comprised solely of independent trustees, and the purchase prices and all material terms of the purchase of hotels from related parties are approved by the Acquisition Committee.

Hotel Supplies

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we incurred charges for hotel supplies of \$46 and \$65 and \$97 and \$101, respectively. For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we incurred charges for capital expenditure purchases of \$1,008 and \$5,772 and \$5,524 and \$11,587, respectively. These purchases were made from Hersha Purchasing and Design, a hotel supply company owned, in part, by certain executives and trustees of the Company. Hotel supplies are expensed and included in Hotel Operating Expenses on our consolidated statements of operations, and capital expenditure purchases are included in investment in hotel properties on our consolidated balance sheets. Approximately \$2 is included in accounts payable at both June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

Due From Related Parties



The due from related parties balance as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was approximately \$6,358 and \$11,124, respectively. The balances primarily consisted of working capital deposits made to Hersha affiliates.

#### Due to Related Parties

The balance due to related parties as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was approximately \$6,386 and \$4,815, respectively. The balances consisted of amounts payable to HHMLP for administrative, management, and benefit related fees.

#### Hotel Ground Rent

For the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, we incurred \$595 and \$266 and \$1,005 and \$494, respectively, of rent expense payable pursuant to ground leases related to certain hotel properties.

#### Contingent Liability

As noted in “Note 2 – Investment in Hotel Properties”, the purchase agreement for the acquisition of the Parrot Key Resort in Key West, FL, contains a provision that entitles the seller to additional consideration of \$2,000 contingent upon the hotel achieving certain net operating income thresholds within twelve months of acquisition. At the time of acquisition and upon remeasurement at June 30, 2014, no liability was recorded as the fair market value of the contingent consideration was determined to be \$0. The maximum cash payment under this arrangement is \$2,000 in 2015.

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NOTE 7 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS

Fair Value Measurements

Our determination of fair value measurements are based on the assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability. As a basis for considering market participant assumptions in fair value measurements, we utilize a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market participant assumptions based on market data obtained from sources independent of the reporting entity (observable inputs that are classified within Levels 1 and 2 of the hierarchy) and the reporting entity's own assumptions about market participant assumptions (unobservable inputs classified within Level 3 of the hierarchy).

Level 1 inputs utilize quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Level 2 inputs are inputs other than quoted prices included in Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly or indirectly. Level 2 inputs may include quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, as well as inputs that are observable for the asset or liability (other than quoted prices), such as interest rates, foreign exchange rates and yield curves that are observable at commonly quoted intervals. Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs for the asset or liabilities, which are typically based on an entity's own assumptions, as there is little, if any, related market activity. In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Company's assessment of the significance of a particular input to the fair value measurement in its entirety requires judgment, and considers factors specific to the asset or liability.

As of June 30, 2014, the Company's derivative instruments represented the only financial instruments measured at fair value. Currently, the Company uses derivative instruments, such as interest rate swaps and caps, to manage its interest rate risk. The valuation of these instruments is determined using widely accepted valuation techniques, including discounted cash flow analysis on the expected cash flows of each derivative. This analysis reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs.

We incorporate credit valuation adjustments to appropriately reflect both our own nonperformance risk and the respective counterparty's nonperformance risk in the fair value measurements. In adjusting the fair value of its derivative contracts for the effect of nonperformance risk, we have considered the impact of netting and any applicable credit enhancements, such as collateral postings, thresholds, mutual puts and guarantees.

Although we have determined that the majority of the inputs used to value our derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with our derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads, to evaluate the likelihood of default by us and the counterparties. However, as of June 30, 2014 we have assessed the significance of the effect of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of our derivative positions and have determined that the credit valuation adjustments are not significant to the overall valuation of our derivatives. As a result, we have determined that our derivative valuations in their entirety are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

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## NOTE 7 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

## Derivative Instruments

Hedged Debt	Type	Strike Rate	Index	Effective Date	Maturity Date	Notional Amount	Estimated Fair Value	
							June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
Courtyard, LA Westside, Culver City, LA Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington, DC	Swap	1.097%	1-Month LIBOR + 3.85%	September 29, 2011	September 29, 2015	\$ 30,000	\$ (295)	\$ (374)
Hotel 373, New York, NY	Cap	2.000%	1-Month LIBOR + 3.85%	May 24, 2012	June 1, 2015	* 18,356	-	1
Courtyard, Miami, FL	Swap	0.820%	1-Month LIBOR + 3.50%	July 2, 2012	July 1, 2016	60,000	(374)	(354)
Subordinated Notes Payable	Cap	2.000%	1-Month LIBOR + 3.00%	July 30, 2012	July 30, 2014	51,548	-	-
Unsecured Term Loan	Swap	0.545%	1-Month LIBOR + 2.40%	November 5, 2012	November 5, 2016	100,000	130	430

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Unsecured Term Loan	Swap	0.600%	1-Month LIBOR + 2.40%	December 18, 2012	November 5, 2016	50,000	-	137
Hyatt, Union Square, New York, NY	Cap	2.000%	1-Month LIBOR + 4.19%	April 9, 2013	April 9, 2016	55,000	19	76
Duane Street Hotel, New York, NY	Swap	0.933%	1-Month LIBOR + 4.50%	February 1, 2014	February 1, 2017	9,440	(58)	-
Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street, New York, NY	Cap	1.100%	1-Month LIBOR + 2.90%	May 27, 2014	June 1, 2015	45,000	1	-
Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street, New York, NY	Swap	1.152%	1-Month LIBOR + 2.90%	June 1, 2015	February 27, 2017	45,000	(110)	-
							\$ (749)	\$ (172)

\*On April 30, 2014, we sold Hotel 373, New York, NY, and therefore, terminated the interest rate cap associated with the mortgage on this property. As a result of this termination, we expensed \$55 in fees, which are included in the gain on disposition of hotel properties.

On January 31, 2014, we entered into an interest rate swap that effectively fixes interest payments at 5.433% on a variable rate mortgage on the Duane Street Hotel. See "Note 5 – Debt" for more information on the interest rate swap.

On May 27, 2014, we entered into an interest rate cap that effectively fixes interest payments when 1 month-U.S. dollar LIBOR exceeds 1.10% on a variable rate mortgage on the Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street, New York, NY. The notional amount of the interest rate cap is \$45,000 and equals the principal of the variable rate mortgage being hedged. This interest rate cap matures on June 1, 2015. Upon maturity of the interest rate cap, an interest rate swap will go into effect that effectively fixes the interest payment at 4.052%.

The fair value of certain swaps and our interest rate caps is included in other assets at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 and the fair value of certain of our interest rate swaps is included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013.

The net change in fair value of derivative instruments designated as cash flow hedges was a loss of \$419 and a gain of \$2,207 for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and a loss of \$518 and a gain of \$2,363 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. These unrealized gains were reflected on our consolidated balance sheet in accumulated other comprehensive income.

Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive income related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on the Company's variable-rate derivative. The change in net unrealized gains/losses on cash flow hedges reflects a reclassification of \$418 and \$774 of net unrealized gains/losses from accumulated other comprehensive income as an increase to interest expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. For the next twelve months ending June 30, 2015, the Company estimates that an additional \$1,374 will be reclassified as an increase to interest expense.

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NOTE 7 – FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS AND DERIVATIVE INSTRUMENTS (CONTINUED)

Fair Value of Debt

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. Credit spreads take into consideration general market conditions and maturity. The inputs utilized in estimating the fair value of debt are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy. As of June 30, 2014, the carrying value and estimated fair value of the Company's debt were \$943,777 and \$940,726, respectively. As of December 31, 2013, the carrying value and estimated fair value of the Company's debt were \$819,336 and \$828,974, respectively.

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NOTE 8 – SHARE BASED PAYMENTS

In May 2011, the Company established and our shareholders approved the Hersha Hospitality Trust 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (the “2012 Plan”) for the purpose of attracting and retaining executive officers, employees, trustees and other persons and entities that provide services to the Company.

Executives & Employees

Annual Long Term Equity Incentive Programs

To further align the interests of the Company’s executives with those of shareholders, the Compensation Committee grants annual long term equity incentive awards that are both “performance based” and “time based.”

Stock based compensation expense related to the Annual LTIP Plans of \$444 and \$683 and \$979 and \$1,651 was incurred during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Unearned compensation related to the Annual LTIPs as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was \$1,781 and \$1,305, respectively. The following table is a summary of all unvested share awards issued to executives under the Annual LTIPs:

Original Issuance	Shares Issued	Share Price on	Vesting Period	Vesting Schedule	Shares Vested		Unearned Compensation	
					June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013



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Date	date of grant								
March 21, 2014 (2013 Annual LTIP)	447,959	\$ 5.80	3 years	25%/year (1)	111,988	-	\$ 973	\$ -	
March 20, 2013 (2012 Annual LTIP)	779,045	\$ 5.95	3 years	25%/year (1)	389,520	389,520	675	1,039	
March 26, 2012 (2011 Annual LTIP)	748,927	\$ 5.45	3 years	25%/year (1)	561,694 1,063,202	561,694 951,214	133 \$ 1,781	266 \$ 1,305	

(1) 25% of the issued shares vested immediately upon issuance. In general, the remaining shares vest 25% on the first through third anniversaries of the date of issuance (subject to continuous employment through the applicable vesting date).

#### Multi-Year LTIP

On April 11, 2014, the Compensation Committee approved the 2014 Multi-Year LTIP. The common shares issuable under this program are based on the Company's achievement of a certain level of (1) absolute total shareholder return (37.50% of the award), (2) relative total shareholder return as compared to the Company's peer group (37.50% of the award), and (3) relative growth in revenue per available room compared to the Company's peer group (25% of the award). This program has a three-year performance period which commenced on January 1, 2014 and ends December 31, 2016. As of June 30, 2014 no common shares have been issued in accordance with the 2014 Plan to the executive officers in settlement of Multi-Year LTIP 2014 awards. The Company accounts for the total shareholder return components of these grants as market based awards where the Company estimates unearned compensation at the grant date fair value which is then amortized into compensation cost over the vesting period of each individual plan. The Company accounts for the RevPAR component of the grants as performance-based awards.

