

CIM Commercial Trust Corp
Form S-4
October 05, 2018
[Table of Contents](#)

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 5, 2018

Registration No. 333-

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM S-4

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

CIM Commercial Trust Corporation

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

6798
(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)

75-6446078
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification Number)

17950 Preston Road, Suite 600
Dallas, Texas 75252
(972) 349-3200

(Address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of registrant's principal executive offices)

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Charles E. Garner II
Chief Executive Officer
CIM Commercial Trust Corporation
17950 Preston Road, Suite 600
Dallas, Texas 75252

(972) 349-3200

(Name, address, including zip code, and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copies to:

Patrick S. Brown
Sullivan & Cromwell LLP
1888 Century Park East,

Suite 2100
Los Angeles, California 90067
(310) 712-6600

Adva Bitan and Yuval Eden
Gross, Kleinhendler, Hodak,

Halevy, Greenberg, Shenhav & Co.
One Azrieli Center, Round Building
Tel Aviv 6701101, Israel
+972 3 607 4464

Approximate date of commencement of the proposed sale of the securities to the public: As soon as practicable after this registration statement becomes effective and all conditions to the proposed transaction have been satisfied or waived.

If the securities being registered on this form are being offered in connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with General Instruction G, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(d) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

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

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer
Smaller reporting company Emerging Growth Company

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

If applicable, place an X in the box to designate the appropriate rule provision relied upon in conducting this transaction:

Exchange Act Rule 13e-4(i) (Cross-Border Issuer Tender Offer)

Exchange Act Rule 14d-1(d) (Cross-Border Third-Party Tender Offer)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of each class of securities to be registered	Amount to be registered	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price (1)	Amount of registration fee
Series M Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	8,080,740	\$ 213,169,921	\$ 25,836.19 (2)
Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share	10,317,413	\$ 213,169,921	(2)

(1) Estimated in accordance with Rule 457(f)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, assuming a price per share of Series L preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share (Series L Preferred Stock), of \$26.38. Such price per share was calculated by dividing (i) 96.01 Israeli new shekels (ILS), the average of the high and low share prices of the Series L Preferred Stock on October 4, 2018, as quoted on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, by (ii) 3.6400, the representative ILS to U.S. dollars exchange rate as of October 4, 2018, as published by the Bank of Israel on its website.

(2) Pursuant to Rule 457(p), this amount is being offset in part by \$23,584.25 of unused fees that were previously paid in connection with the Registrant's filing of its Registration Statement on Form S-4, as amended (File No. 333-190934), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the registrant on August 30, 2013 (of which amount \$6,780.01 was used to offset the registration fee, and remains unused, in connection with the Registrant's offer of up to \$282,776,349.61 of Series L Units, of which 797,973,075 Israeli new shekels (ILS) (or \$226,954,799.49 U.S. dollars (USD), as converted using the representative ILS-USD exchange rate on November 20, 2017 of 3.5160 published by the Bank of Israeli on its website) of Series L Units were issued, pursuant to the Registration Statement on Form S-11, as amended (File No. 333-218019), initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission by the Registrant on May 15, 2017).

The Registrant hereby amends this Registration Statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this Registration Statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the Registration Statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Table of Contents

The information set forth in this preliminary prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This preliminary prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale thereof is not permitted.

Subject to Completion, dated October 5, 2018

PROSPECTUS

CIM Commercial Trust Corporation

Offer to Exchange

each outstanding share of Series L Preferred Stock

for, at the option of the holder,

newly issued shares of our Common Stock

or

1 newly issued share of our Series M Preferred Stock

THE EXCHANGE OFFER WILL EXPIRE AT 4:00 P.M., ISRAEL TIME (9:00 A.M., NEW YORK TIME),

ON _____, 2019 UNLESS EXTENDED OR EARLIER TERMINATED BY US.

We expect to offer to exchange, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the related letter of transmittal, which we refer to as the Exchange Offer, for each share of our Series L preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, which we refer to as our Series L Preferred Stock, properly tendered and accepted, at the election of the tendering holder:

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

- a number of newly issued shares of our Common Stock equal to the quotient of (i) \$28.37, plus accrued and unpaid distributions on such share of Series L Preferred Stock through and including the Expiration Date, divided by (ii) the CIM Purchase Price (as defined herein), or
- one newly issued share of our Series M preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, which we refer to as our Series M Preferred Stock.

The Company does not intend to commence the Exchange Offer, and holders of Series L Preferred Stock will be unable to participate in the Exchange Offer, unless and until the Company consummates the Potential Recapitalization and determines the CIM Purchase Price (as such terms are defined in this prospectus).

Our Common Stock is traded on the NASDAQ Global Market, which we refer to as NASDAQ, and the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange, which we refer to as the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol CMCT. The October 4, 2018 closing price of our Common Stock was \$14.50 U.S. dollars, or USD, per share on NASDAQ and 96.01 Israeli new shekels, or ILS, per share on the TASE.

The terms of our Series M Preferred Stock will be substantially the same as the terms of our Series L Preferred Stock, except that (i) distributions on our Series M Preferred Stock will accrue at 5.5% of the Series M Stated Value (as defined in this prospectus), provided that the amount of the first distribution on our Series M Preferred Stock, will be reduced by the Adjustment Amount (as defined in this prospectus), (ii) we will have an additional right, but not the obligation, to redeem, at any time and from time to time, any or all shares of our Series M Preferred Stock and (iii) each holder of Series M Preferred Stock will have an additional right, but not the obligation, to cause us to redeem any or all of such shares on or after the second anniversary of the date of settlement of our Series M Preferred Stock, in each case on the terms described in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock in this prospectus.

There is no established trading market for our Series M Preferred Stock. We intend to apply for the listing of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol , and we do not expect to commence the Exchange Offer until such applications are approved. No assurance can be given that our applications for these listings will be approved or that a trading market will develop.

To participate in the Exchange Offer, you must validly tender your shares of Series L Preferred Stock for exchange on or prior to the Expiration Date. You should carefully review the procedures for tendering your shares of Series L Preferred Stock described in The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tender in this prospectus.

Before participating in the Exchange Offer, please refer to Risk Factors on page 14 of this prospectus concerning factors you should consider in connection with the Exchange Offer.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission, which we refer to as the SEC, nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is _____, 2018.

Table of Contents

TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
<u>ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS</u>	1
<u>WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION</u>	1
<u>QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE EXCHANGE OFFER</u>	2
<u>PROSPECTUS SUMMARY</u>	6
<u>CIM Commercial Trust Corporation</u>	6
<u>Terms of the Exchange Offer and our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock</u>	9
<u>RISK FACTORS</u>	14
<u>Risks Related to Our Business</u>	14
<u>Risks Related to Conflicts of Interest</u>	16
<u>Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure</u>	19
<u>Risks Related to Real Estate Assets</u>	21
<u>Risks Related to Our Debt Financing</u>	32
<u>Risks Related to Our Lending Operations</u>	35
<u>Risks Related to U.S. Federal Income and Other Taxes</u>	39
<u>Risks Related to the Exchange Offer</u>	43
<u>Risks Related to Our Capital Stock</u>	45
<u>SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS</u>	55
<u>THE EXCHANGE OFFER</u>	57
<u>Purpose of the Exchange Offer</u>	57
<u>Exchange Ratio</u>	57
<u>Conditions to Completion of the Exchange Offer</u>	57
<u>Expiration Date; Extension; Amendment; Termination</u>	58
<u>Procedures for Tender</u>	59
<u>Fractional Shares</u>	61
<u>Withdrawal of Tenders</u>	61
<u>Acceptance; Exchange Offer Consideration</u>	61
<u>Determination of Validity of Tender</u>	62
<u>Return of Unaccepted Shares of Series L Preferred Stock</u>	62
<u>Guarantee of the Exchange Offer</u>	63
<u>Accounting Treatment</u>	63
<u>No Board Recommendation</u>	63
<u>Fees and Expenses</u>	63
<u>Future Purchases</u>	63
<u>DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK</u>	64
<u>General</u>	64
<u>Common Stock</u>	64
<u>Series M Preferred Stock</u>	65
<u>Series L Preferred Stock</u>	74
<u>Series A Preferred Stock</u>	76
<u>Series A Warrants</u>	77
<u>Select Charter Provisions Related to Our Capital Stock</u>	77
<u>Transfer Agent and Registrar</u>	79
<u>CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW AND OUR CHARTER AND BYLAWS</u>	80
<u>OUR BUSINESS AND PROPERTIES</u>	84
<u>Company Overview</u>	84
<u>Business Objectives and Growth Strategies</u>	90
<u>Properties</u>	91
<u>Regulatory Matters</u>	104
<u>Competition</u>	104
<u>Competitive Advantages</u>	105
<u>Policies with Respect to Certain Activities</u>	106

Table of Contents

<u>UNAUDITED PRO FORMA CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL INFORMATION</u>	111
<u>MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS</u>	120
<u>Executive Summary</u>	120
<u>Results of Operations</u>	125
<u>Liquidity and Capital Resources</u>	140
<u>Contractual Obligations, Commitments and Contingencies</u>	144
<u>Off Balance Sheet Arrangements</u>	144
<u>Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates and Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements</u>	145
<u>QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK</u>	151
<u>MARKET PRICE OF AND DIVIDENDS ON OUR COMMON STOCK</u>	152
<u>SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT</u>	153
<u>MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSEQUENCES</u>	155
<u>Taxation of CIM Commercial as a REIT</u>	155
<u>Characterization of the Series M Preferred Stock</u>	162
<u>Taxation of U.S. Stockholders</u>	163
<u>Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders</u>	167
<u>MATERIAL ISRAELI TAX CONSEQUENCES</u>	175
<u>LEGAL MATTERS</u>	179
<u>EXPERTS</u>	179
<u>INDEX TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS</u>	F-1

Table of Contents

ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

Unless otherwise indicated in this prospectus, CIM Commercial, the Company, we, us and our refer to CIM Commercial Trust Corporation and its subsidiaries.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-4 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act, to register the shares of Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock offered by this prospectus. Copies of some of the documents referred to in this prospectus, which forms a part of the registration statement, have been filed as exhibits to the registration statement and you may obtain copies of those documents as described under the heading "Where You Can Find More Information" below.

Any statement made in this prospectus concerning the contents of any contract, agreement or other document is only a summary of the actual contract, agreement or other document. If we have filed any contract, agreement or other document as an exhibit to the registration statement, you should read such exhibit for a complete understanding of the document or matter involved. Each statement regarding a contract, agreement or other document is qualified in its entirety by reference to the actual document.

You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus and any supplement hereto. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information different from that which is contained in this prospectus or to make representations as to matters not stated in this prospectus or any supplement hereto. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent language, you should not rely on it.

The information contained in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus, regardless of the time of delivery of this prospectus or any purchase of our securities. Our business, financial condition, results of operations, and prospects may have changed since those dates. To understand this offering fully, you should read this entire document carefully.

The information set forth in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell the Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock in the Exchange Offer until the registration statement filed with the SEC is effective and receives the permit of the Israel Securities Authority, which we refer to as the ISA, for its publication. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale thereof is not permitted.

WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act, and file with the proxy statements, Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K. The SEC maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC, accessible to the public at www.sec.gov. We also make available through our website at <http://shareholders.cimcommercial.com/sec-filings> our annual reports, quarterly reports, current reports and other materials we file or furnish to the SEC as soon as reasonably practicable after we file such materials with the SEC.

This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus. You may request a copy of any document that we have filed with the SEC at no cost by directing a written or oral request to us at CIM Commercial, Attn: Stockholder Relations, 17950 Preston Road, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75252 or (972) 349-3200. To ensure timely delivery of such documents, such information must be requested no later than five business days before the Expiration Date, or no later than , 2018.

Table of Contents

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Q: Why is CIM Commercial making the Exchange Offer?

A: In connection with the Potential Recapitalization (as defined in Prospectus Summary CIM Commercial Trust Corporation Potential Recapitalization in this prospectus), the Company is conducting the Exchange Offer in order to provide each holder of shares of Series L Preferred Stock the option, earlier than such holder would have been permitted to redeem such shares, to exchange such shares of Series L Preferred Stock for either (i) Series M Preferred Stock, which would provide an earlier opportunity for such holder to liquidate its investment in the Company, or (ii) Common Stock, assuming a price per share equal to the price at which certain of our directors and officers are expected to acquire shares of our Common Stock. See Our Business and Properties Company Overview Potential Recapitalization in this prospectus.

Q: What shares of capital stock are being sought in the Exchange Offer?

A: We expect to offer to exchange, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus and in the related letter of election and transmittal, which we refer to as the Letter of Transmittal, shares of Series L Preferred Stock for shares of Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock. No offer to exchange is being made with respect to our Series A preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, which we refer to as our Series A Preferred Stock, Common Stock or Series A Warrants (as defined in Description of Our Capital Stock Series A Preferred Stock in this prospectus).

Q: Am I required to tender my shares of Series L Preferred Stock?

A: No. Holders of shares of Series L Preferred Stock are not required to tender any of their shares pursuant to this prospectus. All rights and obligations under the terms of the Series L Preferred Stock will continue with respect to the shares of Series L Preferred Stock that remain outstanding after the Expiration Date.

Q: May I tender only a portion of the shares of Series L Preferred Stock that I hold?

A: Yes. You may choose to tender in the Exchange Offer all or any portion of the shares of Series L Preferred Stock that you hold.

Q: Will all shares of Series L Preferred Stock that I tender in the Exchange Offer be accepted by the Company?

A: Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this prospectus, all shares of Series L Preferred Stock that are validly tendered in accordance with the procedures set forth in *The Exchange Offer* in this prospectus and not validly withdrawn will be accepted by the Company for exchange.

Q: What happens to tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock that are not accepted for exchange?

A: If your tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock are not accepted for exchange for any reason pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer, such shares will be returned to you promptly following the Expiration Date or the termination of the Exchange Offer in accordance with the procedures described in *The Exchange Offer Return of Unaccepted Shares of Series L Preferred Stock* in this prospectus.

Q: What will I receive in the Exchange Offer if I tender my shares of Series L Preferred Stock and they are accepted?

A: For each share of Series L Preferred Stock validly tendered and accepted by us, we will issue to the tendering holder, at the election of the tendering holder, either (i) one share of our Series M Preferred Stock or (ii) _____ shares of our Common Stock. The terms of our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock are described in *Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock* and *Description of Our Capital Stock Common Stock* in this prospectus, respectively.

Q: What rights will I lose if I tender my shares of Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer?

A: If you validly tender your shares of Series L Preferred Stock and we accept them for exchange, you will lose the rights of a holder of Series L Preferred Stock with respect to those shares, which are described in *Description of Our Capital Stock Series L Preferred Stock* in this prospectus. For example, you will lose the right to receive any future

Table of Contents

distributions declared on our Series L Preferred Stock and, if you tender your shares in exchange for our Common Stock, you will lose the liquidation preference upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, winding up or dissolution of the Company that holders of Series L Preferred Stock are entitled to receive. However, for the avoidance of doubt, we expect that the Expiration Date will be a date following the record date of the first distribution on our Series L Preferred Stock, in which case all holders of shares of Series L Preferred Stock will receive the first distribution on such shares regardless of whether such holders tender such shares in the Exchange Offer.

If you tender your shares of Series L Preferred Stock in exchange for Series M Preferred Stock, you will lose the right to receive any accrued and unpaid distributions on your tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock. However, distributions on shares of Series M Preferred Stock will be deemed to accrue from and after January 1, 2019, the date following the accrual period of the first distribution on the Series L Preferred Stock. Moreover, any redemption of Series M Preferred Stock will be at a price equal to 96.25% of the Series M Stated Value, whereas any redemption of Series L Preferred Stock will be at a price equal to 100% of the Series L Stated Value (as such terms "Series M Stated Value" and "Series L Stated Value" are defined in "Prospectus Summary Terms of the Exchange Offer and our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock Rights of Holders of our Series M Preferred Stock" in this prospectus), plus, in each case, subject to specified conditions and exceptions, accrued and unpaid distributions on such shares. For further information, refer to "Description of Our Capital Stock" in this prospectus.

If you tender your shares of Series L Preferred Stock in exchange for Common Stock, you will receive the amount of any accrued and unpaid distributions on such shares of Series L Preferred Stock as of the Expiration Date in the form of shares of Common Stock, assuming a price per share of Common Stock of \$ _____, or the CIM Purchase Price (as defined in "Prospectus Summary CIM Commercial Trust Corporation Potential Material Transactions Sale of Common Stock" in this prospectus).