On April 15, 2013, the Compensation Committee approved the 2013 Multi-Year LTIP. The common shares issuable under this program are based on the Company's achievement of a certain level of (1) absolute total shareholder return (50% of the award), (2) relative total shareholder return as compared to the Company's peer group (25% of the award), and (3) relative growth in revenue per available room compared to the Company's peer group (25% of the award). This program has a three-year performance period which commenced on January 1, 2013 and ends December 31, 2015. As of June 30, 2014 no common shares have been issued in accordance with the 2013 Plan to the executive officers in settlement of Multi-Year LTIP 2013 awards.



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## NOTE 8 – SHARE BASED PAYMENTS (CONTINUED)

The Company accounts for the total shareholder return components of these grants as market based awards where the Company estimates unearned compensation at the grant date fair value which is then amortized into compensation cost over the vesting period of each individual plan. The Company accounts for the RevPAR component of the grants as performance-based awards.

Stock based compensation expense of \$167 and \$894 and \$264 and \$1,692 was recorded for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, for the Multi-Year LTIPs. Unearned compensation related to the multi-year program as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, was \$1,955 and \$1,157.

## Restricted Share Awards

In addition to stock based compensation expense related to awards under the Multi-Year LTIPs and Annual LTIPs, stock based compensation expense related to restricted common shares issued to executives and employees of the Company of \$361 and \$440 and \$718 and \$930 was incurred during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Unearned compensation related to the restricted share awards as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was \$3,467 and \$4,102, respectively. The following table is a summary of all unvested share awards issued to executives under the 2012 Plan and prior to equity incentive plans:

Original Issuance Date	Shares Issued	Share Price on Date of Grant	Vesting Period	Vesting Schedule	Shares Vested		Unearned Compensation	
					June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
June 30, 2011	17,692	5.57	2-4 years	/year 25-50%	13,804	9,919	\$ 18	\$ 28
	1,035,595	5.47	5 years		-	-	3,198	3,746

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Date	Shares	Price	Term	Rate	Value	Value	Value	Value
April 18, 2012			33% Year 3, 4, 5 (1)					
June 29, 2012	52,703	5.28	2-4 years /year	25-50%	44,967	22,480	58	110
June 28, 2013	48,600	5.64	2-4 years /year	25-50%	22,895	-	134	199
September 20, 2013	4,605	5.52	2-4 years /year	25-50%	-	-	6	19
February 13, 2014	1,846	5.44	2 years	50% /year	923	-	5	-
March 24, 2014	8,184	5.69	2 years	50% /year	4,091	-	21	-
June 23, 2014	4,411	6.50	2 years	50% /year	-	-	27	-
Total	1,173,636				86,680	32,399	\$ 3,467	\$ 4,102

(1) On April 18, 2012, the Company entered into amended and restated employment agreements with the Company's executive officers. To induce the executives to agree to the substantial reduction in benefits upon certain terminations following a change of control as described in the agreements, the Company awarded an aggregate of 1,035,595 restricted common shares to the executives pursuant to the 2012 Plan. None of these restricted common shares will vest prior to the third anniversary of the date of issuance. Thereafter, 33.3% of each award of restricted common shares will vest on each of the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the date of issuance. Vesting will accelerate upon a change of control or if the relevant executive's employment with the Company were to terminate for any reason other than for cause (as defined in the agreements).

Trustees

Annual Retainer

The Compensation Committee approved a program that allows the Company's trustees to make a voluntary election to receive any portion of the annual cash retainer in the form of common equity valued at a 25% premium to the cash that would have been received. On December 27, 2013, we issued 39,133 shares which do not fully vest until December 31, 2014. Compensation expense incurred for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, was \$55 and \$40 and \$110 and \$80. The following table is a summary of all unvested share awards issued to trustees in lieu of annual cash retainer:

Original Issuance Date	Shares Issued	Share Price on Date of Grant	Vesting Period	Vesting Schedule	Unearned Compensation	
					June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
December 27, 2013	39,133	\$ 5.63	1 year	100%	\$ 110	\$ 220

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## Multi-Year Long-Term Equity Incentives

Compensation expense for the multi-year long term incentive plans for the Company's trustees incurred for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, was \$15 and \$14 and \$30 and \$28. Unearned compensation related to the multi-year long term equity incentives was \$95 and \$124 as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively.

The following table is a summary of all unvested share awards issued to trustees under the 2012 Plan and prior to equity incentive plans:

Original Issuance Date	Shares Issued	Vesting Period	Vesting Schedule	Shares Vested		Unearned Compensation	
				June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
December 27, 2013	12,000	3 years	33% /year	-	-	\$ 56	\$ 67
December 28, 2012	12,000	3 years	33% /year	4,002	4,002	30	39
June 5, 2012	10,800	3 years	33% /year	7,200	7,200	9	18
				11,202	11,202	\$ 95	\$ 124

## Share Awards

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Compensation expense related to share awards issued to the Board of Trustees of \$309 and \$314 was incurred during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, and is recorded in general and administrative expense on the statement of operations. Share grants issued to the Board of Trustees are immediately vested. On June 23, 2014, an aggregate of 47,475 shares were issued to the Board of Trustees at a price per share on the date of grant of \$6.50.

Non-employees

The Company issues share based awards as compensation to non-employees for services provided to the Company consisting primarily of restricted common shares. The Company recorded stock based compensation expense of \$98 and \$54 and \$151 and \$132, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Unearned compensation related to the restricted share awards as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 was \$85 and \$81, respectively. The following table is a summary of all unvested share awards issued to non-employees under the Company's 2008 Equity Incentive Plan and the 2012 Plan:

Original Issuance Date	Shares Issued	Share Price on Date of Grant	Vesting Period	Vesting Schedule	Shares Vested		Unearned Compensation	
					June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013	June 30, 2014	December 31, 2013
March 24, 2014	30,000	\$ 5.69	2 years	50% /year	15,000	-	\$ 85	\$ -
February 1, 2013	30,000	\$ 5.41	2 years	50% /year	30,000	14,999	-	81
Total	60,000				45,000	14,999	\$ 85	\$ 81



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## NOTE 9 – EARNINGS PER SHARE

The following table is a reconciliation of the income or loss (numerator) and the weighted average shares (denominator) used in the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per common share. The computation of basic and diluted earnings per share is presented below.

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
NUMERATOR:				
Basic and Diluted*				
Income from Continuing Operations	\$ 58,586	\$ 18,073	\$ 53,488	\$ 11,512
(Income) Loss from Continuing Operations allocated to Noncontrolling Interests	(1,655)	(210)	(1,196)	425
Distributions to Preferred Shareholders	(3,589)	(3,589)	(7,178)	(7,433)
Dividends Paid on Unvested Restricted Shares	(125)	(227)	(255)	(469)
Extinguishment of Issuance Costs Upon Redemption of Series A Preferred Stock	-	-	-	(2,250)
Income (Loss) from Continuing Operations attributable to Common Shareholders	53,217	14,047	44,859	1,785
Discontinued Operations				
Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations	-	12	(1,415)	(1,103)
Loss from Discontinued Operations allocated to Noncontrolling Interests	-	-	48	38
Income (Loss) from Discontinued Operations attributable to Common Shareholders	-	12	(1,367)	(1,065)
Net Income attributable to Common Shareholders	\$ 53,217	\$ 14,059	\$ 43,492	\$ 720



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DENOMINATOR:

Weighted average number of common shares - basic	198,494,473	198,633,051	199,612,898	197,835,465
Effect of dilutive securities:				
Restricted Stock Awards (unvested)	1,232,850	2,372,903	1,029,050	1,480,158
Contingently Issued Shares	486,231	195,383	373,633	1,768,277
Weighted average number of common shares - diluted	200,213,554	201,201,337	201,015,581	201,083,900

\*Income (loss) allocated to noncontrolling interest in HHLP has been excluded from the numerator and units of limited partnership interest in HHLP have been omitted from the denominator for the purpose of computing diluted earnings per share since the effect of including these amounts in the numerator and denominator would have no impact. In addition, potentially dilutive common shares, if any, have been excluded from the denominator if they are anti-dilutive to income (loss) from continuing operations applicable to common shareholders.

The following table summarizes potentially dilutive securities that have been excluded from the denominator for the purpose of computing diluted earnings per share:

	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Common Units of Limited Partnership Interest	6,914,716	6,944,496	6,914,716	7,022,238
Total potentially dilutive securities excluded from the denominator	6,914,716	6,944,496	6,914,716	7,022,238



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NOTE 10 – CASH FLOW DISCLOSURES AND NON CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES

Interest paid during the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$19,909 and \$18,843, respectively. The following non-cash investing and financing activities occurred during 2014 and 2013:

	2014	2013
Common Shares issued as part of the Dividend Reinvestment Plan	\$ 23	\$ 19
Acquisition of hotel properties:		
Debt assumed	24,924	-
Settlement of development loan receivable principal and accrued interest revenue receivable	22,494	13,303
Disposition of hotel properties:		
Debt assumed by purchaser	45,710	-
Conversion of Common Units to Common Shares	-	106



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NOTE 11 – HOTEL DISPOSITIONS

Effective January 1, 2014, we early adopted ASU Update No. 2014-08 concerning the classification and reporting of discontinued operations. This amendment defines discontinued operations as a component of an entity that represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. As a result of the early adoption of ASU Update No. 2014-08, we anticipate that most of our hotel dispositions will not be classified as discontinued operations as most will not fit this definition.

For transactions that have been classified as held for sale or as discontinued operations for periods prior to our adoption of ASU Update No. 2014-08, we will continue to present the operating results as discontinued operations in the statements of operations for all applicable periods presented.

Disposed Assets

On April 30, 2014, the Company closed on the sale of Hotel 373, New York, NY to an unaffiliated buyer for a total sales price of \$37,000 with a gain on sale of approximately \$7,227 and reduction of the Company's mortgage debt by \$18,356. This hotel was acquired by the Company in June 2007. The operating results for this hotel are included in income from continuing operations as shown in the consolidated statements of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 as disposition of this hotel does not represent a strategic shift in our business. The operations from this property included income of \$45 and a loss of \$151 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, and income of \$347 and income of \$322 for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013, respectively.

On September 20, 2013, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement to dispose of a portfolio of 16 non-core hotel properties, for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$217,000. In September 2013, our Board of Trustees authorized management of the Company to sell this portfolio. The 16 non-core hotel properties in the portfolio were acquired by the Company between 1999 and 2010. On December 20, 2013, the Company closed on the

sale of 12 of these non-core hotel properties and closed on the remaining four properties in February 2014. The operating results for the 16 assets were reclassified to discontinued operations in the statement of operations for three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. The 16 assets were sold for a total sales price of \$217,000, reduced the Company's consolidated mortgage debt by \$78,754 and generated a gain on sale of approximately \$31,697, including \$81 recorded during the six months ended June 30, 2014 from the closing of the remaining 4 properties. We also recorded an impairment loss for this transaction of approximately \$6,591 in 2013 and \$1,800 in the first quarter of 2014, as the net proceeds did not exceed the carrying value for certain of these properties.

On September 17, 2013, the Company closed on the sale of the Holiday Inn Express Camp Springs, MD to an unaffiliated buyer for a total sale price of \$8,500 with a gain on sale of approximately \$120 recognized in 2013. This hotel was acquired by the Company in June 2008. The operating results for this hotel were reclassified to discontinued operations in the statements of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013. We previously recorded an impairment loss of approximately \$3,723 during the second quarter of 2013 as the net proceeds were not expected to exceed the carrying value.

On June 12, 2013, the Company closed on the sale of the Comfort Inn Harrisburg, PA to an unaffiliated buyer for a total sale price of \$3,700 with a gain on sale of approximately \$1,043 recognized for the six months ended June 30, 2013. This hotel was acquired by the Company in September 1999. The operating results for this hotel were reclassified to discontinued operations in the statements of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013.

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NOTE 11 –HOTEL DISPOSITIONS (CONTINUED)

Assets held for sale or liabilities related to assets held for sale consisted of the following as of December 31, 2013:

	December 31, 2013
Land	\$ 9,517
Buildings and Improvements	58,129
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	9,198
	76,844
Less: Accumulated Depreciation & Amortization	(20,261)
Assets Held for Sale	\$ 56,583
Liabilities Related to Assets Held for Sale	\$ 45,835

The following table sets forth the components of discontinued operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. Discontinued operations include the results of operations for hotels sold in 2013 and the first quarter of 2014 (which were held for sale as of December 31, 2013).

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	Three Months Ended June 30,		Six Months Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013	2014	2013
Revenue:				
Hotel Operating Revenues	\$ -	\$ 16,667	\$ 1,939	\$ 28,215
Total Revenues	-	16,667	1,939	28,215
Expenses:				
Hotel Operating Expenses	-	9,443	1,145	17,632
Gain on Insurance Settlements	-	-	60	-
Real Estate and Personal Property Taxes and Property Insurance	-	877	91	1,727
General and Administrative	-	(46)	(15)	(44)
Depreciation and Amortization	-	2,401	-	4,799
Interest Expense	-	1,260	354	2,513
Other Expense	-	40	-	11
Total Expenses	-	13,975	1,635	26,638
Income from Discontinued Operations	\$ -	\$ 2,692	\$ 304	\$ 1,577

We allocate to income or loss from discontinued operations interest expense related to debt that is to be assumed or that is required to be repaid as a result of the disposal transaction.



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

Cautionary Statement Regarding Forward Looking Statements

This report contains 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, including, without limitation, statements containing the words, "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "estimate," "plan," "continue," "intend," "should," "may" and of similar import. Such forward-looking statements relate to future events, our plans, strategies, prospects and future financial performance, and involve known and unknown risks that are difficult to predict, uncertainties and other factors which may cause our actual results, performance or achievements or industry results to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Readers should specifically consider the various factors identified in this and other reports filed by us with the SEC, including, but not limited to those discussed in the section entitled "Risk Factors" of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013, that could cause actual results to differ. Statements regarding the following subjects are forward-looking by their nature:

- our business or investment strategy;
- our projected operating results;
- our distribution policy;
- our liquidity;
- completion of any pending transactions;
- our ability to obtain future financing arrangements;
- our understanding of our competition;
- market trends; and
- projected capital expenditures.

Forward-looking statements are based on our beliefs, assumptions and expectations, taking into account all information currently available to us. These beliefs, assumptions and expectations are subject to risks and uncertainties and can change as a result of many possible events or factors, not all of which are known to us. If a change occurs, our business, financial condition, liquidity and results of operations may vary materially from those expressed in our forward-looking statements. Readers should not place undue reliance on forward-looking

statements. The following factors could cause actual results to vary from our forward-looking statements:

general volatility of the capital markets and the market price of our common shares;

changes in our business or investment strategy;

availability, terms and deployment of capital;

availability of qualified personnel;

changes in our industry and the market in which we operate, interest rates, or the general economy;

the degree and nature of our competition;

financing risks, including the risk of leverage and the corresponding risk of default on our mortgage loans and other debt and potential inability to refinance or extend the maturity of existing indebtedness;

levels of spending in the business, travel and leisure industries, as well as consumer confidence;

declines in occupancy, average daily rate and RevPAR and other hotel operating metrics;

hostilities, including future terrorist attacks, or fear of hostilities that affect travel;

financial condition of, and our relationships with, our joint venture partners, third-party property managers, franchisors and hospitality joint venture partners;

increased interest rates and operating costs;

ability to complete development and redevelopment projects;

risks associated with potential acquisitions, including the ability to ramp up and stabilize newly acquired hotels with limited or no operating history, and dispositions of hotel properties;

availability of and our ability to retain qualified personnel;

our failure to maintain our qualification as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended;

environmental uncertainties and risks related to natural disasters;

changes in real estate and zoning laws and increases in real property tax rates; and

the factors discussed in Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 under the heading "Risk Factors" and in other reports we file with the SEC from time to time.



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These factors are not necessarily all of the important factors that could cause our actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed in or implied by any of our forward-looking statements. Other unknown or unpredictable factors, many of which are beyond our control, also could harm our results, performance or achievements.

All forward-looking statements contained in this report are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements set forth above. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we do not undertake or assume any obligation to update publicly any of these statements to reflect actual results, new information or future events, changes in assumptions or changes in other factors affecting forward-looking statements, except to the extent required by applicable laws. If we update one or more forward-looking statements, no inference should be drawn that we will make additional updates with respect to those or other forward-looking statements.

## BACKGROUND

As of June 30, 2014, we owned interests in 53 hotels, many of which are located in major urban gateway markets including New York, Washington DC, Boston, Philadelphia, San Diego, Los Angeles and Miami, including 46 wholly-owned hotels and interests in six hotels owned through unconsolidated joint ventures. Our "Summary of Operating Results" section below contains operating results for those 46 consolidated hotel assets and six hotel assets owned through unconsolidated joint ventures. We have elected to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, beginning with the taxable year ended December 31, 1999. For purposes of the REIT qualification rules, we cannot directly operate any of our hotels. Instead, we must lease our hotels to a third party lessee or to a TRS, provided that the TRS engages an eligible independent contractor to manage the hotels. As of June 30, 2014, we have leased all of our hotels to a wholly-owned TRS, a joint venture owned TRS, or an entity owned by our wholly-owned TRS. Each of these TRS entities will pay qualifying rent, and the TRS entities have entered into management contracts with qualified independent managers, including HHMLP, with respect to our hotels. We intend to lease all newly acquired hotels to a TRS. The TRS structure enables us to participate more directly in the operating performance of our hotels. The TRS directly receives all revenue from, and funds all expenses relating to, hotel operations. The TRS is also subject to income tax on its earnings.

## OVERVIEW

As we continue into 2014, we believe the improvements in our equity and debt capitalization and repositioning of our portfolio better enables us to capitalize on further improvement in lodging fundamentals. During 2014, we expect continued improvements in ADR, RevPAR and operating margins, led by hotels in New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Diego and Miami. We continue to seek acquisition opportunities in urban centers and central business districts. In addition, we will continue to look for attractive opportunities to dispose of properties in secondary and tertiary markets at favorable prices, potentially redeploying that capital in our focus markets. We do not

expect to actively pursue acquisitions made through joint ventures in the near term; however, we may seek to buy out, or sell our joint venture interests to, select existing joint venture partners. We do not expect to actively pursue development loans or land leases in the near term.

Although we expect continued stabilization and improvement in consumer and commercial spending and lodging demand during 2014, the manner in which the economy will continue to grow, if at all, is not predictable, and certain core economic metrics, including unemployment, are not rebounding as quickly as many had hoped. In addition, the availability of hotel-level financing for the acquisition of new hotels is not recovering as quickly as the economy or broader financial markets. As a result, there can be no assurances that we will be able to grow hotel revenues, occupancy, ADR or RevPAR at our properties as we hope. Factors that might contribute to less-than-anticipated performance include those described under the heading "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 and other documents that we may file with the SEC in the future. We will continue to cautiously monitor the recovery in lodging demand and rates, our third-party hotel managers, our remaining portfolio of hotel development loans and our performance generally.