Q: Will the Series M Preferred Stock to be issued in the Exchange Offer be listed for trading?

A: There is no established trading market for our Series M Preferred Stock. We intend to apply for the listing of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol _____, and we do not expect to commence the Exchange Offer until such applications are approved. No assurance can be given that our applications for these listings will be approved or that a trading market will develop.

Q: What happens to any Series A Preferred Stock, Common Stock or Series A Warrants that I own if I tender Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer?

A: Tendering your shares of Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer will not impact the amount of or any terms of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock, Common Stock or Series A Warrants that you own.

Q: What does CIM Commercial intend to do with the shares of Series L Preferred Stock that are tendered in the Exchange Offer?

A: Shares of Series L Preferred Stock accepted for exchange by us in the Exchange Offer will be restored to the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock without designation as to class or series.

Q: If I participate in the Exchange Offer, will I receive any distributions that become payable on my shares of Series L Preferred Stock prior to the Settlement Date (as defined in this prospectus), assuming I hold such shares on the record date for such distribution?

A: If you hold shares of Series L Preferred Stock on the record date prior to the Settlement Date for a given distribution, you will be paid such distribution on those shares on the applicable payment date for such distribution regardless of whether your shares of Series L Preferred Stock are tendered in the Exchange Offer.

Q: Will I receive any accrued and unpaid distributions on shares of Series L Preferred Stock that I tender in the Exchange Offer?

A: Upon our acceptance of your tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock in exchange for shares of our Common Stock, you will receive the amount of any accrued and unpaid distributions on your tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock as of the Expiration Date in the form of shares of Common Stock, assuming a price per share of Common Stock of \$. If you elect instead to tender your shares of Series L Preferred Stock for shares of our Series M Preferred Stock, you will not receive any accrued and unpaid distributions with respect to such tendered shares; however, distributions on shares of Series M Preferred Stock will be deemed to accrue from and after January 1, 2019,

Table of Contents

the date following the accrual period of the first distribution on the Series L Preferred Stock. For further information, refer to Description of Our Capital Stock in this prospectus.

Q: Does CIM Commercial recommend that I tender my shares of Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer?

A: We are not making any recommendation regarding whether you should tender or refrain from tendering your Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer. Accordingly, you must make your own determination as to whether to tender your Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer and, if so, the number of such shares to tender and the form of consideration (Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock) you elect to receive. We have not retained, and do not intend to retain, any unaffiliated representative to act solely on behalf of the holders of our Series L Preferred Stock for purposes of negotiating the Exchange Offer or preparing a report concerning the fairness of the Exchange Offer. Before making your decision, we urge you to carefully read this prospectus in its entirety, including the information set forth in Risk Factors in this prospectus.

Q: When does the Exchange Offer expire?

A: The Exchange Offer will expire at 4:00 p.m., Israel time (9:00 a.m., New York time), on _____, 2019, unless extended or earlier terminated by us in accordance with the terms described below. If a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company, TASE member or other nominee holds your Series L Preferred Stock, you should promptly contact such nominee to determine whether such nominee has an earlier deadline for accepting the Exchange Offer.

Q: What are the conditions to the Exchange Offer?

A: The Exchange Offer is conditioned upon the closing conditions described in The Exchange Offer Conditions to Completion of the Exchange Offer in this prospectus. The Exchange Offer is not conditioned upon the tender of any minimum, or subject to any maximum, number of shares of Series L Preferred Stock. To the extent permissible under applicable law, we may waive certain conditions of the Exchange Offer described in this prospectus prior to the Expiration Date. If any of the conditions are not satisfied or waived, we will not complete the Exchange Offer.

Q: Under what circumstances can the Exchange Offer be extended, amended or terminated?

A: We reserve the right to extend the Exchange Offer for any reason or no reason at all. We also expressly reserve the right, at any time or from time to time, to amend the terms of the Exchange Offer in any respect prior to the Expiration Date. Further, we may be required by law to extend the Exchange Offer if we make a material change in the terms of the Exchange Offer or in the information contained in this prospectus or waive a material condition to the Exchange Offer. Lastly, we reserve the right, in our sole and absolute discretion, but subject to applicable law, to terminate the Exchange Offer at any time prior to the Expiration Date if any condition to the Exchange Offer is not met. If the Exchange Offer is terminated, no shares of Series L Preferred Stock will be accepted for exchange, and any shares of Series L Preferred Stock that were tendered will be promptly returned to the holder. For more information, see *The Exchange Offer Expiration Date; Extension; Amendment; Termination* in this prospectus.

Q: How will I be notified if the Exchange Offer is extended, amended or terminated?

A: We will promptly make a public announcement if the Exchange Offer is extended, amended or terminated. For more information regarding the form of notification, see *The Exchange Offer Expiration Date; Extension; Amendment; Termination* in this prospectus.

Q: How do I tender shares of Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer?

A: Please refer to *The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tender* in this prospectus for a detailed description of the procedures you may follow to tender your shares of Series L Preferred Stock.

Q: If I tender shares of Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer and change my mind, can I withdraw my tender?

A: You may withdraw previously tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock at any time until the Expiration Date. See *The Exchange Offer Withdrawal of Tenders* in this prospectus.

Table of Contents

Q: Will I have to pay any fees or commissions if I tender my Series L Preferred Stock?

A: Tendering holders are not obligated to pay brokerage fees or commissions to us, the Israeli Depositary or the U.S. Depositary (as such terms are defined in *The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tender* in this prospectus). If your shares of Series L Preferred Stock are held through a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company, TASE member or other nominee who tenders such shares on your behalf, such nominee may charge you a commission for doing so. You should consult with your nominee to determine whether any charges will apply. See *The Exchange Offer* in this prospectus.

Q: What risks should I consider in deciding whether or not to participate in the Exchange Offer?

A: In deciding whether to participate in the Exchange Offer, you should carefully consider the discussion of risks and uncertainties pertaining to the Exchange Offer, including those affecting our business and investment in our Series L Preferred Stock, Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock, described in *Risk Factors* in this prospectus.

Q: What are the tax considerations of participating in the Exchange Offer?

A: Please see the sections of this prospectus entitled *Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences* and *Material Israeli Tax Consequences* in this prospectus. You should consult your own tax advisor for a full understanding of the tax considerations of participating in the Exchange Offer.

Q: Will the Company receive any cash proceeds from the Exchange Offer?

A: No. The Company will not receive any cash proceeds from the Exchange Offer.

Table of Contents

PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

*The following summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this prospectus and does not contain all the information you should consider in connection with the Exchange Offer. You should read carefully this entire prospectus before deciding to participate in the Exchange Offer. For further information, refer to *Where You Can Find More Information* in this prospectus.*

CIM Commercial Trust Corporation

Company Overview

CIM Commercial is a Maryland corporation and REIT that was originally incorporated in 1993 as PMC Commercial Trust. Our charter and bylaws were amended to their current forms on November 15, 2017 and April 28, 2014, respectively.

Our principal business is to acquire, own, and operate Class A and creative office assets in vibrant and improving urban communities throughout the United States. These communities are located in areas that include traditional downtown areas and suburban main streets, which have high barriers to entry, high population density, improving demographic trends and a propensity for growth. We believe that the critical mass of redevelopment in such areas creates positive externalities, which enhance the value of real estate assets in the area.

We are operated by affiliates of CIM Group, L.P., which we refer to as CIM Group. Our wholly-owned subsidiary, CIM Urban Partners, L.P., which we refer to as CIM Urban, is party to an investment management agreement, dated as of December 10, 2015, which we refer to as the Investment Management Agreement, with the Operator (as defined in Our Business and Properties Company Overview Investment Management Agreement in this prospectus), pursuant to which the Operator provides certain services to CIM Urban. In addition, we are party to a master services agreement, dated as of March 11, 2014, which we refer to as the Master Services Agreement, with CIM Service Provider LLC, an affiliate of CIM Group that we refer to as the Administrator, pursuant to which the Administrator agrees to provide or arrange for other service providers to provide administrative services to us and all of our direct and indirect subsidiaries. CIM Group is a vertically-integrated owner and operator of real assets with multi-disciplinary expertise and in-house research, acquisition, credit analysis, development, finance, leasing, and property management capabilities. CIM Group is headquartered in Los Angeles, California and has offices in Oakland, California; Bethesda, Maryland; Dallas, Texas; New York, New York, Chicago, Illinois, and Phoenix, Arizona.

We seek to utilize the CIM Group platform to acquire, improve and develop real estate assets within CIM Group's qualified communities, which we refer to as Qualified Communities. We believe assets in these markets provide greater returns as a result of improving demographics, support for investment, and significant private investment within these areas. Over time, we seek to expand our real estate assets in communities targeted by CIM Group, supported by CIM Group's broad real estate capabilities, as part of our plan to prudently grow market value and earnings.

We primarily make acquisitions in Class A and creative office real estate located in areas that CIM Group has targeted. These areas include traditional downtown areas and suburban main streets, which have high barriers to entry, high population density, improving demographic trends

and a propensity for growth. CIM Group believes that the critical mass of redevelopment in such areas creates positive externalities, which enhance the value of real estate assets in the area. CIM Group targets acquisitions of diverse types of real estate assets, including office, retail, for-rent and for-sale multifamily residential, hotel, parking, and signage through CIM Group's extensive network and its current opportunistic activities. Following the Potential Recapitalization, while we would remain principally focused on Class A and creative office assets in vibrant and improving urban communities throughout the United States (including improving and developing such assets), we may also participate more actively in other CIM Group urban real estate strategies and product types described above in order to broaden our participation in CIM Group's platform of \$29.1 billion of Assets Owned and Operated⁽¹⁾ and capabilities for the benefit of all classes of stockholders.

As of June 30, 2018, our real estate portfolio consisted of 21 assets, all of which are fee-simple properties. As of June 30, 2018, our 19 office properties (including one parking garage and two development sites, one of which is being used as a parking lot), totaling approximately 3.4 million rentable square feet, were 94.0% occupied and one hotel with an ancillary parking garage, which has a total of 503 rooms, had revenue per available room, which we refer to as RevPAR,

(1) Assets Owned and Operated represents the aggregate assets owned and operated by CIM Group on behalf of partners (including where CIM Group contributes alongside for its own account) and co-investors, whether or not CIM Group has discretion, in each case without duplication. Assets Owned and Operated includes total gross assets at fair value, with real assets presented on the basis described in the definition of Book Value (as defined below) and operating companies presented at gross assets less debt, as of June 30, 2018 (including the shares of such assets owned by joint venture partners and co-investments), plus binding unfunded commitments. The only investment currently held by CIM REIT (as defined in Potential Recapitalization below) consists of shares of our Common Stock; the Book Value of CIM REIT is determined by assuming the underlying assets of CMCT are liquidated based upon the third-party appraised value, which represents the assets' third-party appraised value as of December 31, 2017 plus capital expenditures through June 30, 2018. CIM does not view the market price of our publicly-traded Common Stock to be a meaningful indication of the fair value of CIM REIT's interest in CMCT due to the fact that the publicly-traded shares of CMCT represent less than 5% of the outstanding shares of CMCT and are thinly-traded. Assets Owned and Operated also includes the \$0.3 billion of Assets Owned and Operated attributable to CIM Compass Latin America, which we refer to as CCLA, which is 50% owned and jointly operated by CIM. Assets Owned and Operated for CMMT Partners, L.P., a perpetual-life real estate debt fund that we refer to as CMMT, which represents assets under management, was \$0.5 billion as of June 30, 2018. Book Value for each investment generally represents the investment's book value as reflected in the applicable fund's unaudited financial statements as of June 30, 2018 prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles on a fair value basis. These Book Values generally represent the asset's third-party appraised value as of June 30, 2018, but in the case of CIM's Cole Net-Lease Asset strategy, Book Values generally represent undepreciated cost (as reflected in SEC-filed financial statements). Equity Owned and Operated, which we refer to as EOO, represents the NAV (as defined below) before incentive fee allocation, plus binding unfunded commitments, is \$16.9 billion as of June 30, 2018, inclusive of \$0.3 billion of EOO attributable to CCLA and \$0.4 billion of EOO for CMMT (which represents equity under management). NAV, as used in this footnote, represents the distributable amount based on a hypothetical liquidation assuming that on the date of determination that: (i) investments are sold at their Book Values; (ii) debts are paid and other assets are collected; and (iii) appropriate adjustments and/or allocations between equity investors are made in accordance with applicable documents, as determined in accordance with applicable accounting guidance.

Table of Contents

of \$141.10 for the six months ended June 30, 2018. For the six months ended June 30, 2018, our office portfolio contributed approximately 72.9% of revenue, while our hotel contributed approximately 21.4%, and our lending segment contributed approximately 5.7%.

We have elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust, which we refer to as a REIT, for U.S. federal income tax purposes. To the extent we qualify for taxation as a REIT, we generally will not be subject to a federal corporate income tax on our taxable income that is distributed to our stockholders. We may, however, be subject to certain federal excise taxes and state and local taxes on our income and property. If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, we will be subject to federal income taxes at the regular corporate rate and will not be able to qualify as a REIT for four subsequent taxable years. In order to remain qualified as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code, we must satisfy various requirements in each taxable year, including, among others, limitations on share ownership, asset diversification, sources of income, and the distribution of at least 90% of our taxable income within the specified time in accordance with the Code.

Our Common Stock trades on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol CMCT. Our Series L Preferred Stock is also traded on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol CMCTP. Our principal executive offices are located at 17950 Preston Road, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75252 and our telephone number is (972) 349-3200. Our internet address is <http://www.cimcommercial.com>. The information contained on our website is not part of this prospectus.

Overview and History of CIM Group

CIM Group was founded in 1994 by Shaul Kuba, Richard Ressler and Avi Shemesh and has owned and operated approximately \$29.1 billion of Assets Owned and Operated⁽²⁾ across its vehicles as of June 30, 2018. CIM Group's successful track record is anchored by CIM Group's community-oriented approach to urban acquisitions as well as a number of other competitive advantages including its prudent use of leverage, underwriting approach, disciplined capital deployment, vertically-integrated capabilities and strong network of relationships.

CIM Group is headquartered in Los Angeles, California and has offices in Oakland, California; Bethesda, Maryland; Dallas, Texas; New York, New York; Chicago, Illinois, and Phoenix, Arizona. CIM Group has generated strong risk-adjusted returns across multiple market cycles by focusing on improved asset and community performance, and capitalizing on market inefficiencies and distressed situations.

(2) See note 1 in Prospectus Summary CIM Commercial Trust Corporation Company Overview in this prospectus.

Table of Contents

Principles

As described in *Business Objectives and Growth Strategies* and *Competitive Advantages* in the *Our Business and Properties* section of this prospectus, the community qualification process is one of CIM Group's core competencies, which demonstrates a disciplined investing program and strategic outlook on urban communities. Once a community is qualified, CIM Group believes it continues to differentiate itself through the following business principles:

- *Product Non-Specific:* CIM Group has extensive experience owning and operating a diverse range of property types, including retail, residential, office, parking, hotel, signage, and mixed-use, which gives CIM Group the ability to execute and capitalize on its urban strategy effectively. Successful acquisitions require selecting the right markets coupled with providing the right product. CIM Group's experience with multiple asset types does not predispose CIM Group to select certain asset types, but instead ensures that they deliver a product mix that is consistent with the market's requirements and needs. Additionally, there is a growing trend towards developing mixed-use real estate properties in urban markets which requires a diversified platform to successfully execute.
- *Community-Based Tenanting:* CIM Group's strategy focuses on the entire community and the best use of assets in that community. Owning a significant number of key properties in an area better enables CIM Group to meet the needs of national retailers and office tenants and thus optimize the value of these real estate properties. CIM Group believes that its community perspective gives it a significant competitive advantage in attracting tenants to its retail, office and mixed-use properties and creating synergies between the different tenant types.
- *Local Market Leadership with North American Footprint:* CIM Group maintains local market knowledge and relationships, along with a diversified North American presence, through its 114 Qualified Communities. Thus, CIM Group has the flexibility to deploy capital in its Qualified Communities only when the market environment meets CIM Group's underwriting standards. CIM Group does not need to acquire assets in a given community or product type at a specific time due to its broad proprietary pipeline of communities.
- *Deploying Capital Across the Capital Stack:* CIM Group has extensive experience structuring transactions across the capital stack including equity, preferred equity, debt and mezzanine positions, giving it the flexibility to structure transactions in efficient and creative ways.