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## SUMMARY OF OPERATING RESULTS

The following table outlines operating results for the Company's portfolio of wholly owned hotels and those owned through joint venture interests (excluding hotel assets classified as discontinued operations) that are consolidated in our financial statements for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

## CONSOLIDATED HOTELS:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,		2014 vs. 2013 % Variance
	2014	2013	2014 vs. 2013 % Variance	2014	2013	
Occupancy	86.6%	83.3%	3.3%	81.4%	79.0%	2.4%
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$ 195.15	\$ 187.64	4.0%	\$ 181.23	\$ 175.96	3.0%
Revenue Per Available Room (RevPAR)	\$ 169.05	\$ 156.26	8.2%	\$ 147.50	\$ 138.96	6.1%
Room Revenues	\$ 102,202	\$ 82,999	23.1%	\$ 174,617	\$ 142,339	22.7%
Hotel Operating Revenues	\$ 111,487	\$ 90,526	23.2%	\$ 191,404	\$ 155,768	22.9%

RevPAR at our consolidated hotels for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 increased 8.2% and 6.1%, respectively. This represents a growth trend in RevPAR which is primarily due to improving economic conditions in 2014 and the acquisition of hotel properties consummated since June 30, 2013 that are accretive to RevPAR. The increase, as noted in the table above, was the result of increases in both occupancy and ADR. The Hyatt Union Square asset in New York performed particularly well as the hotel continues to ramp up and posted RevPAR growth of 82.7% during the three months ended June 30, 2014. Also contributing to the growth experienced by the consolidated portfolio was the Courtyard Miami Beach hotel, which posted RevPAR growth of 26.3% during the three months ended June 30, 2014. This asset was under construction during the three months ended June 30, 2013 as a new 93 room tower was being erected. Because of the architectural design of the new tower, every room has a view of the ocean, which has enabled the hotel to significantly increase the rates charged to our guests. Lastly, the Holiday Inn Express on Water Street in New York re-opened during the three months ended June 30, 2013 after being closed by the effects of Hurricane Sandy in 2012. A year after re-opening, the hotel's performance has returned to levels generally associated with New York City. During the three months ended June 30, 2014, the hotel posted strong RevPAR growth of 23.9%.

The following table outlines operating results for hotels we own through an unconsolidated joint venture interest. These operating results reflect 100% of the operating results of the property including our interest and the interests of our joint venture partners and other noncontrolling interest holders.

## UNCONSOLIDATED JOINT VENTURES:

	Three Months Ended June 30,			Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2014 vs. 2013 % Variance	2014	2013	2014 vs. 2013 % Variance
Occupancy	69.4%	72.0%	-2.6%	65.3%	67.5%	-2.2%
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$ 167.94	\$ 156.47	7.3%	\$ 159.52	\$ 150.70	5.9%
Revenue Per Available Room (RevPAR)	\$ 116.56	\$ 112.69	3.4%	\$ 104.21	\$ 101.70	2.5%
Room Revenues	\$ 16,048	\$ 15,502	3.5%	\$ 28,537	\$ 27,840	2.5%
Total Revenues	\$ 21,935	\$ 21,460	2.2%	\$ 39,209	\$ 39,084	0.3%

For our unconsolidated joint venture hotels, RevPAR increased 3.4% and 2.5% for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively. These results reflect the overall condition of the market in which our unconsolidated joint venture hotels operate.

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We define a same store consolidated hotel as one that is currently consolidated, that we have owned in whole or in part for the entirety of the periods being presented, and is deemed fully operational. Based on this definition, for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 there are 35 same store hotels. The following table outlines operating results for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, for our same store consolidated hotels:

**SAME STORE CONSOLIDATED  
HOTELS:**

	(includes 35 hotels in both years) Three Months Ended June 30,			(includes 35 hotels in both years) Six Months Ended June 30,		
	2014	2013	2014 vs. 2013 % Variance	2014	2013	2014 vs. 2013 % Variance
Occupancy	87.5%	84.2%	3.3%	81.2%	78.9%	2.3%
Average Daily Rate (ADR)	\$ 190.10	\$ 186.89	1.7%	\$ 172.92	\$ 173.25	-0.2%
Revenue Per Available Room (RevPAR)	\$ 166.41	\$ 157.27	5.8%	\$ 140.39	\$ 136.75	2.7%
Room Revenues	\$ 78,093	\$ 73,734	5.9%	\$ 131,042	\$ 127,496	2.8%
Total Revenues	\$ 84,645	\$ 80,259	5.5%	\$ 142,911	\$ 139,277	2.6%

RevPAR for our same store consolidated hotels increased 5.8% and 2.7% during the three and six months ended June 30, 2014, respectively, when compared to the same periods in 2013.

**COMPARISON OF THE THREE MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013**

(dollars in thousands, except ADR, RevPAR, and per share data)

**Revenue**

Our total revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2014 consisted of hotel operating revenues and other revenue. Hotel operating revenues were approximately 99.9% and 100.0% of total revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Hotel operating revenues are recorded for wholly owned hotels that are leased to our wholly owned TRS and hotels owned through joint venture interests that are consolidated in our financial statements. Hotel operating revenues increased \$20,961, or 23.2% to \$111,487 for the three months ended June 30, 2014 compared to \$90,526 for the same period in 2013. This increase in hotel operating revenues was primarily attributable to the acquisition of hotel properties consummated during or subsequent to the three months ended June 30, 2013 and the continued growth and stabilization of our existing assets.



Since June 30, 2013, we have acquired interests in five consolidated hotels and have commenced operations at the Hampton Inn Pearl Street. These six hotels contributed the following operating revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2014.

Brand	Location	Acquisition Date	Rooms	Hotel Operating Revenues Three Months Ended June 30, 2014
Autograph Winter Haven	Miami, FL	December 20, 2013	70	\$ 904
Autograph Blue Moon	Miami, FL	December 20, 2013	75	1,042
Hotel Oceana	Santa Barbara, CA	February 28, 2014	122	2,588
Parrot Key Resort	Key West, FL	May 7, 2014	148	2,189
Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street	New York, NY	May 30, 2014*	205	1,143
Hampton Inn Pearl Street	New York, NY	June 23, 2014*	81	91
			701	\$ 7,957

\*Date the hotel began operations.

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Revenues for all hotels were recorded from the date of acquisition or date hotel began operations as hotel operating revenues. Further, hotel operating revenues for the three months ended June 30, 2014 included revenues for a full quarter related to the three hotels that were purchased during the three months ended June 30, 2013. We acquired interests in the following consolidated hotels during the three months ended June 30, 2013:

Brand	Location	Acquisition Date	Rooms	Hotel Operating Revenues Three Months Ended June 30, 2014	Hotel Operating Revenues Three Months Ended June 30, 2013
Hyatt Union Square	New York, NY	April 9, 2013	178	\$ 5,238	\$ 2,203
Courtyard by Marriott	San Diego, CA	May 30, 2013	245	4,177	1,314
Residence Inn	Coconut Grove, FL	June 12, 2013	140	1,011	261
			563	\$ 10,426	\$ 3,778
Expenses					

Total hotel operating expenses increased 21.0% to approximately \$56,948 for the three months ended June 30, 2014 from \$47,077 for the three months ended June 30, 2013. Consistent with the increase in hotel operating revenues, hotel operating expenses increased primarily due to the acquisitions consummated since June 30, 2013, as mentioned above. The acquisitions also resulted in an increase in depreciation and amortization of 25.7%, or \$3,571, to \$17,457 for the three months ended June 30, 2014 from \$13,886 for the three months ended June 30, 2013. Real estate and personal property tax and property insurance increased \$1,573, or 28.1%, for the three months ended June 30, 2014 when compared to the same period in 2013. This increase is due to our acquisitions since June 30, 2013 as well as an overall increase in tax assessments and tax rates as the economy improves, but was partially offset by reductions resulting from our rigorous management of this expense.

General and administrative expense decreased by approximately \$953 from \$5,691 in the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$4,738 for the same period in 2014. General and administrative expense includes expense related to non-cash share based payments issued as incentive compensation to the company's trustees, executives, and employees. Expense related to share based compensation decreased \$990 when comparing the three months ended June 30, 2014 to the same period in 2013. This decrease in share based compensation expense is due primarily to the vesting of the 2010 Multi-Year LTIP Plan as of December 31, 2013 as well as a lesser amount of restricted shares issued since June 30, 2013. Please refer to "Note 8 – Share Based Payments" of the notes to the consolidated financial statements for more information about our stock based compensation.

Amounts recorded on our consolidated statement of operations for acquisition and terminated transaction costs will fluctuate from period to period based on our acquisition activities. Acquisition and terminated transaction costs typically consist of transfer taxes, legal fees and other costs associated with acquiring a hotel property and transactions that were terminated during the year. Acquisition and terminated transaction costs increased \$899 from \$773 for the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1,672 for the same period in 2014. The costs incurred in 2014 were primarily related to our acquisition of the Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street in New York, NY, while the amounts in 2013 were primarily related to the acquisition of our Hyatt Union Square asset in New York, NY and our Residence Inn Coconut Grove in Miami, FL.

#### Operating Income

Operating income for the three months ended June 30, 2014 was \$25,520 compared to operating income of \$17,239 during the same period in 2013. Operating income was positively impacted by the improved operating results of our hotels discussed above as well as insurance recoveries of \$2,557, which largely represents the additional settlement of business interruption insurance claims that arose from the Hurricane Sandy natural disaster.

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Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$578 from \$(10,167) for the three months ended June 30, 2013 to \$(10,745) for the three months ended June 30, 2014. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to increased borrowings drawn on our unsecured credit facilities.