Potential Recapitalization

The Potential Sale, the Potential Repayment of Unsecured Term Loan Facility, the Potential Return of Capital Event, the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation and the Potential CIM Investment are collectively referred to herein as the Potential Recapitalization. The Company intends to

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

consummate the Potential Recapitalization in order to, among other things, provide its stockholders with liquidity reflecting the net asset value, or NAV, per share of Common Stock and improve the trading volume and liquidity of the Common Stock. There can be no guarantee that the Potential Recapitalization will occur or, if any or all of the Potential Recapitalization occurs, that the Potential Recapitalization will occur in the form or in the manner as described in this prospectus. Please refer to Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements in this prospectus.

Targeted Sales of Properties. We are actively exploring the potential sale of a portfolio of properties, including our five office properties and a parking garage in Oakland, California, our three office properties in Washington, D.C., and one office property in San Francisco, CA, which sales we refer to collectively as the Potential Sale. No letters of intent or purchase and sales agreements have been executed in connection with the Potential Sale. The Maryland General Corporation Law, which we refer to as the MGCL, may require holders of our Common Stock to approve the Potential Sale prior to its consummation.

Repayment of Certain Indebtedness. If the Potential Sale occurs, we intend to use a portion of the net proceeds from the Potential Sale to repay any balances then outstanding on our unsecured term loan facility, which we refer to as the Potential Repayment of Unsecured Term Loan Facility. If the Potential Repayment of Unsecured Term Loan Facility occurs, we will terminate three interest rate swaps that effectively convert the floating rate on our unsecured term loan facility to a fixed rate. Following the Potential Sale and the Potential Repayment of Unsecured Term Loan Facility, we would expect to have no senior debt outstanding and would plan to maintain minimal long-term debt in our continuing

Table of Contents

operations.

Return of Capital to Holders of Common Stock. The net proceeds from the Potential Sale remaining following the Potential Repayment of Unsecured Term Loan Facility, as well as a portion of our unrestricted cash balances, would be used to return capital to holders of our Common Stock for consideration approximating our NAV per share of Common Stock in one or more transactions, which may take the form of a special dividend, private repurchase or tender offer, which transactions we refer to collectively as the Potential Return of Capital Event.

CIM Urban REIT Liquidation. As of October 3, 2018, CIM Urban REIT, LLC, a fund operated by affiliates of CIM Group that we refer to as CIM REIT, beneficially owns approximately 95.05% of our outstanding Common Stock. We have been informed that, if the Potential Sale and Potential Return of Capital Event occur, CIM Group intends to liquidate CIM REIT by distributing to its members, consisting of 27 institutional investors, all shares of our Common Stock then held by CIM REIT, which transaction we refer to as the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation. The distributed shares would be unrestricted for trading and we expect would increase our public float to over 90% (from approximately 4% today), which may lead to improved trading volume and liquidity in our Common Stock, and may make our Common Stock eligible for inclusion in several widely-followed stock indices.

Sale of Common Stock. Certain directors and officers of the Company have expressed a willingness to reinvest their aggregate pro rata share of all net proceeds received by CIM Group and its affiliated entities in connection with the Potential Return of Capital Event into newly issued shares of our Common Stock at a price per share equal to the CIM Purchase Price (as defined below), which reinvestment we refer to as the Potential CIM Investment. The Potential CIM Investment is expected to involve a reinvestment of approximately \$10.8 million into shares of our Common Stock at a price per share to be negotiated by a committee of the independent members of our Board of Directors, which price we refer to as the CIM Purchase Price.

The Company does not intend to commence, and no holder of shares of Series L Preferred Stock will be able to participate in, the Exchange Offer unless and until the Company consummates the Potential Recapitalization and determines the CIM Purchase Price.

Terms of the Exchange Offer and our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock

Exchange Offer

We expect to offer to exchange for each properly tendered and accepted share of our Series L Preferred Stock, at the election of a tendering holder:

- a number of newly issued shares of our Common Stock equal to the

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

quotient of (i) \$28.37, plus accrued and unpaid distributions on such share of Series L Preferred Stock through and including the Expiration Date, divided by (ii) the CIM Purchase Price, or

- one newly issued share of our Series M Preferred Stock.

Record Date

There is no record date for participating in the Exchange Offer.

Commencement of the Exchange Offer

The Company does not intend to commence, and no holder of shares of Series L Preferred Stock will be able to participate in, the Exchange Offer unless and until the Company consummates the Potential Recapitalization and determines the CIM Purchase Price.

Expiration Date

The Exchange Offer will expire at 4:00 p.m., Israel time (9:00 a.m., New York time), on _____, 2019, unless extended or earlier terminated by us.

Rights of Holders of our Common Stock

Dividends. Holders of shares of our Common Stock are not entitled to receive any dividends on such shares, including the Initial Dividend (as defined below), unless and until our Board of Directors authorizes and we declare such dividend.

Voting. Subject to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock and except as may otherwise be specified in the terms of any class or series of our stock, each outstanding share of our

Table of Contents

Common Stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors.

Ranking. The rights of holders of our Common Stock rank, relative to our existing capital stock, with respect to the payment of distributions:

- junior to our Series A Preferred Stock;

- junior to our Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock, except in each case with respect to and only to the extent of the Initial Dividend; and

- senior to our Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock, in each case with respect to and only to the extent of the Initial Dividend.

The rights of holders of our Common Stock rank, relative to our existing capital stock, with respect to rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up:

- junior to our Series A Preferred Stock;

- junior to our Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock, both (i) to the extent of the Series L Stated Value and the Series M Stated Value and (ii) following payment of any unpaid Initial Dividend, to the extent of any accrued and unpaid Series L Preferred Distributions and Series M Preferred Distributions; and

- senior to the Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock with respect to any accrued and unpaid Series L Preferred Distributions and Series M Preferred Distributions, in each case to the extent of any unpaid Initial Dividend.

The Initial Dividend for a given fiscal year is a minimum annual amount, in USD, that is announced by us at the end of the prior fiscal year. While there are no limitations on the maximum amount of the Initial Dividend, the Company does not intend to announce an Initial Dividend that would

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

prevent payment of a distribution on any outstanding share of preferred stock. Our Board of Directors announced an Initial Dividend for the 2018 fiscal year in the amount of \$21,892,469 which, at the time of announcement, represented a dividend in the amount of \$0.50 per outstanding share of Common Stock.

Rights of Holders of our Series M Preferred Stock

The terms of our Series M Preferred Stock issued in the Exchange Offer will be substantially the same as the terms of our Series L Preferred Stock, except as described below.

Stated Value. The stated value of our Series M Preferred Stock, which we refer to as the Series M Stated Value, will be 100 ILS per share, which for purposes of all computations based on stated value (e.g., amounts of distributions, redemption price, etc.), will be deemed to equal \$28.37 USD per share. The Series M Stated Value is equal to the current stated value of the Series L Preferred Stock, which we refer to as the Series L Stated Value.

Distributions. Subject to the exceptions described in this prospectus, holders of our Series M Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of legally available funds, cumulative cash distributions in ILS on each share of Series M Preferred Stock at an annual rate of 5.5% of the Series M Stated Value, which we refer to as the Series M Preferred Distribution. Distributions on our Series M Preferred Stock will be deemed to accrue from and after January 1, 2019, the date following the accrual period of the first distribution on the Series L Preferred Stock.

Table of Contents

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the first Series M Preferred Distribution will be reduced by an amount equal to 4.5% of the Series M Stated Value, which we refer to as the Adjustment Amount. The Series M Preferred Distribution is subject to increase up to an annual rate of up to 8.5% in certain circumstances as described in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock in this prospectus.

Rights of the Company to Redeem. We will have the right to redeem, for cash in ILS, at any time and from time to time, in our sole discretion, any or all shares of our Series M Preferred Stock at a redemption price per share equal to the sum of 96.25% of the Series M Stated Value (subject to reduction by an amount equal to the Adjustment Amount with respect to any shares of Series M Preferred Stock redeemed at our election prior to the record date of the first Series M Preferred Distribution) plus any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions through and including the last day of the quarter in which the Company Redemption Notice Date (as defined in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock Redemption at the Option of the Company in this prospectus) for such redemption occurs. No such redemption right exists with respect to our Series L Preferred Stock.

We are not entitled to any additional rights of redemption with respect to the Series M Preferred Stock. At no time will we have the option to redeem our Series M Preferred Stock in exchange for shares of our Common Stock, as we are permitted to with respect to our Series L Preferred Stock.

If for any given quarter the Preferred Distribution Conditions (as defined in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock Distributions in this prospectus) are not met or the Series M Preferred Distribution is in arrears as of the end of such quarter, we will not be able to exercise our redemption right.

Rights of the Holder to Redeem. From and after the second anniversary of the Settlement Date (as defined in The Exchange Offer Acceptance; Exchange Offer Consideration in this prospectus), each holder will have the right to require the Company to redeem all or any of the shares of Series M Preferred Stock held by such holder at a redemption price equal to the sum of 96.25% of the Series M Stated Value plus, subject to specified conditions and exceptions, any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions through and including the last day of the quarter in which the redemption notice is validly submitted. Any such redemption price will be paid in cash in ILS as described in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock in this prospectus. No such redemption right exists with respect to our Series L Preferred Stock.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Holders of our Series M Preferred Stock are not entitled to any additional rights of redemption. Any redemption price payable in connection with a redemption at the option of a holder of Series M Preferred Stock will be paid in cash, in ILS, whereas we are entitled to pay the redemption price with respect to a redemption of our Series L Preferred Stock, at our option, in cash, in ILS, in shares of our Common Stock, or a combination of the foregoing.

Ranking. The Series M Preferred Stock ranks, relative to our existing capital stock, with respect to the payment of distributions:

- senior to our Common Stock, except with respect to and only to the extent of the Initial Dividend;
- on parity with our Series L Preferred Stock; and
- junior to our Series A Preferred Stock and our Common Stock (with

Table of Contents

respect to and only to the extent of the Initial Dividend).

The Series M Preferred Stock ranks, relative to our existing capital stock, with respect to rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up:

- senior to our Common Stock, both (i) to the extent of the Series M Stated Value and (ii) following payment to holders of our Common Stock of an amount equal to any unpaid Initial Dividend, to the extent of any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions;
- on parity with our Series A Preferred Stock, to the extent of the Series M Stated Value, and our Series L Preferred Stock; and
- junior to our Series A Preferred Stock and Common Stock (to the extent of the Initial Dividend), in both instances with respect to any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions.

Treatment of Accrued and Unpaid Series L Preferred Distributions

Any holder that tenders shares of Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer will lose the right to receive any future distributions declared on our Series L Preferred Stock with respect to such shares. If you tender your shares of Series L Preferred Stock in exchange for Common Stock, you will receive the amount of any accrued and unpaid distributions on such shares as of the Expiration Date in the form of shares of Common Stock, assuming a price per share of Common Stock equal to the CIM Purchase Price. If you tender your shares of Series L Preferred Stock in exchange for our Series M Preferred Stock, distributions on such shares of Series M Preferred Stock will be deemed to accrue from and after January 1, 2019, the date following the accrual period of the first distribution on the Series L Preferred Stock.

Listing of our Common Stock and Series M Preferred Stock

Our Common Stock is listed on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol CMCT. We intend to submit supplemental listing applications to list on NASDAQ and the TASE the shares of Common Stock issued in the Exchange Offer, and we do not expect to commence the Exchange Offer until such applications are approved.

We intend to apply for the listing of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol _____, and we do not expect to commence the Exchange Offer until such applications are approved. No assurance can be given that our applications for these listings will be approved or that a trading market will develop.

Conditions to the Exchange Offer

The Exchange Offer is conditioned upon the satisfaction or waiver (where permitted) of the conditions described in The Exchange Offer Conditions to Completion of the Exchange Offer in this prospectus. The Exchange Offer is not conditioned upon the tender of any minimum, or subject to any maximum, number of shares of Series L Preferred Stock.

We are not aware of any filing, approval or other action by or with any federal, state or other governmental authority or regulatory agency that would be required for us to commence the Exchange Offer that has not been made or obtained, other than with respect to (i) the filing and effectiveness of the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part with the SEC and the ISA, (ii) our receipt of an official tax ruling from the ITA with respect to the tax treatment of the Series M Preferred Stock and the exchange of Series L Preferred Stock and (iii) approval to list on NASDAQ and the TASE the shares of Common Stock and Series M Preferred Stock that may be issued in the Exchange Offer.

Withdrawal Rights

You may withdraw your tender of any Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer at any time prior to the Expiration Date.

Appraisal Rights

Holders of our Series L Preferred Stock do not have any appraisal or dissenters

Table of Contents

rights in connection with the Exchange Offer.

Fractional Shares

We will not issue fractional shares of our Common Stock in the Exchange Offer and no cash will be paid for fractional shares. Instead, the number of shares of Common Stock received by each holder whose shares of Series L Preferred Stock are accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Material U.S. Federal Income Tax and Israeli Tax Consequences

Please see *Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences* and *Material Israeli Tax Consequences* in this prospectus. Each holder is urged to consult its tax advisor regarding the tax considerations of participating in the Exchange Offer.

Extensions; Waivers and Amendments; Termination

Subject to applicable law, we reserve the right to:

- extend the Expiration Date;

- waive, to the extent permissible under applicable law, any and all conditions applicable to the Exchange Offer;

- amend the Exchange Offer in any respect, including amending the maximum number of shares of Series L Preferred Stock that will be accepted for tender in the Exchange Offer; and

- terminate the Exchange Offer.

Any extension, waiver, amendment or termination will be followed as promptly as practicable by a public announcement thereof. See *The Exchange Offer Expiration Date; Extension; Amendment; Termination* in this prospectus.

Risk Factors

An investment in our securities involves risks. Please read *Risk Factors* beginning on page 14 of this prospectus.

Table of Contents

RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully read and consider the following risk factors, and all other information contained in this prospectus before making a decision to participate in the Exchange Offer. These factors, which are not all-inclusive, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt obligations, to maintain our level of Common Stock or Series A Preferred Stock distributions, to pay distributions on our Series L Preferred Stock or Series M Preferred Stock or to engage in repurchases of Common Stock. For more information, see the section entitled Where You Can Find More Information.

Risks Related to Our Business

We may be unable to pay or maintain cash distributions or increase distributions to stockholders over time.

Several factors may affect the availability and timing of cash distributions to our stockholders. Distributions are based primarily on anticipated cash flow from operations over time. The amount of cash available for distributions is affected by many factors, including the performance of our existing assets, including the selection of tenants and the amount of rental income, our operating expense levels, opportunities for acquisition identified by our Operator, the availability of financing arrangements as well as many other variables. We may not always be in a position to pay distributions to our stockholders and the amount of any distributions we do make may not increase over time. In addition, our actual results may differ significantly from the assumptions used by our Board of Directors in establishing our distribution policy. There also is a risk that we may not have sufficient cash flow from operations to fund distributions required to qualify as a REIT or maintain our REIT status.

We have paid, and may in the future pay, some or all of our distributions to stockholders from sources other than cash flow from operations, including borrowings, proceeds from asset sales or the sale of our securities, which may reduce the amount of capital we ultimately deploy in our real estate operations and may negatively impact the value of our Common Stock.

To the extent that cash flow from operations has been or is insufficient to fully cover our distributions to our stockholders, we have paid, and may in the future pay, some or all of our distributions from sources other than cash flow from operations. Such sources may include borrowings, proceeds from asset sales or the sale of our securities. We have no limits on the amounts we may use to pay distributions from sources other than cash flow from operations. The payment of distributions from sources other than cash provided by operating activities may reduce the amount of proceeds available for acquisitions and operations or cause us to incur additional interest expense as a result of borrowed funds, and may cause subsequent holders of our Common Stock to experience dilution. This may negatively impact the price of our Common Stock.

Distributions at any point in time may not reflect the current performance of our properties or our current operating cash flow.

We may make distributions from any source, including the sources described in the risk factor above. Because the amount we pay in distributions may exceed our earnings and our cash flow from operations, distributions may not reflect the current performance of our properties or our current operating cash flow.

Our future success depends on the performance of the Administrator and the Operator, their respective key personnel and their access to the investment professionals of CIM Group. We may not find suitable replacements if such key personnel or investment professionals leave the employment of the Administrator, the Operator or other applicable affiliates of CIM Group or if such key personnel or investment professionals otherwise become unavailable to us.