Gain on Disposition of Hotel Properties

During the three months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded a gain of \$7,227 related to its sale of Hotel 373 in Manhattan.

Gain on Hotel Acquisitions, net

During the three months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded a gain of \$13,609 related primarily to its purchase of the Hilton Garden Inn on 52nd Street in Manhattan as the purchase price of the asset was less than the appraised fair value as of the closing date. During the three months ended June 30, 2013, the company had recorded a similar gain of \$12,107 related to its purchase of Hyatt Union Square.

Development Loan Recovery

Consideration given in exchange for the Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street included cash to the seller and our reinstatement and cancellation of a development loan receivable in the original principal amount of \$10,000 and \$12,494 of accrued interest and late fees. This development loan receivable had previously been fully impaired in 2009, but was recovered as part of this acquisition. As a result, we recognized a gain of \$22,494 on the recovery of the previously impaired development loan.

Unconsolidated Joint Venture Investments

The income from unconsolidated joint ventures consists of our interest in the operating results of the properties we own in joint ventures. Income from our unconsolidated joint ventures increased by \$271 for the three months ended June 30, 2014.

### Income Tax Expense

During the three months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded income tax expense of \$1 compared to income tax expense of \$1,439 for the three months ended June 30, 2013.

### Discontinued Operations

On June 12, 2013, we closed on the sale of the Comfort Inn, Harrisburg, PA. The Company sold the asset for \$3,700 and recorded a gain on sale of \$ 1,043. Also during the three months ended June 30, 2013, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement to sell the Holiday Inn Express Camp Springs, MD. The Company recorded an impairment of \$ 3,723. The sale was completed during the third quarter of 2013. The operating results for these two properties have been reclassified to discontinued operations in the statement of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2013.

On September 20, 2013, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement to dispose of a portfolio of 16 non-core hotel properties for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$217,000. The operating results for the 16 assets were reclassified to discontinued operations in the statement of operations for the three months ended June 30, 2013.

Effective January 1, 2014, we early adopted ASU Update No. 2014-08 concerning the classification and reporting of discontinued operations. This amendment defines discontinued operations as a component of an entity that represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. As a result of the early adoption of ASU Update No. 2014-08, we anticipate that most of our hotel dispositions will not be classified as discontinued operations as most will not fit this definition.

### Net Income Applicable to Common Shareholders

Net income applicable to common shareholders for the three months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 was \$53,342 and \$14,286, respectively. Net income applicable to common shareholders for the three months ended June 30, 2014 was positively impacted by the improved operating results of our hotels and one-time gains discussed above, but was negatively impacted by higher interest expense. Net income applicable to common shareholders for the three months ended June 30, 2013 was negatively impacted by the impairment charge related to the pending sale of the Holiday Inn Express Camp Springs asset.

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## Comprehensive Income Attributable to Common Shareholders

Comprehensive income attributable to common shareholders for the three months ended June 30, 2014 was \$52,923 compared to \$16,493 for the same period in 2013. This amount was primarily attributable to net income as more fully described above. For the three months ended June 30, 2014, we recorded other comprehensive loss of \$419 compared to \$2,207 of other comprehensive income for the three months ended June 30, 2013. The expected rise in the interest rate yield curve in the next few years has shifted many of our interest rate swaps from an asset to a liability position.

## COMPARISON OF THE SIX MONTHS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013

(dollars in thousands, except ADR, RevPAR, and per share data)

## Revenue

Our total revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2014 consisted of hotel operating revenues and other revenue. Hotel operating revenues were approximately 99.9% and 99.8% of total revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Hotel operating revenues are recorded for wholly owned hotels that are leased to our wholly owned TRS and hotels owned through joint venture interests that are consolidated in our financial statements. Hotel operating revenues increased \$35,636, or 22.9%, to \$191,404 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 compared to \$155,768 for the same period in 2013. This increase in hotel operating revenues was primarily attributable to the acquisition of hotel properties consummated during or subsequent to the six months ended June 30, 2013.

Since June 30, 2013, we have acquired interests in five consolidated hotels and have commenced operations at the Hampton Inn Pearl Street. These six hotels contributed the following operating revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2014.

Brand	Location	Acquisition Date	Rooms	Hotel Operating Revenues Six Months Ended June 30, 2014
Winter Haven	Miami, FL	December 20, 2013	70	\$ 2,289
Blue Moon	Miami, FL	December 20, 2013	75	2,508
Hotel Oceana	Santa Barbara, CA	February 28, 2014	122	3,300

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Parrot Key Resort	Key West, FL	May 7, 2014	148	2,189
Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street	New York, NY	May 30, 2014*	205	1,143
Hampton Inn Pearl Street	New York, NY	June 23, 2014*	81	91
			701	\$ 11,520

\*Date the hotel began operations.

Revenues for all hotels were recorded from the date of acquisition as hotel operating revenues. Further, hotel operating revenues for the six months ended June 30, 2014 included revenues for a full six months related to the six hotels that were purchased during the six months ended June 30, 2013. We acquired interests in the following consolidated hotels during the six months ended June 30, 2013:

Brand	Location	Acquisition Date	Rooms	Hotel Operating Revenues Six Months Ended June 30, 2014	Hotel Operating Revenues Six Months Ended June 30, 2013
Hyatt Union Square	New York, NY	April 9, 2013	178	\$ 8,501	\$ 2,203
Courtyard by Marriott	San Diego, CA	May 30, 2013	245	8,123	1,314
Residence Inn	Coconut Grove, FL	June 12, 2013	140	3,091	261
			563	\$ 19,715	\$ 3,778

Expenses

Total hotel operating expenses increased 21.2% to approximately \$105,724 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 from \$87,253 for the six months ended June 30, 2013. Consistent with the increase in hotel operating revenues, hotel operating expenses increased primarily due to the acquisitions consummated since June 30, 2013, as mentioned above. The acquisitions also resulted in an increase in depreciation and amortization of 27.1%, or \$7,216, to \$33,800 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 from \$26,584 for the six months ended June 30, 2013. Real estate and personal property tax and property insurance increased \$2,563, or 22.4%, for the six months ended June 30, 2014 when compared to the same period in 2013. This increase is due to our acquisitions since June 30, 2013 as well as an overall increase in tax assessments and tax rates as the economy improves, but was partially offset by reductions resulting from our rigorous management of this expense.

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General and administrative expense decreased by approximately \$2,201 from \$10,841 in the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$8,640 for the same period in 2014. General and administrative expense includes expense related to non-cash share based payments issued as incentive compensation to the company's trustees, executives, and employees. Expense related to share based compensation decreased \$2,266 when comparing the six months ended June 30, 2014 to the same period in 2013. This decrease in share based compensation expense is due primarily to the vesting of the 2010 Multi-Year LTIP Plan as of December 31, 2013 as well as a lesser amount of restricted shares issued since June 30, 2013. Please refer to "Note 8 – Share Based Payments" of the notes to the consolidated financial statements for more information about our stock based compensation.

Amounts recorded on our consolidated statement of operations for acquisition and terminated transaction costs will fluctuate from period to period based on our acquisition activities. Acquisition and terminated transaction costs typically consist of transfer taxes, legal fees and other costs associated with acquiring a hotel property and transactions that were terminated during the year. Acquisition and terminated transaction costs increased \$1,030 from \$776 for the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$1,806 for the same period in 2014. The costs incurred in 2014 were primarily related to our acquisitions of the Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street in New York, NY and the Hotel Oceana in Santa Barbara, CA. The amounts in 2013 were primarily related to the acquisition of our Hyatt Union Square asset in New York, NY and our Residence Inn Coconut Grove in Miami, FL.

Operating Income

Operating income for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$31,144 compared to operating income of \$19,164 during the same period in 2013. Operating income was positively impacted by the improved operating results of our hotels discussed above as well as insurance recoveries of \$4,602, which largely represents settlement of business interruption insurance claims that arose from the Hurricane Sandy natural disaster.

Interest Expense

Interest expense increased \$1,211 from \$(19,582) for the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$(20,793) for the six months ended June 30, 2014. The increase in interest expense is primarily due to increased borrowings drawn on our unsecured credit facilities.

Gain on Disposition of Hotel Properties

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded a gain of \$7,227 related to its sale of Hotel 373 in Manhattan.



#### Gain on Hotel Acquisitions, net

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded a gain of \$13,609 related primarily to its purchase of the Hilton Garden Inn on 52nd Street in Manhattan as the purchase price of the asset was less than the appraised fair value as of the closing date. During the six months ended June 30, 2013, the company had recorded a similar gain of \$12,107 related to its purchase of Hyatt Union Square.

#### Development Loan Recovery

Consideration given in exchange for the Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street included cash to the seller and our reinstatement and cancellation of a development loan receivable in the original principal amount of \$10,000 and \$12,494 of accrued interest and late fees. This development loan receivable had previously been fully impaired in 2009, but was recovered as part of this acquisition. As a result, we recognized a gain of \$22,494 on the recovery of the previously impaired development loan.

#### Unconsolidated Joint Venture Investments

The income from unconsolidated joint ventures consists of our interest in the operating results of the properties we own in joint ventures. Income from our unconsolidated joint ventures increased by \$247 for the six months ended June 30, 2014.

#### Income Tax Expense

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded income tax benefit of \$107 compared to income tax expense of \$309 for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

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Discontinued Operations

On June 12, 2013, we closed on the sale of the Comfort Inn, Harrisburg, PA. The Company sold the asset for \$3,700 and recorded a gain on sale of \$1,043. Also during the six months ended June 30, 2013, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement to sell the Holiday Inn Express Camp Springs, MD. The Company recorded an impairment of \$3,723. The sale was completed during the third quarter of 2013. The operating results for these two properties have been reclassified to discontinued operations in the statement of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2013.