We rely on the Administrator to provide management and administration services to us, and CIM Urban relies completely on the Operator to provide CIM Urban with certain services.

Our executive officers also serve as officers or employees of the Administrator and/or the Operator or other applicable affiliates of CIM Group. The Administrator and the Operator have significant discretion as to the implementation of acquisitions and operating policies and strategies on behalf of us and CIM Urban. Accordingly, we believe that our success depends to a significant extent upon the efforts, experience, diligence, skill and network of business contacts of the officers and key personnel of the Administrator, the Operator and the other applicable affiliates of CIM Group. The departure of any of these officers or key personnel could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or preferred stock, \$0.001 par value per share, which we refer to as our Preferred Stock.

Table of Contents

We also depend on access to, and the diligence, skill and network of, business contacts of the professionals within CIM Group and the information and deal flow generated by its investment professionals in the course of their acquisitions and asset management activities. The departure of any of these individuals, or of a significant number of the investment professionals or principals of CIM Group, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock. We cannot guarantee that we will continue to have access to CIM Group's investment professionals or its information and deal flow.

If we seek to internalize the management functions provided pursuant to the Master Services Agreement and the Investment Management Agreement, we could incur substantial costs and lose certain key personnel.

The Board of Directors may determine that it is in our best interest to become self-managed by internalizing the functions performed by the Administrator and the Operator and to terminate the Master Services Agreement and the Investment Management Agreement. However, we do not have the unilateral right to terminate the Master Services Agreement and CIM Urban does not have the unilateral right to terminate the Investment Management Agreement, and neither the Administrator nor the Operator would be obligated to enter into an internalization transaction with us. There is no assurance that a mutually acceptable agreement with these entities as to the terms of the internalization could be reached.

The costs that would be incurred by us in any such internalization transaction are uncertain and could be substantial. Inadequate management of an internalization transaction could cause us to incur excess costs or suffer deficiencies in our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting. An internalization transaction may divert management's attention from effectively managing our assets. Further, following any internalization of our management functions, certain key employees may remain employees of the Administrator and the Operator or their respective affiliates instead of becoming our employees, especially if the Administrator and the Operator are not acquired by us.

Uninsured losses or losses in excess of our insurance coverage could materially adversely affect our financial condition and cash flows, and there can be no assurance as to future costs and the scope of coverage that may be available under insurance policies.

We carry commercial liability, special form/all risk and business interruption insurance on all of the properties in our portfolio. In addition, we carry directors' and officers' insurance. While we select policy specifications and insured limits that we believe are appropriate and adequate given the relative risk of loss, the cost of the coverage, and industry practice, there can be no assurance that we will not experience a loss that is uninsured or that exceeds policy limits.

Our business operations in California and Texas are and, following the Potential Sale, will be susceptible to, and could be significantly affected by, adverse weather conditions and natural disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, wind, blizzards, floods, landslides, drought and fires. These adverse weather conditions and natural disasters could cause significant damage to the properties in our portfolio, the risk of which is enhanced by the concentration of our properties, by aggregate net operating income and square feet, in California. Our insurance may not be adequate to cover business interruption or losses resulting from adverse weather or natural disasters. We carry earthquake insurance on our properties in California in an amount and with deductibles and limitations that we deem to be appropriate. However, the amount of our earthquake insurance coverage may not be sufficient to cover losses from earthquakes in California. Furthermore, we may not carry insurance for certain losses, such as those caused by war or by certain environmental conditions, such as mold or asbestos.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

As a result of the factors described above, we may not have sufficient coverage against all losses that we may experience for any reason.

If we experience a loss that is uninsured or that exceeds policy limits, we could incur significant costs and lose the capital deployed in the damaged properties as well as the anticipated future cash flows from those properties. Further, if the damaged properties are subject to recourse indebtedness, we would continue to be liable for the indebtedness, even if the properties were irreparable. In addition, our properties may not be able to be rebuilt to their existing height or size at their existing location under current land-use laws and policies. In the event that we experience a substantial or comprehensive loss of one of our properties, we may not be able to rebuild such property to its existing specifications and otherwise may have to upgrade such property to meet current code requirements. Any of the factors described above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Table of Contents

Cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents may adversely affect our business by causing a disruption to our operations, a compromise or corruption of our confidential information, and/or damage to our business relationships, all of which could negatively impact our financial results.

A cyber incident is considered to be any adverse event that threatens the confidentiality, integrity or availability of our information resources. A cyber incident may be an intentional attack or an unintentional event and could involve a third-party gaining unauthorized access to our information systems for purposes of misappropriating assets, stealing confidential information, corrupting data or causing operational disruption. The occurrence of a cyber incident may result in disrupted operations, misstated or unreliable financial data, liability for stolen assets or information, increased cybersecurity protection and insurance costs, litigation, damage to our tenant and stockholder relationships or other adverse effects. Our Operator's and Administrator's IT networks and related systems are essential to the operations of our business and our ability to perform day-to-day operations (including managing our building systems). Our Operator and Administrator have implemented processes, procedures and internal controls to help mitigate cyber incidents, but these measures do not guarantee that a cyber incident involving our Operator or Administrator will not occur or that attempted security breaches or disruptions would not be successful or damaging. A cyber incident involving our Advisor's or Manager's IT networks and related systems could materially adversely impact our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Changes in U.S. federal, state and local tax laws or regulations, with or without retroactive application, could have a negative effect on us.

New legislation, U.S. Treasury regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions could significantly and negatively affect our ability to qualify to be taxed as a REIT and/or the U.S. federal income tax consequences to our investors and to us of such qualification. In addition, recent events and the shortfall in tax revenues for states and municipalities in recent years may lead to an increase in the frequency and size of such tax law changes. Even changes that do not impose greater taxes on us could potentially result in adverse consequences to our stockholders. For example, a decrease in corporate tax rates could decrease the attractiveness of the REIT structure relative to companies that are not organized as REITs.

Risks Related to Conflicts of Interest

Neither the Master Services Agreement nor the Investment Management Agreement may be terminated by us (except in limited circumstances for cause in the case of the Master Services Agreement) and the Master Services Agreement may be assigned by the Administrator in certain circumstances without our consent, either or both of which may have a material adverse effect on us.

We and our lending subsidiaries are parties to the Master Services Agreement pursuant to which the Administrator provides, or arranges for other service providers to provide, management and administrative services to us and all of our direct and indirect subsidiaries. We are obligated to pay the Administrator the Base Service Fee (as defined in Our Business and Properties Company Overview Master Services Agreement in this prospectus), and market rate transaction fees for transactional and other services that the Administrator elects to provide to us. Pursuant to the terms of the Master Services Agreement, the Administrator has the right to provide any transactional services to us that we would otherwise engage a third-party to provide.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

The Master Services Agreement continues in full force and effect until December 31, 2018, and thereafter will renew automatically each year. The Administrator may assign the Master Services Agreement without our consent to one of its affiliates or an entity that is a successor through merger or acquisition of the business of the Administrator. We generally may terminate the Master Services Agreement only in the event of material breach, fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct by or, in certain limited circumstances, a change of control of the Administrator that our independent directors determine to be materially detrimental to us and our subsidiaries as a whole. We do not have the right to terminate the Master Services Agreement solely for the poor performance of our operations. In addition, CIM Urban does not have the right to terminate the Investment Management Agreement under any circumstances.

Moreover, any removal of Urban GP Administrator (as defined in [Our Business and Properties Company Overview CIM Urban Partnership Agreement](#) in this prospectus) as manager of CIM Urban Partners GP, LLC, which we refer to as [CIM Urban GP](#), pursuant to the Master Services Agreement or the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement (as defined in [Our Business and Properties Company Overview CIM Urban Partnership Agreement](#) in this prospectus) would not affect the rights of the Administrator under the Master Services Agreement or the Operator under the Investment

Table of Contents

Management Agreement. Accordingly, the Administrator would continue to provide the Base Services (as defined in Our Business and Properties Company Overview Master Services Agreement in this prospectus) and receive the Base Service Fee, and the Administrator or the applicable service provider would continue to provide the transactional services and receive related transaction fees, under the Master Services Agreement, and the Operator would continue to receive the management fee under the Investment Management Agreement.

The Administrator and Operator are entitled to receive fees for the services they provide regardless of our performance, which may reduce their incentive to devote time and resources to our portfolio.

Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement, the Administrator is entitled to receive the Base Service Fee, regardless of our performance, and additional fees for the provision of transactional and other services at fair market rates approved by our independent directors. Additionally, the Operator is entitled to receive an asset management fee based upon the adjusted fair value of CIM Urban's assets, including any assets acquired by CIM Urban in the future. See Our Business and Properties Company Overview Investment Management Agreement in this prospectus. The Administrator's and the Operator's entitlement to substantial non-performance based compensation might reduce their incentive to devote time and effort to seeking profitable opportunities for our portfolio.

The Operator may undertake transactions that are motivated, in whole or in part, by a desire to increase its compensation.

The Operator's fees are based on the adjusted fair value of CIM Urban's assets, including any assets acquired by CIM Urban in the future, which may provide an incentive for the Operator to deploy our capital to assets that are riskier than we would otherwise acquire, regardless of the anticipated long-term performance of such assets. For instance, if CIM Urban, or we on its behalf, incurs debt or uses leverage to acquire an asset, the adjusted fair value of our assets will increase by an amount greater than the amount of cash used in such levered acquisition, which leads to greater compensation payable to the Operator. In this manner, the Operator may seek to maximize its compensation by recommending a deployment of capital to assets that are not necessarily in the best interest of our stockholders. The Operator may also recommend the disposition of assets that are beneficial to CIM Urban's operations in order to fund such acquisitions. For a discussion of the broad discretion that may be exercised by the Operator in our business, see Each of the Administrator and Operator provides services to us under broad mandates, and our Board of Directors may not necessarily be involved in each acquisition, disposition or financing decision made by the Administrator or Operator below.

The Operator, the Administrator and their respective affiliates engage in real estate activities that could compete with us and our subsidiaries, which could result in decisions that are not in the best interests of our stockholders.

The Investment Management Agreement with the Operator and the Master Services Agreement with the Administrator do not prevent the Operator and the Administrator, as applicable, and their respective affiliates from operating additional real estate assets or participating in other real estate opportunities, some of which could compete with us and our subsidiaries. The Operator, the Administrator and their respective affiliates operate real estate assets and participate in additional real estate activities having objectives that overlap with our own, and may thus face conflicts in the operation and allocation of real estate opportunities between us, on the one hand, and such other real estate operations and activities, on the other hand. Allocation of real estate opportunities is at the discretion of the Operator and/or the Administrator and there is no guarantee that this allocation will be made in the best interest of our stockholders.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

There may be conflicts of interest in allocating real estate opportunities to CIM Urban and other funds, vehicles and ventures operated by the Operator. For example, the Operator serves as the operator of private funds formed to deploy capital in real estate and real estate-related assets located in urban areas that CIM Group has already qualified. There may be a significant overlap in the assets and strategies between us and such funds, and many of the same investment personnel will provide services to both entities. Further, the Operator and its affiliates may in the future operate funds, vehicles and ventures that have overlapping objectives with CIM Urban and therefore may compete with CIM Urban for opportunities. The ability of the Operator, the Administrator and their officers and employees to engage in other business activities, including the operation of other vehicles operated by CIM Group or its affiliates, may reduce the time the Operator and the Administrator spend managing our activities.

Certain of our directors and executive officers may face conflicts of interest related to positions they hold with the Operator, the Administrator, CIM Group and their affiliates, which could result in decisions that are not in the best interest of our stockholders.

Some of our directors and executive officers are also part-owners, officers and/or directors of the Operator, the Administrator, CIM Group and/or their respective affiliates. As a result, such directors and executive officers may owe

Table of Contents

fiduciary duties to these various other entities and their equity owners that may from time to time conflict with the duties such persons owe to us. Further, these multiple responsibilities may create conflicts of interest for these individuals if they are presented with opportunities that may benefit us and our other affiliates. These individuals may be incentivized to allocate opportunities to other entities rather than to us. Their loyalties to other affiliated entities could result in actions or inactions that are detrimental to our business, strategy and opportunities.

The business of CIM Urban is managed by Urban GP Administrator and we agreed in the Master Services Agreement to appoint an affiliate of CIM Group as the manager of the general partner of CIM Urban; in addition, the general partner of CIM Urban can be removed from that position under certain circumstances as provided in the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement.

Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement, we agreed to appoint an affiliate of CIM Group as the manager of the general partner of CIM Urban. While currently that designated entity, Urban GP Administrator, is an affiliate of CIM Group, there can be no assurances that a different entity would not be appointed the manager of the general partner of CIM Urban in the future. Moreover, we may only remove the Urban GP Administrator as the manager of CIM Urban GP for cause (as defined in the Master Services Agreement). Removal for cause also requires the approval of the holders of at least 66 2/3% of our outstanding shares (excluding for this purpose any shares held by the Administrator and any affiliates of the Administrator, except to the extent set forth in the immediately following sentence). Notwithstanding the foregoing, CIM REIT has the right to vote any shares of our Common Stock that it owns with respect to any vote held to remove the Urban GP Administrator as the manager of the CIM Urban GP; provided, however, if any such removal vote is held after the second anniversary of the Master Services Agreement, CIM REIT must obtain voting instructions from certain of its non-affiliated members with respect to voting the shares beneficially owned by such non-affiliated members and CIM REIT must vote the number of shares beneficially owned by each such non-affiliated members as so instructed by such non-affiliated members. Upon removal, a replacement manager will be appointed by the independent directors. Finally, under the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement, the general partner of CIM Urban may be removed under certain circumstances with the consent of 66 2/3% of the class A members of CIM REIT.

Subject to the limitations set forth in the governing documents of CIM Urban and CIM Urban GP, Urban GP Administrator is given the power and authority under the Master Services Agreement to manage, to direct the management, business and affairs of and to make all decisions to be made by or on behalf of (1) CIM Urban GP and (2) CIM Urban. Subject to the other terms of the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement, CIM Urban GP has broad discretion over the operations of CIM Urban. Accordingly, while we own indirectly all of the partnership interests in CIM Urban, except as set forth in the Master Services Agreement and the rights specifically reserved to limited partners by the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement and applicable law, we will have no part in the management and control of CIM Urban.

The CIM Urban Partnership Agreement contains provisions that give rights to certain unaffiliated members of CIM REIT to influence the business and operations of CIM Urban; such members may have interests that are adverse to our stockholders and the exercise of such rights may negatively impact the rights of our stockholders, or our business.

The CIM Urban Partnership Agreement requires the consent of a majority in interest of certain members of CIM REIT in order to amend the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement; the Investment Management Agreement can be amended only with the consent of at least 66 2/3% of the class A members of CIM REIT who are not affiliates of CIM Urban GP. As noted above, in certain situations, upon a two-thirds vote of certain members of CIM REIT, the CIM Urban GP may be removed and replaced. The refusal to permit amendment of the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement or the removal of the general partner by the members of CIM REIT may adversely impact us.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results.

An effective system of internal control over financial reporting is necessary for us to provide reliable financial reports, prevent fraud and operate successfully as a public company. As part of our ongoing monitoring of internal controls, we may discover material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in our internal controls that we believe require remediation. If we discover such weaknesses, we will make efforts to improve our internal controls in a timely manner. Any system of internal controls, however well designed and operated, is based in part on certain assumptions and can only provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the system are met. Any failure to maintain effective internal controls, or implement any necessary improvements in a timely manner, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock, or cause us to not meet our reporting obligations, which could affect our ability to remain listed on NASDAQ and the TASE. Ineffective internal controls could

Table of Contents

also cause holders of our securities to lose confidence in our reported financial information, which would likely have a negative effect on the trading price of our securities.

Risks Related to Our Corporate Structure

Certain provisions of Maryland law could inhibit changes in control.

Certain provisions of the MGCL, if applied to us, would have the effect of inhibiting a third-party from making a proposal to acquire us or impeding a change of control under circumstances that otherwise could provide our stockholders with the opportunity to realize a premium over the then-prevailing market price of our Common Stock, including:

- business combination provisions that, subject to limitations, prohibit certain business combinations between us and an interested stockholder (defined generally as any person who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the voting power of our shares or an affiliate thereof) for five years after the most recent date on which the stockholder becomes an interested stockholder, and thereafter impose special appraisal rights and special stockholder voting requirements on these combinations; and
- control share provisions that provide that control shares of our Company (defined as shares which, when aggregated with other shares controlled by the stockholder, entitle the stockholder to exercise one of three increasing ranges of voting power in electing directors) acquired in a control share acquisition (defined as the direct or indirect acquisition of ownership or control of control shares) have no voting rights except to the extent approved by our stockholders by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, excluding all interested shares.

We have elected to opt out of these provisions of the MGCL, in the case of the business combination provisions of the MGCL, by resolution of our Board of Directors and, in the case of the control share provisions of the MGCL, pursuant to a provision in our bylaws. However, our Board of Directors may by resolution elect to repeal the foregoing opt-outs from the business combination provisions of the MGCL and we may, by amendment to our bylaws, opt in to the control share provisions of the MGCL in the future.

Our charter, bylaws, the partnership agreement for CIM Urban and Maryland law also contain other provisions that may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change of control that might involve a premium price for our Common Stock or otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders.

Although we will no longer be a controlled company within the meaning of the rules of NASDAQ upon the consummation of the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation, we may continue to rely on exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements that provide protection to stockholders of other companies.

Following the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation, we will no longer be a controlled company within the meaning of the rules of NASDAQ and, as a result, we will no longer qualify for the exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements on which we currently rely. For instance, we have availed ourselves of exemptions from the following requirements generally applicable to companies listed on NASDAQ:

- that a majority of our Board of Directors consist of independent directors, as defined under the rules of NASDAQ;
- that we have a corporate governance and nominating committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities; and
- that we have a compensation committee that is composed entirely of independent directors with a written charter addressing the committee's purpose and responsibilities.

Accordingly, our stockholders do not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of NASDAQ.

Following this consummation of the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation, we will no longer be a controlled company within the meaning of the rules of NASDAQ. As a result, we will be required to establish a corporate governance and nominating committee and a compensation committee having (i) one independent committee member at the time at which we cease to be a controlled company, (ii) a majority of independent committee members within 90 days of the date on which we cease to be a controlled company and (iii) all independent committee members within one year of the date on which we cease to

Table of Contents

be a controlled company. Additionally, we are permitted 12 months from the date on which we cease to be a controlled company to comply with the requirement that a majority of our directors be independent within the meaning of the NASDAQ rules. To the extent, if any, we avail ourselves of these phase-in periods, our stockholders will not have the same protections afforded to stockholders of companies that are subject to all of the corporate governance requirements of NASDAQ. Additionally, if, within the phase-in periods, we are not able to recruit additional directors who would qualify as independent, or otherwise comply with NASDAQ rules, we may be subject to enforcement actions by NASDAQ. Furthermore, a change in our Board of Directors and committee membership may result in a change in corporate strategy and operation philosophies.

If we were deemed an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended (the Investment Company Act), applicable restrictions could make it impractical for us to continue our business as contemplated and could have an adverse effect on our business.

We are not an investment company under the Investment Company Act and intend to conduct our operations so that we will not be deemed an investment company. However, if we were to be deemed an investment company, restrictions imposed by the Investment Company Act, including limitations on the nature of assets and ability to transact with affiliates, could make it impractical for us to continue our business as contemplated. In addition, the Investment Company Act imposes certain requirements on companies deemed to be within its regulatory scope, including registration as an investment company, adoption of a specific form of corporate structure and compliance with certain burdensome reporting, record keeping, voting, proxy, disclosure and other rules and regulations. In the event of the characterization of us as an investment company, the failure by us to satisfy such regulatory requirements, whether on a timely basis or at all, would, under certain circumstances, also have a material adverse effect on us.

The Operator may change its acquisition process, or elect not to follow it, without stockholder consent at any time, which may adversely affect returns on our assets.

We may expand our operations into new real estate-related activities, including, without limitation, (i) originating and/or acquiring a variety of loan products, including, but not limited to, mezzanine loans, commercial real estate loans and other types of loans (see Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Executive Summary Strategy in this prospectus) and/or (ii) real estate development activities. Stockholders will not have any approval rights with respect to any expansion or change in strategies or future composition of our assets. Our Operator determines our policies regarding deployment of capital into real estate assets, financing, growth and debt capitalization. Our Operator may change these and other policies without a vote of our stockholders. In addition, there can be no assurance that the Operator will follow its acquisition process in relation to the identification and acquisition or origination of prospective assets. As a result, the nature of the composition of our assets could change without the consent of our stockholders. Changes in the Operator's acquisition process and/or philosophy may result in, among other things, inferior due diligence and transaction standards, which may adversely affect the performance of our assets. If we are unsuccessful in expanding into new real estate activities or our changes in strategies or future deployment of our capital turn out to be unsuccessful, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

The power of the Board of Directors to revoke our REIT election without stockholder approval may cause adverse consequences to our stockholders.

Our organizational documents permit our Board of Directors to revoke or otherwise terminate our REIT election, without the approval of our stockholders, if the Board of Directors determines that it is no longer in our best interest to continue to qualify as a REIT. In such a case, we

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

would become subject to U.S. federal, state and local income tax on our net taxable income and we would no longer be required to distribute most of our net taxable income to our stockholders, which could have adverse consequences on the total return to our holders of Common Stock.

The MGCL or our Charter may limit the ability of our stockholders or us to recover on a claim against a director or officer who negligently causes us to incur losses.

The MGCL provides that a director has no liability in such capacity if he or she performs his or her duties in good faith, in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be in our best interests and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. A director who performs his or her duties in accordance with the foregoing standards should not be liable to us or any other person for failure to discharge his or her obligations as a director.

Table of Contents

In addition, our charter provides that our directors and officers will not be liable to us or our stockholders for monetary damages unless the director or officer actually received an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services, or is adjudged to be liable to us or our stockholders based on a finding that his or her action, or failure to act, was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and was material to the cause of action adjudicated in the proceeding. Our charter and bylaws also requires us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, to indemnify and, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification, pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to any individual who is a present or former director or officer and who is made or threatened to be made a party to, or witness in, the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity or any individual who, while a director or officer and at our request, serves or has served as a director, officer, partner, trustee, member or manager of another corporation, real estate investment trust, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise and who is made or threatened to be made a party to, or witness in, the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity. With the approval of our Board of Directors, we may provide such indemnification and advance for expenses to any individual who served a predecessor of the Company in any of the capacities described above and any employee or agent of the Company or a predecessor of the Company, including our Administrator and its affiliates.

We also are permitted to purchase and we currently maintain insurance or provide similar protection on behalf of any directors, officers, employees and agents, including our Administrator and its affiliates, against any liability asserted which was incurred in any such capacity with us or arising out of such status. This may result in us having to expend significant funds, which would reduce the available cash for distribution to our stockholders.

The liability of the Administrator and the Operator to us under the Master Services Agreement and the Investment Management Agreement, respectively, is limited and we and CIM Urban have agreed to indemnify the Administrator and the Operator, respectively, against certain liabilities. As a result, we could experience poor performance or losses for which neither the Administrator nor the Operator would be liable.

Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement, the Administrator has no responsibility other than to provide its services in good faith and will not be responsible for any action of our Board of Directors that follows or declines to follow the Administrator's advice or recommendations. Under the terms of the Master Services Agreement, none of the Administrator or any of its affiliates providing services under the Master Services Agreement will be liable to us, any subsidiary of ours party to the Master Services Agreement, any governing body (including any director or officer), stockholder or partner of any such entity for acts or omissions made pursuant to or in accordance with the Master Services Agreement, other than acts or omissions constituting fraud, willful misconduct, gross negligence or violation of certain laws or any other intentional or criminal wrongdoing or breach of the Master Services Agreement. Moreover, the aggregate liability of any such entities and persons pursuant to the Master Services Agreement is capped at the aggregate amount of the Base Service Fee and any transaction fees previously paid to the Administrator in the two most recent calendar years. In addition, we have agreed to indemnify the Administrator and any of its affiliates providing services under the Master Services Agreement, any affiliates of the Administrator and any directors, officers, stockholders, agents, subcontractors, contractors, delegates, members, partners, stockholders, employees and other representatives of each of them from and against all actions, suits, investigations, proceedings or claims except to the extent resulting from such person's fraud, willful misconduct, gross negligence or violation of certain laws or any other intentional or criminal wrongdoing or breach of the Master Services Agreement.

Pursuant to the Investment Management Agreement, the Operator is not liable to CIM Urban, CIM Urban GP or any manager or director of CIM Urban GP for, and CIM Urban has agreed to indemnify the Operator against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which it may become subject in connection with, among other things, (1) any act or omission performed or omitted by it or for any costs, damages or liabilities arising therefrom, in the absence of fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or a breach of the Investment Management Agreement or (2) any losses due to the negligence of any employees, brokers, or other agents of CIM Urban.

Risks Related to Real Estate Assets

Our operating performance is subject to risks associated with the real estate industry.

Real estate assets are subject to various risks and fluctuations and cycles in value and demand, many of which are beyond our control. Certain events may decrease cash available for distributions, as well as the value of our properties. These events include, but are not limited to:

- adverse changes in economic and socioeconomic conditions;

Table of Contents

- vacancies or our inability to rent space on favorable terms;
- adverse changes in financial conditions of buyers, sellers and tenants of properties;
- inability to collect rent from tenants;
- competition from real estate investors with significant capital, including but not limited to real estate operating companies, publicly-traded REITs and institutional investment funds;
- reductions in the level of demand for office and hotel space and changes in the relative popularity of properties;
- increases in the supply of office and hotel space;
- fluctuations in interest rates and the availability of credit, which could adversely affect our ability, or the ability of buyers and tenants of properties, to obtain financing on favorable terms or at all;
- dependence on third parties to provide leasing, brokerage, property management and other services with respect to certain of our assets;
- increases in expenses, including insurance costs, labor costs, utility prices, real estate assessments and other taxes and costs of compliance with laws, regulations and governmental policies, and our inability to pass on some or all of these increases to our tenants; and
- changes in, and changes in enforcement of, laws, regulations and governmental policies, including, without limitation, health, safety, environmental, zoning, real estate tax, federal and state laws, governmental fiscal policies and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended, which we refer to as the ADA.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

In addition, periods of economic slowdown or recession, rising interest rates or declining demand for real estate, or the public perception that any of these events may occur, could result in a general decline in rents or an increased incidence of defaults under existing leases. If we cannot operate our properties so as to meet our financial expectations, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock may be negatively impacted.

There can be no assurance that we will achieve our economic objectives.

Following the Potential Sale, a significant portion of our properties, by aggregate net operating income and square feet, will be located in California. We are, and will continue to be, dependent on the performance of the California real estate market and economy.

Because our properties in California (and particularly in Los Angeles and Sacramento) are and, following the Potential Sale, will continue to represent a significant portion of our portfolio by aggregate net operating income and square feet, we are exposed to greater economic risks than if we owned a more geographically diverse portfolio. We are susceptible to adverse developments in the California economic and regulatory environments (such as business layoffs or downsizing, industry slowdowns, relocations of businesses, increases in real estate and other taxes, costs of complying with governmental regulations or increased regulation and other factors) as well as natural disasters that occur in these areas (such as earthquakes, floods and other events). In addition, the State of California is regarded as more litigious and more highly regulated and taxed than many states, which may reduce demand for office and hotel space in California. Any adverse developments in the economy or real estate markets in California, or any decrease in demand for office and hotel space resulting from the California regulatory or business environments, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Capital and credit market conditions may adversely affect demand for our properties and the overall availability and cost of credit.

In periods when the capital and credit markets experience significant volatility, demand for our properties and the overall availability and cost of credit may be adversely affected. No assurances can be given that the capital and credit market conditions will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash

Table of Contents

flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

In addition, we could be adversely affected by significant volatility in the capital and credit markets as follows:

- the tenants in our office properties may experience a deterioration in their sales or other revenue, or experience a constraint on the availability of credit necessary to fund operations, which in turn may adversely impact those tenants' ability to pay contractual base rents and tenant recoveries. Some tenants may terminate their occupancy due to an inability to operate profitably for an extended period of time, impacting our ability to maintain occupancy levels; and
- constraints on the availability of credit to tenants, necessary to purchase and install improvements, fixtures and equipment and to fund business expenses, could impact our ability to procure new tenants for spaces currently vacant in existing office properties or properties under development.

Tenant concentration increases the risk that cash flow could be interrupted.

We are, and expect that we will continue to be, subject to a degree of tenant concentration at certain of our properties and/or across multiple properties. In the event that a tenant occupying a significant portion of one or more of our properties or whose rental income represents a significant portion of the rental revenue at such property or properties were to experience financial weakness or file bankruptcy, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

If a major tenant declares bankruptcy, we may be unable to collect balances due under relevant leases, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

The bankruptcy or insolvency of our tenants may adversely affect the income produced by our properties. Under bankruptcy law, a tenant cannot be evicted solely because of its bankruptcy and has the option to assume or reject any unexpired lease. If the tenant rejects the lease, any resulting claim we have for breach of the lease (other than to the extent of any collateral securing the claim) will be treated as a general unsecured claim. Our claim against the bankrupt tenant for unpaid and future rent will be subject to a statutory cap that might be substantially less than the remaining rent actually owed under the lease, and it is unlikely that a bankrupt tenant that rejects its lease would pay in full amounts it owes us under the lease. Even if a lease is assumed and brought current, we still run the risk that a tenant could condition lease assumption on a restructuring of certain terms, including rent, that would have an adverse impact on us. Any shortfall resulting from the bankruptcy of one or more of our tenants could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

In addition, the financial failure of, or other default by, one or more of the tenants to whom we have exposure could have an adverse effect on the results of our operations. While we evaluate the creditworthiness of our tenants by reviewing available financial and other pertinent information, there can be no assurance that any tenant will be able to make timely rental payments or avoid defaulting under its lease. If any of our tenants' businesses experience significant adverse changes, they may fail to make rental payments when due, exercise early termination rights (to the extent such rights are available to the tenant) or declare bankruptcy. A default by a significant tenant or multiple tenants could cause a material reduction in our revenues and operating cash flows. In addition, if a tenant defaults, we may incur substantial costs in protecting our asset.

We have assumed, and in the future may assume, liabilities in connection with our property acquisitions, including unknown liabilities.

In connection with the acquisition of properties, we may assume existing liabilities, some of which may have been unknown or unquantifiable at the time of the acquisition of assets. Unknown liabilities might include liabilities for cleanup or remediation of undisclosed environmental conditions, claims of tenants or other persons dealing with the sellers prior to our acquisition of the properties, tax liabilities, and accrued but unpaid liabilities whether incurred in the ordinary course of business or otherwise. If the magnitude of such unknown liabilities is high, either singly or in the aggregate, it could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Table of Contents

We may be adversely affected by trends in the office real estate industry

Telecommuting, flexible work schedules, open workspaces and teleconferencing are becoming more common. These practices enable businesses to reduce their space requirements. There is also an increasing trend among some businesses to utilize shared office space and co-working spaces. A continuation of the movement towards these practices could over time erode the overall demand for office space and, in turn, place downward pressure on occupancy, rental rates and property valuations.

We may be unable to renew leases or lease vacant office space.

As of June 30, 2018, 5.9% of the rentable square footage of our office portfolio was available for lease. As of June 30, 2018, 10.4% of the occupied square footage in our office portfolio was scheduled to expire in the next four quarters. Local economic environment may make the renewal of these leases more difficult, or renewal may occur at rental rates equal to or below existing rental rates. As a result, portions of our office properties may remain vacant for extended periods of time. In addition, we may have to offer substantial rent abatements, tenant improvements, concessions, early termination rights or below-market renewal options to attract new tenants or retain existing tenants. The factors described above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Following the Potential Sale, a significant portion of our net operating income will come from our hotel. As such, our operating performance is subject to risks associated with the lodging industry.

The success of our hotel property depends largely on the property operator's ability to adapt to dominant trends in the lodging industry as well as disruptions such as greater competitive pressures, increased consolidation, industry overbuilding, dependence on consumer spending patterns and changing demographics, the introduction of new concepts and products such as Airbnb®, Homeaway® and VRBO®, availability of labor, price levels and macroeconomic and microeconomic conditions. The success of a particular hotel brand, the ability of a hotel brand to fulfill any obligations to operators of our business, and trends in the lodging industry could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

The performance of the lodging industry has historically been closely linked to the performance of the general economy and, specifically, growth in U.S. gross domestic product. Since 2010, the lodging industry has had continued growth in line with that of the U.S. economy, but there can be no assurance of either any further increase in demand for hotel rooms from past levels or of the timing or extent of any such demand growth in the future.