On September 20, 2013, the Company entered into a purchase and sale agreement to dispose of a portfolio of 16 non-core hotel properties for an aggregate purchase price of approximately \$217,000. On December 20, 2013, the Company closed on the sale of 12 of these non-core hotel properties and closed on the remaining four properties in February 2014. The operating results for the 16 assets were reclassified to discontinued operations in the statement of operations for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company recorded \$81 of gain in connection with the closing of the remaining 4 properties. In addition, we recorded an impairment loss of \$1,800 in the first quarter of 2014, as the proceeds did not exceed the carrying value for certain of these properties.

Effective January 1, 2014, we early adopted ASU Update No. 2014-08 concerning the classification and reporting of discontinued operations. This amendment defines discontinued operations as a component of an entity that represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on an entity's operations and financial results. As a result of the early adoption of ASU Update No. 2014-08, we anticipate that most of our hotel dispositions will not be classified as discontinued operations as most will not fit this definition.

Net Income Applicable to Common Shareholders

Net income applicable to common shareholders for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 was \$43,747 and \$1,189, respectively. Net income applicable to common shareholders for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was positively impacted by the improved operating results of our hotels and one-time gains discussed above. Net income applicable to common shareholders for the six months ended June 30, 2013 was negatively impacted by the extinguishment of \$2,250 of issuance costs associated with the redemption of all of our outstanding Series A Preferred Shares.

Comprehensive Income Attributable to Common Shareholders

Comprehensive income attributable to common shareholders for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$43,229 compared to \$3,552 for the same period in 2013. This amount was primarily attributable to net income as more fully described above. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, we recorded other comprehensive loss of \$518 compared to \$2,363 of other comprehensive income for the six months ended June 30, 2013. The expected rise in the interest rate yield curve in the next few years has shifted many of our interest rate swaps from an asset to a liability position.

## LIQUIDITY, CAPITAL RESOURCES, AND EQUITY OFFERINGS

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

### Potential Sources of Capital

Our organizational documents do not limit the amount of indebtedness that we may incur. Our ability to incur additional debt is dependent upon a number of factors, including the current state of the overall credit markets, our degree of leverage and borrowing restrictions imposed by existing lenders. Our ability to raise funds through the issuance of debt and equity securities is dependent upon, among other things, capital market volatility, risk tolerance of investors, general market conditions for REITs and market perceptions related to the Company's ability to generate cash flow and positive returns on its investments.

In addition, our mortgage indebtedness contains various financial and non-financial covenants customarily found in secured, nonrecourse financing arrangements. If the specified criteria are not satisfied, the lender may be able to escrow cash flow generated by the property securing the applicable mortgage loan. We have determined that certain debt service coverage ratio covenants contained in the loan agreements securing a number of our hotel properties were not met as of June 30, 2014. Pursuant to the loan agreements, certain lenders have elected to escrow the operating cash flow for these properties. However, these covenants do not constitute an event of default for these loans. Future deterioration in market conditions could cause restrictions in our access to the cash flow of additional properties.

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On February 28, 2014, we entered into a senior unsecured credit agreement with Citigroup Global Markets Inc. and various other lenders. The credit agreement provides for a \$500,000 senior unsecured credit facility consisting of a \$250,000 senior unsecured revolving line of credit and a \$250,000 senior unsecured term loan. This new facility amended and restated the existing \$400,000 senior secured credit facility. The \$500,000 unsecured credit facility expires on February 28, 2018 and, provided no event of default has occurred, we may request that the lenders renew the credit facility for an additional one-year period. The credit facility is also expandable to \$850,000 at our request, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions.

As of June 30, 2014, the outstanding unsecured term loan balance under the \$500,000 unsecured credit facility was \$250,000 and was fully drawn, and we had \$27,000 of outstanding borrowings under the revolving line of credit. As of June 30, 2014, our remaining borrowing capacity under the \$500,000 unsecured credit facility's revolving line of credit was \$218,745, which is based on certain operating metrics of unencumbered hotel properties designated as borrowing base assets. We intend to repay indebtedness incurred under the \$500,000 unsecured credit facility from time to time, for acquisitions or otherwise, out of cash flow and from the proceeds of issuances of additional common and preferred shares and potentially other securities.

We will continue to monitor our debt maturities to manage our liquidity needs. However, no assurances can be given that we will be successful in refinancing all or a portion of our future debt obligations due to factors beyond our control or that, if refinanced, the terms of such debt will not vary from the existing terms. As of June 30, 2014, we have \$10,305 of indebtedness maturing on or before December 31, 2014. We currently expect that cash requirements for all debt that is not refinanced by our existing lenders for which the maturity date is not extended will be met through a combination of cash on hand, refinancing the existing debt with new lenders, draws on the \$250,000 revolving line of credit portion of our \$500,000 credit facility and the issuance of our securities.

On February 25, 2013, we completed a public offering of 3,000,000 6.875% Series C preferred shares. These shares have a par value of \$0.01 per share with a \$25.00 liquidation preference per share. Net proceeds of the offering, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses, were approximately \$72,371. We utilized the net proceeds of the offering to redeem all outstanding 8.00% Series A preferred shares on March 28, 2013, and for general corporate purposes.

The Series A preferred shares were redeemed at a per share redemption price of \$25.00 together with accrued and unpaid dividends to the redemption date for an aggregate per share redemption price of \$25.4056. Dividends ceased accruing on the Series A preferred shares on March 28, 2013.

Common Share Repurchase Plan

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In December 2012, our Board of Trustees authorized us to repurchase from time to time up to an aggregate of \$75,000 of our outstanding common shares through December 31, 2013. We did not repurchase any common shares prior to the expiration of the share repurchase program. In January 2014, our Board of Trustees again authorized us to repurchase from time to time up to an aggregate of \$75,000 of our outstanding common shares. The current share repurchase program will expire on December 31, 2014. For the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company repurchased 2,626,854 common shares for an aggregate purchase price of \$15,284. Upon repurchase by the Company, these common shares ceased to be outstanding and became authorized but unissued common shares.

Development Loans Receivable

During April 2013, we acquired the Hyatt Union Square, and, as part of the consideration we agreed to cancel a \$13,303 development loan receivable, and the development loan related to Hyatt 48Lex was paid off in full. As of June 30, 2014, we had no outstanding development loan receivables.

Acquisitions

During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we acquired the following wholly-owned hotel properties:

Hotel	Acquisition Date	Land	Buildings and Improvements	Furniture Fixtures and Equipment	Ground Lease Intangible	Franchise Fees and Loan Costs	Total Purchase Price	Assumption of Debt
Hotel Hotel Oceana, Santa Barbara, CA	2/28/2014	\$ -	\$ 55,080	\$ 805	\$ (14,230)	\$ 273	\$ 41,928	\$ 24,924
Parrot Key Resort, Key West, FL	5/7/2014	57,889	33,959	8,152	-	-	100,000	-
Hilton Garden Inn 52nd Street, New York, NY	5/27/2014	45,480	60,762	4,920	-	1,123	112,285	-



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We intend to invest in additional hotels only as suitable opportunities arise and adequate sources of financing are available. We expect that future investments in hotels will depend upon and will be financed by, in whole or in part, our existing cash, the proceeds from additional issuances of common or preferred shares, proceeds from the sale of assets, issuances of Common Units, issuances of preferred units or other securities or borrowings secured by hotel assets and under our credit facility.

Operating Liquidity and Capital Expenditures

We expect to meet our short-term liquidity requirements generally through net cash provided by operations, existing cash balances and, if necessary, short-term borrowings under the \$250,000 unsecured revolving line of credit portion of our \$500,000 unsecured credit facility. We believe that the net cash provided by operations in the coming year and borrowings drawn on the \$250,000 revolving line of credit portion of our \$500,000 unsecured credit facility will be adequate to fund the Company's operating requirements, monthly recurring debt service and the payment of dividends in accordance with REIT requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

To qualify as a REIT, we must distribute annually at least 90% of our taxable income. This distribution requirement limits our ability to retain earnings and requires us to raise additional capital in order to grow our business and acquire additional hotel properties. However, there is no assurance that we will be able to borrow funds or raise additional equity capital on terms acceptable to us, if at all. In addition, we cannot guarantee that we will continue to make distributions to our shareholders at the current rate or at all. Due to the seasonality of our business, cash provided by operating activities fluctuates significantly from quarter to quarter. However, we believe that, based on our current estimates, which include the addition of cash provided by hotels acquired during 2013, our cash provided by operating activities will be sufficient over the next 12 months to fund the payment of our dividend at its current level. However, our Board of Trustees continues to evaluate the dividend policy in the context of our overall liquidity and market conditions and may elect to reduce or suspend these distributions. Net cash provided by operating activities for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$41,422 and cash used for the payment of distributions and dividends for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$32,230.

We also project that our operating cash flow and available borrowings under the \$250,000 revolving line of credit portion of our \$500,000 unsecured credit facility will be sufficient to satisfy our liquidity and other capital needs over the next twelve to eighteen months.

Our long-term liquidity requirements consist primarily of the costs of acquiring additional hotel properties, renovation and other non-recurring capital expenditures that need to be made periodically with respect to hotel properties and scheduled debt repayments. We will seek to satisfy these long-term liquidity requirements through various sources of capital, including borrowings under the \$250,000 revolving line of credit portion of our \$500,000 unsecured credit facility and through secured, non-recourse mortgage financings with respect to our unencumbered hotel properties. In

addition, we may seek to raise capital through public or private offerings of our securities. Certain factors may have a material adverse effect on our ability to access these capital sources, including our degree of leverage, the value of our unencumbered hotel properties and borrowing restrictions imposed by lenders or franchisors. We will continue to analyze which source of capital is most advantageous to us at any particular point in time, but financing may not be consistently available to us on terms that are attractive, or at all.

Spending on capital improvements during the six months ended June 30, 2014 decreased when compared to spending on capital improvements during the six months ended June 30, 2013. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we spent \$19,478 on capital expenditures to renovate, improve or replace assets at our hotels. This compares to \$25,739 during the same period in 2013. These capital expenditures were undertaken to comply with brand mandated improvements and to initiate projects that we believe will generate a return on investment as we enter a period of recovery in the lodging sector.

In addition to capital reserves required under certain loan agreements and capital expenditures to renovate, improve or replace assets at our hotels, we entered into purchase and sale agreements to acquire Hotel Oceana in Santa Barbara, CA, the Hilton Garden Inn, located on 52nd Street in New York, NY upon completion of construction and the Parrot Key Resort in Key West, FL for a total amount of \$174,037. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we spent \$6,844 less on hotel development projects than during the same period of 2013 as both the new tower construction at Courtyard Miami Beach and re-development project at Hampton Inn Pearl Street hotels neared completion. Projects such as these require significant capital, which we expect to fund with various sources of capital, including available borrowings under the \$250,000 revolving line of credit portion of our credit facility and through secured, non-recourse mortgage financings. In addition, we may seek to raise capital through public or private offerings of our securities to fund these capital improvements.



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We may spend additional amounts, if necessary, to comply with the reasonable requirements of any franchise license under which any of our hotels operate and otherwise to the extent we deem such expenditures to be in our best interests. We are also obligated to fund the cost of certain capital improvements to our hotels. We expect to use operating cash flow, borrowings under the \$250,000 revolving line of credit portion of our credit facility, and proceeds from issuances of our securities to pay for the cost of capital improvements and any furniture, fixture and equipment requirements in excess of the set aside referenced above.

From time to time, we acquire properties subject to an obligation to pay contingent consideration arrangements with the former owner if specified operating objectives are achieved by the acquired entity. Our current maximum cash payment under this arrangement is \$2,000 in 2015 for one property. As of June 30, 2014, no liability was recorded as the fair market value of the contingent consideration was determined to be \$0.

CASH FLOW ANALYSIS

(dollars in thousands, except per share data)

Comparison of the Six Months Ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

Net cash provided by operating activities increased \$713 from \$40,709 for the six months ended June 30, 2013 to \$41,422 for the comparable period in 2014. Net income, adjusted for non-cash items reflected in the statement of cash flows for the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, increased \$9,636 for the six months ended June 30, 2014 when compared to 2013. This is primarily due to cash provided by properties acquired over the past twelve months and improving operating results within our existing portfolio. The offsetting decrease in cash provided by operating activities was attributable to an increase in working capital assets.

Net cash used in investing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2014 decreased \$19,270, from \$180,891 for the six months ended June 30, 2013 compared to \$161,621 for 2014. While spending on the purchase of hotel properties and deposits on hotel acquisitions was \$7,911 higher during the six months ended June 30, 2014, compared to same period in 2013, spending on capital expenditures was \$6,261 less than during the three months ended June 30, 2013. Additionally, spending on hotel development projects during the six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$6,844 less than during the same period of 2013. Lastly, we received \$15,122 in repayments of development loans receivable during the six months ended June 30, 2013, which was offset during the six months ended June 30, 2014 by \$30,300 in proceeds from the disposition of Hotel 373 in the second quarter and the remaining 4 non-core properties during the first quarter.

Net cash used in financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$113,177 compared to net cash provided by financing activities for the six months ended June 30, 2013 of \$100,417. Net proceeds received during the six months ended June 30, 2014 under our unsecured credit facility were \$10,800 higher than during the same period in 2013. Likewise, net proceeds from mortgages and notes payable were \$27,972 higher during the six months ended June 30, 2014, when compared to the same period in 2013. During the first quarter of 2013, we completed an offering of Series C Preferred Shares with net proceeds of \$72,371, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses, which was primarily used to redeem all of the issued and outstanding Series A Preferred Shares with a redemption value of \$60,000. During the six months ended June 30, 2014, we used \$15,333 for the repurchase of common shares. Dividends and distributions payable decreased \$1,120 during the six months ended June 30, 2014, compared to 2013, due to an decrease in the number of outstanding common shares.

#### OFF BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS

The Company does not have off balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources.

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FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except share data)

The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“NAREIT”) developed Funds from Operations (“FFO”) as a non-GAAP financial measure of performance of an equity REIT in order to recognize that income-producing real estate historically has not depreciated on the basis determined under GAAP. We calculate FFO applicable to common shares and Common Units in accordance with the April 2002 National Policy Bulletin of NAREIT, which we refer to as the White Paper. The White Paper defines FFO as net income (loss) (computed in accordance with GAAP) excluding extraordinary items as defined under GAAP and gains or losses from sales of previously depreciated assets, plus certain non-cash items, such as loss from impairment of assets and depreciation and amortization, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. Our interpretation of the NAREIT definition is that noncontrolling interest in net income (loss) should be added back to (deducted from) net income (loss) as part of reconciling net income (loss) to FFO. Our FFO computation may not be comparable to FFO reported by other REITs that do not compute FFO in accordance with the NAREIT definition, or that interpret the NAREIT definition differently than we do.

The GAAP measure that we believe to be most directly comparable to FFO, net income (loss) applicable to common shareholders, includes loss from the impairment of certain depreciable assets, our investment in unconsolidated joint ventures and land, depreciation and amortization expenses, gains or losses on property sales, noncontrolling interest and preferred dividends. In computing FFO, we eliminate these items because, in our view, they are not indicative of the results from our property operations. We determined that the loss from the impairment of certain depreciable assets including investments in unconsolidated joint ventures and land, was driven by a measurable decrease in the fair value of certain hotel properties and other assets as determined by our analysis of those assets in accordance with applicable GAAP. As such, these impairments have been eliminated from net loss to determine FFO.

FFO does not represent cash flows from operating activities in accordance with GAAP and should not be considered an alternative to net income as an indication of the Company’s performance or to cash flow as a measure of liquidity or ability to make distributions. We consider FFO to be a meaningful, additional measure of operating performance because it excludes the effects of the assumption that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time, and because it is widely used by industry analysts as a performance measure. We show both FFO from consolidated hotel operations and FFO from unconsolidated joint ventures because we believe it is meaningful for the investor to understand the relative contributions from our consolidated and unconsolidated hotels. The display of both FFO from consolidated hotels and FFO from unconsolidated joint ventures allows for a detailed analysis of the operating performance of our hotel portfolio by management and investors. We present FFO applicable to common shares and Common Units because our Common Units are redeemable for common shares. We believe it is meaningful for the investor to understand FFO applicable to all common shares and Common Units.



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The following table reconciles FFO for the periods presented to the most directly comparable GAAP measure, net income, for the same periods (dollars in thousands):

	Three Months Ended		Six Months Ended	
	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013	June 30, 2014	June 30, 2013
Net income applicable to common shareholders	\$ 53,342	14,286	43,747	1,189
Income (loss) allocated to noncontrolling interest	1,655	210	1,148	(463)
(Income) loss from unconsolidated joint ventures	(419)	(148)	1	248
Gain on hotel acquisition	(13,609)	(12,107)	(13,609)	(12,107)
Development loan recovery	(22,494)	-	(22,494)	-
Gain on disposition of hotel properties	(7,227)	(1,043)	(7,308)	(1,043)
Loss from impairment of depreciable assets	-	3,723	1,800	3,723
Depreciation and amortization	17,457	13,886	33,800	26,584
Depreciation and amortization from discontinued operations		2,401	-	4,799
Funds from consolidated hotel operations applicable to common shareholders and Partnership units	28,705	21,208	37,085	22,930
Income (loss) from unconsolidated joint ventures	419	148	(1)	(248)
Depreciation and amortization of purchase price				
in excess of historical cost (1)	152	148	295	301
Interest in depreciation and amortization of unconsolidated joint ventures (2)	1,636	1,717	2,507	2,594
Funds from unconsolidated joint ventures operations applicable to common shareholders and Partnership units	2,207	2,013	2,801	2,647
Funds from Operations applicable to common shareholders and common units	\$ 30,912	\$ 23,221	\$ 39,886	\$ 25,577
Weighted Average Common Shares and Common Units				
Basic	198,494,473	198,633,051	199,612,898	197,835,465
Diluted	207,128,270	208,145,833	207,930,297	208,106,138

(1) Adjustment made to add depreciation of purchase price in excess of historical cost of the assets in the unconsolidated joint venture at the time of our investment.

(2) Adjustment made to add our interest in real estate related depreciation and amortization of our unconsolidated joint ventures. Allocation of depreciation and amortization is consistent with allocation of income and loss.

Certain amounts related to depreciation and amortization and depreciation and amortization from discontinued operations in the prior year FFO reconciliation have been recast to conform to the current year presentation. In addition, based on guidance provided by NAREIT, we have eliminated loss from the impairment of certain depreciable assets, including investments in unconsolidated joint ventures and land, from net loss to arrive at FFO in each year presented.

## INFLATION

Operators of hotel properties, in general, possess the ability to adjust room rates daily to reflect the effects of inflation. However, competitive pressures may limit the ability of our management companies to raise room rates.

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CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The estimates and assumptions made by management in applying critical accounting policies have not changed materially during 2014 and 2013 and none of the estimates or assumptions have proven to be materially incorrect or resulted in our recording any significant adjustments relating to prior periods. See Item 7 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013 for a summary of the accounting policies that management believes are critical to the preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

Investment in Hotel Properties

Investments in hotel properties are recorded at cost. Improvements and replacements are capitalized when they extend the useful life of the asset. Costs of repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of up to 40 years for buildings and improvements, two to seven years for furniture, fixtures and equipment. We are required to make subjective assessments as to the useful lives of our properties for purposes of determining the amount of depreciation to record on an annual basis with respect to our investments in hotel properties. These assessments have a direct impact on our net income because if we were to shorten the expected useful lives of our investments in hotel properties we would depreciate these investments over fewer years, resulting in more depreciation expense and lower net income on an annual basis.