The lodging industry is also sensitive to business and personal discretionary spending levels. The lodging industry could experience a significant decline in occupancy and average daily rates due to a reduction in business and/or leisure travel. General economic conditions, increased fuel costs, natural disasters and terrorist attacks are a few factors that could affect an individual's willingness to travel.

The seasonality of the lodging industry may cause quarterly fluctuations in our revenues.

The lodging industry is seasonal in nature, which may cause quarterly fluctuations in our revenues, occupancy levels, room rates, operating expenses and cash flows. Our quarterly earnings may be adversely affected by factors outside our control, including timing of holidays, weather conditions, poor economic factors and competition in the area of our hotel. We can provide no assurances that our cash flows will be sufficient to offset any shortfalls that occur as a result of these fluctuations. As a result, we may have to enter into short-term borrowings in certain quarters in order to make distributions to our stockholders, and we can provide no assurances that such borrowings will be available on favorable terms, if at all. Consequently, volatility in our financial performance resulting from the seasonality of the lodging industry could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

The cyclical nature of the lodging industry may cause fluctuations in our operating performance, which could have a material adverse effect on us.

The lodging industry historically has been highly cyclical in nature. Fluctuations in lodging demand and, therefore, hotel operating performance, are caused largely by general economic and local market conditions, which subsequently affect levels of business and leisure travel. In addition to general economic conditions, new hotel room supply is an important factor that can affect the lodging industry's performance, and overbuilding has the potential to further exacerbate the negative impact of an economic recession. Room rates and occupancy, and thus RevPAR, tend to increase when demand growth exceeds supply growth. We can provide no assurances regarding whether, or the extent to which, lodging

Table of Contents

demand will rebound or whether any such rebound will be sustained. An adverse change in lodging fundamentals could result in returns that are substantially below our expectations or result in losses, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Our hotel has an ongoing need for renovations and potentially significant capital expenditures and the costs of such activities may exceed our expectations or cause other problems.

From time to time we will need to make capital expenditures to comply with applicable laws and regulations, to remain competitive with other hotels and to maintain the economic value of our hotel. Occupancy and average daily rate, or ADR, are often affected by the maintenance and capital improvements at a hotel, especially in the event that the maintenance or improvements are not completed on schedule or if the improvements require significant closures at the hotel. The costs of capital improvements we need or choose to make could harm our financial condition and reduce amounts available for distribution to our stockholders. These capital improvements may give rise to the following additional risks, among others:

- construction cost overruns and delays;
- a possible shortage of available cash to fund capital improvements and the related possibility that financing for these capital improvements may not be available to us on affordable terms;
- uncertainties as to market demand or a loss of market demand after capital improvements have begun;
- disruption in service and room availability causing reduced demand, occupancy and rates;
- possible environmental problems; and
- disputes with our manager/franchise owner regarding our compliance with the requirements under our management or franchise agreements.

The increasing use of online travel intermediaries by consumers may adversely affect our profitability.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Some of our hotel rooms are booked through online travel intermediaries, including, but not limited to, Travelocity.com, Expedia.com and Priceline.com. As online bookings increase, these intermediaries may demand higher commissions, reduced room rates or other significant contract concessions. Moreover, some of these online travel intermediaries are attempting to offer hotel rooms as a commodity, by increasing the importance of price and general indicators of quality (such as three-star downtown hotel) at the expense of brand identification. These intermediaries hope that consumers will eventually develop brand loyalties to their reservations systems rather than to particular hotels. Although most of the business for our hotel is expected to be derived from consumer direct and traditional hotel channels, such as travel agencies, corporate accounts, meeting planners and recognized wholesale operators, if the amount of sales made through online intermediaries increases significantly, room revenues may be lower than expected, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Increased use of technology may reduce the need for business-related travel.

The increased use of teleconference and video-conference technology by businesses could result in decreased business travel as companies increase the use of technologies that allow multiple parties from different locations to participate at meetings without traveling to a centralized meeting location. To the extent that such technologies play an increased role in day-to-day business and the necessity for business-related travel decreases, hotel room demand may decrease, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

We are subject to risks associated with the employment of hotel personnel, particularly with respect to unionized labor.

Our third-party manager is responsible for hiring and maintaining the labor force at our hotel. As owner of our hotel, we are responsible and subject to many of the costs and risks generally associated with the hotel labor force, particularly with respect to unionized labor. From time to time, hotel operations may be disrupted as a result of strikes, lockouts, public demonstrations or other negative actions and publicity. We also may incur increased legal costs and indirect labor costs as a result of contract disputes or other events. The resolution of labor disputes or re-negotiated labor

Table of Contents

contracts could lead to increased labor costs, either by increases in wages or benefits or by changes in work rules that raise hotel operating costs. We do not have the ability to affect the outcome of these negotiations.

We may be unable to deploy capital in a way that grows our business and, even if consummated, we may fail to successfully integrate and operate acquired properties.

We plan to deploy capital in additional real estate assets as opportunities arise. Our ability to do so on favorable terms and/or successfully integrate and operate them is subject to the following significant risks:

- we may be unable to deploy capital in additional real estate assets because of competition from real estate investors with better access to less expensive capital, including real estate operating companies, publicly-traded REITs and investment funds;
- we may acquire properties that are not accretive to our results upon acquisition, and we may not successfully manage and lease those properties to meet our expectations;
- competition from other potential acquirers may significantly increase purchase prices;
- acquired properties may be located in new markets where we may face risks associated with a lack of market knowledge or understanding of the local economy, lack of business relationships in the area and unfamiliarity with local governmental and permitting procedures;
- we may be unable to generate sufficient cash from operations or obtain the necessary debt or equity financing to consummate a transaction on favorable terms or at all;
- we may need to spend more money than anticipated to make necessary improvements or renovations to acquired properties;
- we may spend significant time and money on potential transactions that we do not consummate;

- we may be unable to quickly and efficiently integrate new acquisitions into our existing operations;
- we may suffer higher than expected vacancy rates and/or lower than expected rental rates; and
- we may acquire properties without any recourse, or with only limited recourse, for liabilities against the former owners of the properties.

If we cannot complete real estate transactions on favorable terms, or operate acquired assets to meet our goals or expectations, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock could be materially adversely affected.

We may be unable to successfully expand our operations into new markets.

The risks described in the immediately preceding risk factor that are applicable to our ability to acquire and successfully integrate and operate properties in the markets in which our properties are located are also applicable to our ability to acquire and successfully integrate and operate properties in new markets. In addition to these risks, we may not possess the same level of familiarity with the dynamics and market conditions of certain new markets that we may enter, which could adversely affect our ability to expand into those markets. We may be unable to build a significant market share or achieve a desired return on our assets in new markets. If we are unsuccessful in expanding into new markets, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

We may deploy capital outside of the United States, which would subject us to additional risks that may affect our operations unfavorably.

We may deploy some of our capital outside of the United States. Such deployment of capital in foreign countries could be affected unfavorably by changes in exchange rates due to political and economic factors, including inflation. Because non-U.S. companies are not subject to uniform accounting, auditing and financial reporting standards, practices and requirements comparable with those applicable to U.S. companies, there may be different types of, and lower quality,

Table of Contents

information available about non-U.S. companies and their assets. This may affect our ability to underwrite and evaluate proposed deployment of capital in foreign countries or to obtain appropriate financial reports relating to such deployment. In addition, with respect to certain countries, there may be an increased potential for corrupt business practices, or the possibility of expropriation or confiscatory taxation, political or social instability, or diplomatic developments that could affect our deployment of capital in those countries. Moreover, individual economies could differ unfavorably from the U.S. economy in such respects as growth of gross national product, rate of inflation, changes in currency rates and exchange control regulations and capital reinvestment. As a result of the factors described in this paragraph, any capital deployed outside of the United States may be subject to a higher degree of risk; there can also be no assurance that any such deployment will generate returns comparable to similar deployment of capital made in the United States.

We are subject to risks and liabilities unique to joint venture relationships.

We may contemplate acquisitions of properties through joint ventures and sales to institutions of partial ownership of properties that we wholly own. Joint venture involves certain risks, including for example:

- disputes with joint venture partners might affect our ability to develop, operate or dispose of a property;
- the refinancing of unconsolidated joint venture debt may require additional equity commitments on our part;
- joint venture partners may control or share certain approval rights over major decisions or might have economic or other business interests or goals that are inconsistent with our business interests or goals that would affect our ability to operate the property;
- we may be forced to fulfill the obligations of a joint venture or of joint venture partners who default on their obligations including those related to debt or interest rate swaps; and
- there may be conflicts of interests because our joint venture partners may have varying interests such as different needs for liquidity, different assessments of the market, different tax objectives or ownership of competing interests in properties in our markets.

The occurrence of one or more of the foregoing events could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Our properties may be subject to impairment charges.

We routinely evaluate our assets for impairment indicators. The judgment regarding the existence and magnitude of impairment indicators is based on factors such as market conditions, tenant performance and lease structure. For example, the early termination of, or default under, a lease by a tenant may lead to an impairment charge. If we determine that an impairment has occurred, we will be required to make a downward adjustment to the net carrying value of the property, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the period in which the impairment charge is recorded. Negative developments in the real estate market may cause management to reevaluate the business and macro-economic assumptions used in its impairment analysis. Changes in management's assumptions based on actual results may have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

We may obtain only limited warranties when we purchase a property and typically have only limited recourse in the event our due diligence did not identify any issues that lower the value of our property.

The seller of a property often sells such property in as is condition on a where is basis and with all faults, without any warranties of merchantability or fitness for a particular use or purpose. In addition, purchase agreements may contain only limited warranties, representations and indemnifications that survive for only a limited period after the closing and with a cap on recoverable damages. In the event we purchase a property with a limited warranty, there will be an increased risk that we will lose some or all of our capital in the property.

We may be unable to sell a property if or when we decide to do so, including as a result of uncertain market conditions.

Real estate assets are, in general, relatively illiquid and may become even more illiquid during periods of economic downturn. As a result, we may not be able to sell our properties quickly or on favorable terms in response to changes in the economy or other conditions when it otherwise may be prudent to do so. In addition, certain significant expenditures generally do not change in response to economic or other conditions, including debt service obligations, real

Table of Contents

estate taxes, and operating and maintenance costs. This combination of variable revenue and relatively fixed expenditures may result, under certain market conditions, in reduced earnings. Therefore, we may be unable to adjust our portfolio promptly in response to economic, market or other conditions, which could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Some of our leases may not include periodic rental increases, or the rental increases may be less than the fair market rate at a future point in time. In either case, the value of the leased property to a potential purchaser may not increase over time, which may restrict our ability to sell that property, or if we are able to sell that property, may result in a sale price less than the price that we paid to purchase the property or the price that could be obtained if the rental was at the then-current market rate.

We expect to hold our various real properties until such time as we decide that a sale or other disposition is appropriate given our business objectives. Our ability to dispose of properties on advantageous terms or at all depends on certain factors beyond our control, including competition from other sellers and the availability of attractive financing for potential buyers of our properties. We cannot predict the various market conditions affecting real estate assets which will exist at any particular time in the future. Due to the uncertainty of market conditions which may affect the disposition of our properties, we cannot assure our stockholders that we will be able to sell such properties at a profit or at all in the future. Accordingly, the extent to which our stockholders will receive cash distributions and realize potential appreciation on our real estate assets will depend upon fluctuating market conditions. Furthermore, we may be required to expend funds to correct defects or to make improvements before a property can be sold. We cannot assure our stockholders that we will have funds available to correct such defects or to make such improvements.

We may be unable to secure funds for our future long-term liquidity needs.

Our long-term liquidity needs will consist primarily of funds necessary for acquisitions of assets, development or repositioning of properties, capital expenditures, refinancing of indebtedness, paying distributions on our Preferred Stock or any other preferred stock we may issue and redemption of our Preferred Stock (if we choose to pay the redemption price in cash instead of in shares of our Common Stock) and distributions on our Common Stock. We may not have sufficient funds on hand or may not be able to obtain additional financing to cover all of these long-term cash requirements although, it should be noted that we do not currently have any significant property development or repositioning projects planned. The nature of our business, and the requirements imposed by REIT rules that we distribute a substantial majority of our REIT taxable income on an annual basis in the form of dividends, may cause us to have substantial liquidity needs over the long-term. We may seek to satisfy our long-term liquidity needs through one or more of the following methods: (i) offerings of shares of Common Stock, preferred stock, senior unsecured securities, and/or other equity and debt securities; (ii) credit facilities and term loans; (iii) the addition of senior recourse or non-recourse debt using target acquisitions as well as existing assets as collateral; (iv) the sale of existing assets; and/or (v) cash flows from operations. These sources of funding may not be available on attractive terms or at all. If we cannot obtain additional funding for our long-term liquidity needs, our assets may generate lower cash flow or decline in value, or both, which may cause us to sell assets at a time when we would not otherwise do so and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Income from our long-term leases is an important source of our cash flow from operations and is subject to risks related to increases in expenses and inflation.

We are exposed to risks related to increases in market lease rates and inflation, as income from long-term leases is an important source of our cash flow from operations. Leases of long-term duration or which include renewal options that specify a maximum rate increase may result in

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

below-market lease rates over time if we do not accurately estimate inflation or market lease rates. Provisions of our leases designed to mitigate the risk of inflation and unexpected increases in market lease rates, such as periodic rental increases, may not adequately protect us from the impact of inflation or unexpected increases in market lease rates. If we are subject to below-market lease rates on a significant number of our properties pursuant to long-term leases and our operating and other expenses are increasing faster than anticipated, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock could be materially adversely affected.

Table of Contents

We may finance properties with lock-out provisions, which may prohibit us from selling a property or may require us to maintain specified debt levels for a period of years on some properties.

A lock-out provision is a provision that prohibits the prepayment of a loan during a specified period of time. Lock-out provisions may include terms that provide strong financial disincentives for borrowers to prepay their outstanding loan balance. If a property is subject to a lock-out provision, we may be materially restricted from or delayed in selling or otherwise disposing of or refinancing such property. Lock-out provisions may prohibit us from reducing the outstanding indebtedness with respect to any properties, refinancing such indebtedness at maturity, or increasing the amount of indebtedness with respect to such properties. Lock-out provisions could impair our ability to take other actions during the lock-out period that could be in the best interests of our stockholders and, therefore, may have an adverse impact on the value of our securities relative to the value that would result if the lock-out provisions did not exist. In particular, lock-out provisions could preclude us from participating in major transactions that could result in a disposition of our assets or a change of control even though that disposition or change of control might be in the best interests of our stockholders.

Increased operating expenses could reduce cash flow from operations and funds available to deploy capital or make distributions.

Our properties are subject to operating risks that are common to real estate in general, any or all of which may negatively affect us. If any property is not fully occupied or if rents are payable (or are being paid) in an amount that is insufficient to cover operating expenses that are our responsibility under the lease, we could be required to expend funds in excess of such rents with respect to that property for operating expenses. Our properties are subject to increases in tax rates, utility costs, insurance costs, repairs and maintenance costs, administrative costs and other operating and ownership expenses. Our property leases may not require the tenants to pay all or a portion of these expenses, in which event we may be responsible for these costs. If we are unable to lease properties on terms that require the tenants to pay all or some of the properties operating expenses, if our tenants fail to pay these expenses as required or if expenses we are required to pay exceed our expectations, we could have less funds available for future acquisitions or cash available for distributions to our stockholders.

The market environment may adversely affect our operating results, financial condition and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

Any deterioration of domestic or international financial markets could impact the availability of credit or contribute to rising costs of obtaining credit and therefore, could have the potential to adversely affect the value of our assets, the availability or the terms of financing, our ability to make principal and interest payments on, or refinance, any indebtedness and/or, for our leased properties, the ability of our tenants to enter into new leasing transactions or satisfy their obligations, including the payment of rent, under existing leases. The market environment also could affect our operating results and financial condition as follows:

- **Debt Markets** The debt market is sensitive to the macro environment, such as Federal Reserve policy, market sentiment, or regulatory factors affecting the banking and commercial mortgage backed securities (CMBS) industries. Should overall borrowing costs increase, due to either increases in index rates or increases in lender spreads, our operations may generate lower returns.

- **Real Estate Markets** While incremental demand growth has helped to reduce vacancy rates and support modest rental growth in recent years, and while improving fundamentals have resulted in gains in property values, in many markets property values, occupancy and rental rates continue to be below those previously experienced before the most recent economic downturn. If recent improvements in the economy reverse course, the properties we acquire could substantially decrease in value after we purchase them. Consequently, we may not be able to recover the carrying amount of our properties, which may require us to recognize an impairment charge or record a loss on sale in our earnings.

Real estate-related taxes may increase, and if these increases are not passed on to tenants, our income will be reduced.

Local real property tax assessors may reassess our properties, which may result in increased taxes. Generally, property taxes increase as property values or assessment rates change, or for other reasons deemed relevant by property tax assessors. An increase in the assessed valuation of a property for real estate tax purposes will result in an increase in the related real estate taxes on that property. Although some tenant leases may permit us to pass through such tax increases to the tenants for payment, renewal leases or future leases may not be negotiated on the same basis. Tax increases not passed through to tenants could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Table of Contents

Our operating results may be negatively affected by development and construction delays and the resultant increased costs and risks.

If we engage in development or construction projects, we will be subject to uncertainties associated with re-zoning for development, environmental and land use concerns of governmental entities and/or community groups, and our builder's ability to build in conformity with plans, specifications, budgeted costs, and timetables. If a builder fails to perform, we may resort to legal action to rescind the breached agreement or to compel performance. A builder's performance may also be affected or delayed by conditions beyond the builder's control. Delays in completion of construction could also give tenants the right to terminate preconstruction leases. We may incur additional risks if we make periodic progress payments or other advances to builders before they complete construction. These and other such factors can result in increased costs of a project or loss of our asset. In addition, we will be subject to normal lease-up risks relating to newly constructed projects. We also must rely on rental income and expense projections and estimates of the fair market value of property upon completion of construction when agreeing upon a price at the time we acquire the property. If our projections are inaccurate, we may pay too much for a property, and our return on our assets could suffer.

We may deploy capital in unimproved real property. Returns from development of unimproved properties are also subject to risks associated with re-zoning the land for development and environmental and land use concerns of governmental entities and/or community groups.

We face significant competition.

Our office portfolio competes with a number of developers, owners and operators of office real estate, many of which own properties similar to ours in the same markets in which our properties are located. If our competitors offer space at rental rates below current market rates, or below the rental rates we currently charge our tenants, we may lose existing or potential tenants and may not be able to replace them, and we may be pressured to reduce our rental rates below those we currently charge or to offer more substantial rent abatements, tenant improvements, early termination rights or below-market renewal options in order to retain tenants when our tenants' leases expire. As a result of any of the foregoing factors, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock may be materially adversely affected.

Our hotel property competes for guests primarily with other hotels in the immediate vicinity of our hotel and secondarily with other hotels in the geographic market of our hotel. An increase in the number of competitive hotels in these areas could have a material adverse effect on the occupancy, average daily rate and RevPAR of our hotel.

Terrorism and war could harm our operating results and could materially and adversely affect demand for our hotel.

The strength and profitability of our business depends on demand for and the value of our properties. Future terrorist attacks in the United States, such as the attacks that occurred in New York and the District of Columbia on September 11, 2001 and in Boston on April 15, 2013, and other acts of terrorism or war may have a negative impact on our operations. Terrorist attacks in the United States and elsewhere may result in declining economic activity, which could harm the demand for and the value of our properties. In addition, the public perception that certain locations are at greater risk for attack, such as major airports, ports, and rail facilities, may decrease the demand for and the value of our properties near these sites. A decrease in demand could make it difficult for us to renew or re-lease our properties at these sites at lease rates equal to or above historical rates. Such terrorist attacks could have an adverse impact on our business even if they are not directed at our

properties.

Previous terrorist attacks and subsequent terrorist alerts have adversely affected the U.S. travel and hospitality industries since 2001, often disproportionately to the effect on the overall economy. The extent of the impact that actual or threatened terrorist attacks in the United States or elsewhere could have on domestic and international travel and our business in particular cannot be determined, but any such attacks or the threat of such attacks could have a material adverse effect on travel and hotel demand and our ability to finance our hospitality business.

In addition, the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001 have substantially affected the availability and price of insurance coverage for certain types of damages or occurrences, and our insurance policies for terrorism include large deductibles and co-payments. Although we maintain terrorism insurance coverage on our portfolio, the amount of our terrorism insurance coverage may not be sufficient to cover losses inflicted by terrorism and therefore could expose us to significant losses and have a negative impact on our operations.

Table of Contents

In connection with the ownership and operation of real estate properties, we may be potentially liable for costs and damages related to environmental matters.

Environmental laws regulate, and impose liability for, releases of hazardous or toxic substances into the environment. Under some of these laws, an owner or operator of real estate may be liable for costs related to soil or groundwater contamination on or migrating to or from its property. In addition, persons who arrange for the disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances may be liable for the costs of cleaning up contamination at the disposal site.

These laws often impose liability regardless of whether the person knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of the hazardous or toxic substances that caused the contamination. The presence of, or contamination resulting from, any of these substances, or the failure to properly remediate them, may adversely affect our ability to sell or rent our property, to borrow using the property as collateral or create lender's liability for us. In addition, third parties exposed to hazardous or toxic substances may sue for personal injury damages and/or property damages. For example, some laws impose liability for release of or exposure to asbestos-containing materials. As a result, in connection with our former, current or future ownership, operation, and development of real properties, or our role as a lender for loans secured directly or indirectly by real estate properties, we may be potentially liable for investigation and cleanup costs, penalties and damages under environmental laws.

Although many of our properties have been subjected to preliminary environmental assessments, known as Phase I assessments, by independent environmental consultants that identify certain liabilities, Phase I assessments are limited in scope, and may not include or identify all potential environmental liabilities or risks associated with a property. Unless required by applicable law, we may decide not to further investigate, remedy or ameliorate the liabilities disclosed in the Phase I assessments.

Further, these or other environmental studies may not identify all potential environmental liabilities or accurately assess whether we will incur material environmental liabilities in the future. If we do incur material environmental liabilities in the future, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock could be materially adversely affected.

Changes in U.S. accounting standards regarding operating leases may make the leasing of our properties less attractive to our potential tenants, which could reduce overall demand for our leasing services.

Under current authoritative accounting guidance for leases, a lease is classified by a tenant as a capital lease if the significant risks and rewards of ownership are considered to reside with the tenant. Under capital lease accounting for a tenant, both the leased asset and liability are reflected on its balance sheet. If the lease does not meet the criteria for a capital lease, the lease is to be considered an operating lease by the tenant, and the obligation does not appear on the tenant's balance sheet; rather, the contractual future minimum payment obligations are only disclosed in the footnotes thereto. Thus, entering into an operating lease can appear to enhance a tenant's balance sheet in comparison to direct ownership. The Financial Accounting Standards Board, which we refer to as the FASB, and the International Accounting Standards Board conducted a joint project to re-evaluate lease accounting. In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update, or ASU, 2016-02, *Leases* (ASU 2016-02), which will require that a tenant recognize assets and liabilities on the balance sheet for all leases with a lease term of more than 12 months, with the result being the recognition of a right of use asset and a lease liability and the disclosure of key information about the entity's leasing arrangements. These and other potential changes to the accounting guidance could affect both our accounting for leases as well as that of our current and potential tenants. These changes may affect how our real estate leasing business is conducted. For example, with the ASU 2016-02 revision, companies may be less willing to enter into leases in general or desire to enter into leases with shorter terms because the apparent benefits to their balance sheets under current practice could be reduced or eliminated. This impact in turn could make it more difficult

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

for us to enter into leases on terms we find favorable. The amendments in ASU 2016-02 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years.

Changes in accounting standards may adversely impact our financial condition and/or results of operations.

We are subject to the rules and regulations of the U.S. Financial Accounting Standards Board related to generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, which we refer to as GAAP. Various changes to GAAP are constantly being considered, some of which could materially impact our reported financial condition and/or results of operations. Also, to the extent publicly traded companies in the United States would be required in the future to prepare financial statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards instead of the current GAAP, this change in accounting standards could materially affect our financial condition or results of operations.

Table of Contents

Compliance with the ADA and fire, safety and other regulations may require us to make unanticipated expenditures that could significantly reduce the cash available for distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Our properties are subject to regulation under federal laws, such as the ADA, pursuant to which all public accommodations must meet federal requirements related to access and use by disabled persons. Although we believe that our properties substantially comply with present requirements of the ADA, we have not conducted an audit or investigation of all of our properties to determine our compliance. If one or more of our properties or future properties are not in compliance with the ADA, we might be required to take remedial action, which would require us to incur additional costs to bring the property into compliance. Noncompliance with the ADA could also result in imposition of fines or an award of damages to private litigants.

Additional federal, state and local laws also may require modifications to our properties or restrict our ability to renovate our properties. We cannot predict the ultimate amount of the cost of compliance with the ADA or other legislation.

In addition, our properties are subject to various federal, state and local regulatory requirements, such as state and local earthquake, fire and life safety requirements. If we were to fail to comply with these various requirements, we might incur governmental fines or private damage awards. If we incur substantial costs to comply with the ADA or any other regulatory requirements, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock could be materially adversely affected. Local regulations, including municipal or local ordinances, zoning restrictions and restrictive covenants imposed by community developers may restrict our use of our properties and may require us to obtain approval from local officials or community standards organizations at any time with respect to our properties, including prior to acquiring a property or when undertaking renovations of any of our existing properties.

Risks Related to Our Debt Financing

We have incurred indebtedness and may incur significant additional indebtedness on a consolidated basis.

As of June 30, 2018, our total consolidated indebtedness was \$666,932,000. We may incur significant additional indebtedness to fund future acquisitions, development activities and operational needs. The degree of leverage could make us more vulnerable to a downturn in business or the economy generally.

Payments of principal and interest on our borrowings may leave us with insufficient cash resources to operate our properties and/or pay distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock. The incurrence of substantial outstanding indebtedness, and the limitations imposed by our debt agreements, could have significant other adverse consequences, including the following:

- our cash flows may be insufficient to meet our required principal and interest payments;

- we may be unable to borrow additional funds as needed or on favorable terms, which could, among other things, adversely affect our liquidity for acquisitions or operations;
- we may be unable to refinance our indebtedness at maturity or the refinancing terms may be less favorable than the terms of our existing indebtedness;
- we may be forced to dispose of one or more of our properties, possibly on disadvantageous terms;
- we may violate restrictive covenants in our debt documents, which would entitle the lenders to accelerate our debt obligations;
- we may default on our obligations and the lenders or mortgagees may foreclose on our properties and take possession of any collateral that secures their loans; and
- our default under any of our indebtedness with cross-default provisions could result in a default on other indebtedness.

If any one of these events occurs, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock may be materially adversely affected. In addition, any foreclosure on our properties could create taxable income without the

Table of Contents

accompanying cash proceeds, which could adversely affect our ability to meet the REIT distribution requirements imposed by the Code.

We intend to rely in part on external sources of capital to fund future capital needs and, if we encounter difficulty in obtaining such capital, we may not be able to meet maturing obligations or make additional acquisitions.

In order to qualify and maintain our qualification as a REIT under the Code, we are required, among other things, to distribute annually to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (which does not equal net income as calculated in accordance with GAAP), determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and excluding any net capital gain. Because of this dividend requirement, we may not be able to fund from cash retained from operations all of our future capital needs, including capital needed to refinance maturing obligations or make new acquisitions.

The capital and credit markets have experienced extreme volatility and disruption in recent years. Market volatility and disruption could hinder our ability to obtain new debt financing or refinance our maturing debt on favorable terms or at all or to raise debt and equity capital. Our access to capital will depend upon a number of factors, including:

- general market conditions;
- government action or regulation, including changes in tax law;
- the market's perception of our future growth potential;
- the extent of stockholder interest;
- analyst reports about us and the REIT industry;
- the general reputation of REITs and the attractiveness of their equity securities in comparison to other equity securities, including securities issued by other real estate-based companies;
- our financial performance and that of our tenants;

- our current debt levels;
- our current and expected future earnings; and
- our cash flow and cash distributions, including our ability to satisfy the dividend requirements applicable to REITs.

If we are unable to obtain needed capital on satisfactory terms or at all, we may not be able to meet our obligations and commitments as they mature or make any new acquisitions.

High interest rates may make it difficult for us to finance or refinance assets, which could reduce the number of properties we can acquire and the amount of cash distributions we can make.

We run the risk of being unable to finance or refinance our assets on favorable terms or at all. If interest rates are high when we desire to mortgage our assets or when existing loans come due and the assets need to be refinanced, we may not be able to, or may choose not to, finance the assets and we would be required to use cash to purchase or repay outstanding obligations. Our inability to use debt to finance or refinance our assets could reduce the number of assets we can acquire, which could reduce our operating cash flow and the amount of cash distributions we can make to our stockholders. Higher costs of capital also could negatively impact our operating cash flow and returns on our assets.

Increases in interest rates could increase the amount of our debt payments and adversely affect our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

We have incurred indebtedness, and in the future may incur additional indebtedness, that bears interest at a variable rate. To the extent that we incur variable rate debt and do not hedge our exposure thereunder, increases in interest rates would increase the amounts payable under such indebtedness, which could reduce our operating cash flows and our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders. In addition, if our existing indebtedness matures or otherwise becomes payable during a period of rising interest rates, we could be required to liquidate one or more of our assets at times that may prevent realization of the maximum return on such assets.

Table of Contents

We may not be able to generate sufficient cash flow to meet our debt service obligations.

Our ability to make payments on and to refinance our indebtedness, and to fund our operations, working capital and capital expenditures, depends on our ability to generate cash. To a certain extent, our cash flow is subject to general economic, industry, financial, competitive, operating, legislative, regulatory and other factors, many of which are beyond our control.

We cannot assure our stockholders that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future sources of cash will be available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay amounts due on our indebtedness or to fund our other liquidity needs.

Additionally, if we incur additional indebtedness in connection with any future deployment of capital or development projects or for any other purpose, our debt service obligations could increase. We may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness before maturity. Our ability to refinance our indebtedness or obtain additional financing will depend on, among other things:

- our financial condition and market conditions at the time;
- restrictions in the agreements governing our indebtedness;
- general economic and capital market conditions;
- the availability of credit from banks or other lenders; and
- our results of operations.

As a result, we may not be able to refinance our indebtedness on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. If we do not generate sufficient cash flow from operations, and additional borrowings or refinancing or proceeds of asset sales or other sources of cash are not available to us, we may not have sufficient cash to enable us to meet all of our obligations. Accordingly, if we cannot service our indebtedness, we may have to take actions such as seeking additional equity, or delaying any strategic acquisitions and alliances or capital expenditures, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Lenders may require us to enter into restrictive covenants relating to our operations, which could limit our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

In connection with providing us financing, a lender could impose restrictions on us that affect our distribution and operating policies and our ability to incur additional debt. Loan documents we enter into may contain covenants that limit our ability to further mortgage the property or discontinue insurance coverage. These or other limitations imposed by a lender may adversely affect our flexibility and limit our ability to pay distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Interest-only indebtedness may increase our risk of default and ultimately may reduce our funds available for distribution to our stockholders.

We may finance some of our property acquisitions using interest-only mortgage indebtedness. During the interest-only period, the amount of each scheduled payment will be less than that of a traditional amortizing mortgage loan. The principal balance of the mortgage loan will not be reduced (except in the case of prepayments) because there are no scheduled monthly payments of principal during this period. After the interest-only period, we will be required either to make scheduled payments of amortized principal and interest or to make a lump-sum or balloon payment at maturity. These required principal or balloon payments will increase the amount of our scheduled payments and may increase our risk of default under the related mortgage loan. If the mortgage loan has an adjustable interest rate, the amount of our scheduled payments also may increase at a time of rising interest rates. Increased payments and substantial principal or balloon maturity payments will reduce the funds available for distribution to our stockholders because cash otherwise available for distribution will be required to pay principal and interest associated with these mortgage loans.

Our ability to make a balloon payment at maturity is uncertain and may depend upon our ability to obtain additional financing or our ability to sell the property. At the time the balloon payment is due, we may or may not be able to refinance the loan on terms as favorable as the original loan or sell the property at a price sufficient to make the balloon

Table of Contents

payment. The effect of a refinancing or sale could affect the rate of return to stockholders and the projected time of disposition of our assets. In addition, payments of principal and interest made to service our debts may leave us with insufficient cash to pay the distributions that we are required to pay to maintain our qualification as a REIT. Any of these results would have a significant, negative impact on the value of our securities.