Most identifiable assets, liabilities, noncontrolling interests, and goodwill related to hotel properties acquired in a business combination are recorded at full fair value. Estimating techniques and assumptions used in determining fair values involve significant estimates and judgments. These estimates and judgments have a direct impact on the carrying value of our assets and liabilities which can directly impact the amount of depreciation expense recorded on an annual basis and could have an impact on our assessment of potential impairment of our investment in hotel properties.

The operations related to properties that have been sold are presented as discontinued operations in the statement of operations for all periods presented, and properties intended to be sold are designated as “held for sale” on the balance sheet.

Based on the occurrence of certain events or changes in circumstances, we review the recoverability of the property’s carrying value. Such events or changes in circumstances include the following:

- a significant decrease in the market price of a long-lived asset;
- a significant adverse change in the extent or manner in which a long-lived asset is being used or in its physical condition;
- a significant adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate that could affect the value of a long-lived asset, including an adverse action or assessment by a regulator;
- an accumulation of costs significantly in excess of the amount originally expected for the acquisition or construction of a long-lived asset;
- a current-period operating or cash flow loss combined with a history of operating or cash flow losses or a projection or forecast that demonstrates continuing losses associated with the use of a long-lived asset; and
- a current expectation that, it is more likely than not that, a long-lived asset will be sold or otherwise disposed of significantly before the end of its previously estimated useful life.

We review our portfolio on an on-going basis to evaluate the existence of any of the aforementioned events or changes in circumstances that would require us to test for recoverability. In general, our review of recoverability is based on an estimate of the future undiscounted cash flows, excluding interest charges, expected to result from the property's use and eventual disposition. These estimates consider factors such as expected future operating income, market and other applicable trends and residual value expected, as well as the effects of hotel demand, competition and other factors. If impairment exists due to the inability to recover the carrying value of a property, an impairment loss is recorded to the extent that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value of the property. We are required to make subjective assessments as to whether there are impairments in the values of our investments in hotel properties.

As of June 30, 2014, based on our analysis, we have determined that the future cash flow of each of the properties in our portfolio is sufficient to recover its carrying value.



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### Investment in Joint Ventures

Properties owned in joint ventures are consolidated if the determination is made that we are the primary beneficiary in a variable interest entity (VIE) or we maintain control of the asset through our voting interest or other rights in the operation of the entity. To determine if we are the primary beneficiary of a VIE, we evaluate whether we have a controlling financial interest in that VIE. An enterprise is deemed to have a controlling financial interest if it has i) the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the entity's economic performance, and ii) the obligation to absorb losses of the VIE that could be significant to the VIE or the rights to receive benefits from the VIE that could be significant to the VIE. Control can also be demonstrated by the ability of a member to manage day-to-day operations, refinance debt and sell the assets of the partnerships without the consent of the other member and the inability of the members to replace the managing member. This evaluation requires significant judgment.

If it is determined that we do not have a controlling interest in a joint venture, either through our financial interest in a VIE or our voting interest in a voting interest entity, the equity method of accounting is used. Under this method, the investment, originally recorded at cost, is adjusted to recognize our share of net earnings or losses of the affiliates as they occur rather than as dividends or other distributions are received, limited to the extent of our investment in, advances to and commitments for the investee. Pursuant to our joint venture agreements, allocations of profits and losses of some of our investments in unconsolidated joint ventures may be allocated disproportionately as compared to nominal ownership percentages due to specified preferred return rate thresholds.

The Company periodically reviews the carrying value of its investment in unconsolidated joint ventures to determine if circumstances exist indicating impairment to the carrying value of the investment that is other than temporary. When an impairment indicator is present, we will estimate the fair value of the investment. Our estimate of fair value takes into consideration factors such as expected future operating income, trends and prospects, as well as the effects of demand, competition and other factors. This determination requires significant estimates by management, including the expected cash flows to be generated by the assets owned and operated by the joint venture. Subsequent changes in estimates could impact the determination of whether impairment exists. To the extent impairment has occurred, the loss will be measured as the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of our investment in the unconsolidated joint venture.

### New Accounting Pronouncements

On May 28, 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 when it becomes effective. The new standard is effective for the Company on January 1, 2017. Early application is not permitted. The standard permits the use of either the retrospective or cumulative effect transition method. The

Company is evaluating the effect that ASU No. 2014-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures. The Company has not yet selected a transition method nor has it determined the effect of the standard on its ongoing financial reporting.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk (in thousands, except per share data)

Our primary market risk exposure is to changes in interest rates on our variable rate debt. As of June 30, 2014, we are exposed to interest rate risk with respect to variable rate borrowings under our \$500,000 credit facility and certain variable rate mortgages and notes payable. As of June 30, 2014, we had total variable rate debt outstanding of \$278,548 with a weighted average interest rate of 3.13%. The effect of a 100 basis point increase or decrease in the interest rate on our variable rate debt outstanding as of June 30, 2014 would be an increase or decrease in our interest expense for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 of \$536 and \$1,023, respectively.

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 fixed rate debt instruments to the extent that reasonably favorable rates are obtainable with such arrangements. We have also entered into derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps or caps, and in the future may enter into treasury options or locks, 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. As of June 30, 2014, we have an interest rate cap related to debt on the Hyatt Union Square, New York, NY, Hilton Garden Inn, 52nd Street, New York, NY, and our two subordinated notes payable, and we have six interest rate swaps related to debt on the Courtyard by Marriott, Westside, Los Angeles, CA, Capitol Hill Hotel, Washington DC, Courtyard by Marriott, Miami Beach, FL, Duane Street Hotel, New York, NY, and our unsecured credit facility. We do not intend to enter into derivative or interest rate transactions for speculative purposes.

As of June 30, 2014, approximately 81.7% of our outstanding consolidated long-term indebtedness is subject to fixed rates or effectively capped, while 18.3% of our outstanding long term indebtedness is subject to floating rates, including borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

Changes in market interest rates on our fixed-rate debt impact the fair value of the debt, but such changes have no impact on interest expense incurred. If interest rates rise 100 basis points and our fixed rate debt balance remains constant, we expect the fair value of our debt to decrease. The sensitivity analysis related to our fixed-rate debt assumes an immediate 100 basis point move in interest rates from their June 30, 2014 levels, with all other variables held constant. A 100 basis point increase in market interest rates would cause the fair value of our fixed-rate debt outstanding at June 30, 2014 to be approximately \$922,199 and a 100 basis point decrease in market interest rates would cause the fair value of our fixed-rate debt outstanding at June 30, 2014 to be approximately \$959,994.

We regularly review interest rate exposure on our outstanding borrowings in an effort to minimize the risk of interest rate fluctuations. For debt obligations outstanding as of June 30, 2014, the following table presents expected principal repayments and related weighted average interest rates by expected maturity dates:

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	Thereafter	Total
Fixed Rate Debt	\$ 13,315	\$ 99,660	\$ 218,824	\$ 203,172	\$ 491	\$ 172,740	\$ 708,202
Weighted Average Interest Rate	5.04%	4.77%	4.29%	3.37%	3.37%	3.37%	4.04%
Floating Rate Debt	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 55,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 151,548	\$ 206,548
Weighted Average Interest Rate	3.13%	3.14%	2.72%	2.72%	2.72%	2.72%	2.86%
	\$ 13,315	\$ 99,660	\$ 273,824	\$ 203,172	\$ 491	\$ 324,288	\$ 914,750
Line of Credit Facility	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 27,000
Weighted Average Interest Rate	-	-	-	-	2.60%	-	2.60%
	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 27,000	\$ -	\$ 27,000

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Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Based on the most recent evaluation, the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer believe the Company's disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) were effective as of June 30, 2014.

There were no changes to the Company's internal controls over financial reporting during the three months ended June 30, 2014, that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal controls over financial reporting.

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## PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

## Item 1. Legal Proceedings.

None.

## Item 1A. Risk Factors.

None.

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

A summary of our common share repurchases (in millions, except average price per share) during the six months ended June 30, 2014 under the \$75 million repurchase program authorized by our Board of Trustees in December 2012 and reauthorized in January 2014, which expires on December 31, 2014, is set forth in the table below. All such common shares were repurchased pursuant to open market transactions.

## Issuer Purchases of Common Stock

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased As Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs	Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares That May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (in thousands) \$ 75,000
January 1 to January 31, 2014	-	N/A	N/A	-
February 1 to February 28,	-	N/A	N/A	-

2014				
March 1 to				
March 31,				
2014	2,626,854	\$ 5.80	2,626,854	(15,284)
April 1 to				
April 30,				
2014	-	N/A	N/A	-
May 1 to May				
31, 2014	-	N/A	N/A	-
June 1 to June				
30, 2014	-	N/A	N/A	-
Total	2,626,854		2,626,854	\$ 59,716

Item 3.Defaults Upon Senior Securities.

None.

Item 4.Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not Applicable.

Item 5.Other Information.

None.

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Item 6.Exhibits.

Exhibit  
No.

10.1	Amendment No. 2 to the Hersha Hospitality Trust 2012 Equity Incentive Plan (filed as Appendix A to the Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed by Hersha Hospitality Trust on April 17, 2014 and incorporated by reference herein).
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
101.INS	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase Document
101.PRE	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document





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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

HERSHA HOSPITALITY  
TRUST

August 6, 2014 /s/ Jay H. Shah  
Jay H. Shah  
Chief Executive Officer