We have entered, or may in the future enter, into hedging transactions that could expose us to contingent liabilities in the future and materially adversely impact our financial condition and results of operations.

Subject to maintaining our qualification as a REIT, we have entered, or may in the future enter, into hedging transactions that could require us to fund cash payments in certain circumstances (e.g., the early termination of the hedging instrument caused by an event of default or other early termination event, or the decision by a counterparty to request margin securities it is contractually owed under the terms of the hedging instrument), which could in turn result in economic losses to us.

In addition, certain of the hedging instruments that we may enter into could involve additional risks if they are not traded on regulated exchanges, guaranteed by an exchange or our clearing house, or regulated by any U.S. or foreign governmental authorities. It cannot be assured that a liquid secondary market will exist for hedging instruments that we may enter into in the future, and we may be required to maintain a position until exercise or expiration, which could result in significant losses.

We intend to record any derivative and hedging transactions we enter into in accordance with GAAP. However, we may choose not to pursue, or fail to qualify for, hedge accounting treatment relating to such derivative instruments. As a result, our operating results may suffer because losses, if any, on these derivative instruments may not be offset by a change in the fair value of the related hedged transaction or item. Any losses sustained as a result of our hedging transactions would be reflected in our results of operations, and our ability to fund these obligations will depend on the liquidity of our assets and access to capital at the time, and the need to fund these obligations could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Risks Related to Our Lending Operations

Our lending operations expose us to a high degree of risk associated with real estate.

The performance and value of our loans depends upon many factors beyond our control. The ultimate performance and value of our loans are subject to risks associated with the ownership and operation of the properties which collateralize our loans, including the property owner's ability to operate the property with sufficient cash flow to meet debt service requirements. The performance and value of the properties collateralizing our loans may be adversely affected by:

- changes in national or regional economic conditions;

- changes in real estate market conditions due to changes in national, regional or local economic conditions or property market characteristics;
- competition from other properties;
- changes in interest rates and the condition of the debt and equity capital markets;
- the ongoing need for capital repairs and improvements;
- increases in real estate tax rates and other operating expenses (including utilities);
- adverse changes in governmental rules and fiscal policies; acts of God, including earthquakes, hurricanes and other natural disasters; acts of war or terrorism; or a decrease in the availability of or an increase in the cost of insurance;
- adverse changes in zoning laws;
- the impact of environmental legislation and compliance with environmental laws; and
- other factors that are beyond our control or the control of the commercial property owners.

Table of Contents

In the event that any of the properties underlying our loans experience any of the foregoing events or occurrences, the value of, and return on, such loans may be negatively impacted, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

There are significant risks related to loans originated under the SBA 7(a) Program.

Many of our borrowers under the Small Business Administration's, or the SBA's, 7(a) Guaranteed Loan Program, which we refer to as the SBA 7(a) Program, are privately-owned businesses. There is typically no publicly available information about these businesses; therefore, we must rely on our own due diligence to obtain information in connection with our decisions. Our borrowers may not meet net income, cash flow and other coverage tests typically imposed by banks. A borrower's ability to repay its loan may be adversely impacted by numerous factors, including a downturn in its industry or other negative local or macro-economic conditions. Deterioration in a borrower's financial condition and prospects may be accompanied by deterioration in the collateral for the loan. In addition, small businesses typically depend on the management talents and efforts of one person or a small group of people for their success. The loss of services of one or more of these persons could have an adverse impact on the operations of the small business. Small companies are typically more vulnerable to customer preferences, market conditions and economic downturns and often need additional capital to maintain the business, expand or compete. These factors may have an impact on the ultimate recovery of our loans receivable from such businesses. Loans to small businesses, therefore, involve a high degree of business and financial risk, which can result in substantial losses and accordingly should be considered speculative. The factors described above could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Our loans secured by real estate and our real estate owned, which we refer to as REO, properties are typically illiquid and their values may decrease.

Our loans secured by real estate and our real estate acquired through foreclosure are typically illiquid. Therefore, we may be unable to vary our portfolio promptly in response to changing economic, financial and investment conditions. As a result, the fair market value of these assets may decrease in the future and losses may result. The illiquid nature of our loans may adversely affect our ability to dispose of such loans at times when it may be advantageous or necessary for us to liquidate such assets, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Our lending operations have an industry concentration, which may negatively impact our financial condition and results of operations.

A majority of our revenue from the lending operations is generated from loans collateralized by hospitality properties. At June 30, 2018, our loans subject to credit risk were 97.0% concentrated in the hospitality industry. Any factors that negatively impact the hospitality industry, including recessions, severe weather events (such as hurricanes, blizzards, floods, etc.), depressed commercial real estate markets, travel restrictions, bankruptcies or other political or geopolitical events or the introduction of new concepts and products such as Airbnb®, Homeaway® and VRBO®, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Establishing loan loss reserves entails significant judgment and may negatively impact our results of operations.

We have a quarterly review process to identify and evaluate potential exposure to loan losses. The determination of whether significant doubt exists and whether a loan loss reserve is necessary requires judgment and consideration of the facts and circumstances existing at the evaluation date. Additionally, further changes to the facts and circumstances of the individual borrowers, the limited service hospitality industry and the economy may require the establishment of additional loan loss reserves and the effect to our results of operations would be adverse. If our judgments underlying the establishment of our loan loss reserves are not correct, our results of operations may be negatively impacted.

Whenever our borrowers experience significant operating difficulties and we are forced to liquidate the collateral underlying the loans, losses may be relatively substantial and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Table of Contents

Our SBA 7(a) Program loans are subject to delinquency, foreclosure and loss, any or all of which could result in losses.

Our loans originated pursuant to the SBA 7(a) Program are collateralized by income-producing properties and typically have personal guarantees. These loans are predominantly to operators of limited service hospitality properties. As a result, these operators are subject to risks associated with the hospitality industry, including recessions, severe weather events, depressed commercial real estate markets, travel restrictions, bankruptcies or other political or geopolitical events.

Our SBA 7(a) loans that have real estate as collateral are subject to risks of delinquency and foreclosure. The ability of a borrower to repay a loan secured by an income-producing property typically is dependent primarily upon the successful operation of such property rather than upon the existence of independent income or assets of the borrower. If the net operating income of and/or cash flow from the property is reduced, the borrower's ability to repay the loan may be impaired. Net operating income of and/or cash flow from an income-producing property can be affected by, among other things, tenant mix, success of tenant businesses, property management decisions, property location and condition, competition from comparable types of properties, changes in laws that increase operating expenses or limit rents that may be charged, any need to address environmental contamination at the property, the occurrence of any uninsured casualty at the property, changes in national, regional or local economic conditions and/or specific industry segments, declines in regional or local real estate values, declines in regional or local rental or occupancy rates, increases in interest rates, real estate tax rates and other operating expenses, changes in governmental rules, regulations and fiscal policies, including environmental legislation, acts of God, terrorism, social unrest and civil disturbances.

In the event of a loan default, we will bear a risk of loss of principal to the extent of any deficiency between the value of the collateral multiplied by our percentage ownership and the unguaranteed portion of the principal and accrued interest on the loan. In the event of the bankruptcy of the borrower, the loan to such borrower will be deemed collateralized only to the extent of the value of the underlying property at the time of the bankruptcy (as determined by the bankruptcy court). In addition to losses related to collateral deficiencies, during the foreclosure process we may incur costs related to the protection of our collateral including unpaid real estate taxes, legal fees, franchise fees, insurance and operating shortfalls to the extent the property is being operated by a court-appointed receiver.

Foreclosure and bankruptcy are complex and sometimes lengthy processes that are subject to federal and state laws and regulations. An action to foreclose on a property is subject to many of the delays and expenses of other lawsuits if the defendant raises defenses or counterclaims. In the event of a default by a mortgagor, these restrictions, among other things, may impede our ability to foreclose on or sell the mortgaged property or to obtain proceeds sufficient to repay all amounts due under the note. Further, borrowers have the option of seeking federal bankruptcy protection which could delay the foreclosure process. In conjunction with the bankruptcy process, the terms of the loan agreements may be modified. Typically, delays in the foreclosure process will have a negative impact on our results of operations and/or financial condition due to direct and indirect costs incurred and possible deterioration of the value of the collateral. After foreclosure has been completed, a lack of funds or capital may force us to sell the underlying property resulting in a lower recovery even though developing the property prior to a sale could result in a higher recovery.

As a result of the factors described above, defaults on SBA 7(a) Program loans could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Mezzanine loans are subject to delinquency, foreclosure and loss, any or all of which could result in losses.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

We may originate mezzanine loans, which are loans made to entities that have subsidiaries which own real property and are secured by pledges of such entity's equity ownership in its property-owning subsidiary. Mezzanine loans are by their nature structurally and legally subordinated to more senior property-level financings. Accordingly, if a borrower defaults on our mezzanine loan or if there is a default by our borrower's subsidiary on debt senior to our loan, or in the event of a borrower bankruptcy, our mezzanine loan will be satisfied only after the property-level debt and other senior debt is paid in full.

We may also retain, from whole loans we originate, subordinate interests referred to as B-notes. B-notes are commercial real estate loans secured by a first mortgage on a single large commercial property or group of related properties and subordinated to a senior interest, referred to as an A-note. As a result, if a borrower defaults, there may not be sufficient funds remaining for B-note owners after payment to the A-note owners.

Moreover, under the terms of intercreditor arrangements governing mezzanine loans, B-notes and other similar subordinated loans originated by us, we may have to satisfy certain liquidity and capital requirements before we can step into a borrower's position after it has defaulted. There can be no assurance that we will be able to satisfy such

Table of Contents

requirements, resulting in potentially lower recovery. After a foreclosure on the pledged equity interest has been completed, a lack of funds may force us to sell the underlying property without developing it further (which sale may result in a lower recovery) instead of injecting funds into and developing the property prior to a sale (which may result in a higher recovery).

As a result of the factors described above, defaults on commercial real estate loans could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

We operate in a competitive market for real estate opportunities and future competition for commercial real estate collateralized loans may limit our ability to originate or dispose of our target loans and could also affect the yield of these loans.

We are in competition with a number of entities for the types of commercial real estate collateralized loans that we may originate. These entities include, among others, debt funds, specialty finance companies, savings and loan associations, banks and financial institutions. Some of these competitors may be substantially larger and have considerably greater financial, technical and marketing resources than we do. Some of these competitors may also have a lower cost of funds and access to funding sources that may not be available to us currently. In addition, many of our competitors may not be subject to operating constraints associated with REIT qualification or maintenance of exclusions from registration under the Investment Company Act. Furthermore, competition may further limit our ability to generate desired returns. Due to this competition, we may not be able to take advantage of attractive opportunities from time to time, and can offer no assurance that we will be able to identify and deploy our capital in a manner consistent with our objective. We cannot guarantee that the competitive pressures we face will not have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

We may be subject to lender liability claims.

In recent years, a number of judicial decisions have upheld the right of borrowers to sue lending institutions on the basis of various evolving legal theories, collectively termed lender liability. Generally, lender liability is founded on the premise that a lender has either violated a duty, whether implied or contractual, of good faith and fair dealing owed to the borrower or has assumed a degree of control over the borrower resulting in the creation of a fiduciary duty owed to the borrower or our other creditors or stockholders. There can be no assurance that such claims will not arise or that we will not be subject to significant liability if a claim of this type did arise.

Curtailed of our ability to utilize the SBA 7(a) Program by the federal government could adversely affect our results of operations.

We are dependent upon the federal government to maintain the SBA 7(a) Program. There can be no assurance that the program will be maintained or that loans will continue to be guaranteed at current levels. In addition, there can be no assurance that our SBA lending subsidiary, First Western SBLC, Inc., which we refer to as First Western, will be able to maintain its status as a Preferred Lender or that we can maintain our SBA 7(a) license.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

If we cannot continue originating and selling government guaranteed loans at current levels, we could experience a decrease in future servicing spreads and earned premiums. From time-to-time the SBA has reached its internal budgeted limits and ceased to guarantee loans for a stated period of time. In addition, the SBA may change its rules regarding loans or Congress may adopt legislation or fail to approve a budget that would have the effect of discontinuing, reducing availability of funds for, or changing loan programs. Non-governmental programs could replace government programs for some borrowers, but the terms might not be equally acceptable. If these changes occur, the volume of loans to small businesses that now qualify for government guaranteed loans could decline, as could the profitability of these loans.

First Western has been granted national preferred lender program, or PLP, status and originates, sells and services small business loans and is authorized to place SBA guarantees on loans without seeking prior SBA review and approval. Being a national lender, PLP status allows First Western to expedite loans since First Western is not required to present applications to the SBA for concurrent review and approval. The loss of PLP status could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Table of Contents

Risks Related to U.S. Federal Income and Other Taxes

Failure to qualify and maintain our qualification as a REIT would have significant adverse consequences to us and the value of our securities.

If we fail to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we would be taxed as a corporation. We believe that we are organized and qualify as a REIT and intend to operate in a manner that will allow us to continue to qualify as a REIT. However, we cannot guarantee that we are qualified as such, or that we will remain qualified as such in the future. This is because qualification as a REIT involves the application of highly technical and complex provisions of the Code as to which there are only limited judicial and administrative interpretations and involves the determination of facts and circumstances not entirely within our control. Future legislation, new regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions may significantly change the tax laws or the application of the tax laws with respect to qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes or the federal income tax consequences of such qualification.

If we fail to qualify as a REIT, we could face serious tax consequences that could substantially reduce our funds available for payment of distributions to our stockholders for each of the years involved because:

- we would not be allowed a deduction for dividends paid to stockholders in computing our taxable income and could be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates;
- we also could be subject to increased state and local taxes;
- unless we are entitled to relief under statutory provisions, we could not elect to be taxed as a REIT for four taxable years following the year during which we are disqualified; and
- all dividends would be subject to tax as ordinary income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits potentially eligible as qualified dividends subject to the applicable income tax rate.

Any such corporate tax liability could be substantial and would reduce our cash available for, among other things, our operations and distributions to stockholders. In addition, if we fail to qualify as a REIT, we would no longer be required to pay dividends. As a result of these factors, our failure to qualify as a REIT could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

Dividends payable by REITs do not qualify for the reduced tax rates available for some dividends.

Income from qualified dividends payable to U.S. stockholders that are individuals, trusts and estates are generally subject to tax at preferential rates. Dividends payable by REITs, however, generally are not eligible for the preferential tax rates applicable to qualified dividend income. Although these rules do not adversely affect the taxation of REITs or dividends payable by REITs, to the extent that the preferential rates continue to apply to regular corporate qualified dividends, investors who are individuals, trusts and estates may perceive investments in REITs to be relatively less attractive than investments in the stocks of non-REIT corporations that pay dividends, which could materially and adversely affect the value of the shares of REITs, including the per share trading price of our securities. However, under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act of 2017, which we refer to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, for taxable years prior to 2026, noncorporate U.S. stockholders of REITs are entitled to a deduction equal to 20% of any qualified REIT dividends. A qualified REIT dividend is defined as any dividend from a REIT that is not a capital gain dividend or a dividend attributable to dividend income from U.S. corporations or certain non-U.S. corporations. A noncorporate U.S. stockholder's ability to claim a deduction equal to 20% of qualified REIT dividends received may be limited by the stockholder's particular circumstances.

Our ownership of and relationship with our TRSs (as defined below) will be limited, and a failure to comply with the limits would jeopardize our REIT status and may result in the application of a 100% excise tax.

Subject to certain restrictions, a REIT may own up to 100% of the stock of one or more taxable REIT subsidiaries, which we refer to as TRSs. A TRS may earn income that would not be qualifying income if earned directly by the parent REIT. Both the subsidiary and the REIT must jointly elect to treat the subsidiary as a TRS. A corporation of which a TRS directly or indirectly owns more than 35% of the voting power or value of the stock will automatically be treated as a TRS. Overall, no more than 20% of the value of a REIT's assets may consist of stock or securities of one or more TRSs. A TRS generally will pay income tax at regular corporate rates on any taxable income that it earns. In addition, the TRS rules limit the deductibility of interest paid or accrued by a TRS to its parent REIT to assure that the TRS is subject to an appropriate

Table of Contents

level of corporate taxation. The rules also impose a 100% excise tax on certain transactions between a TRS and its parent REIT that are not conducted on an arm's-length basis.

Our TRSs are subject to normal corporate income taxes. We continuously monitor the value of our investments in TRSs for the purpose of ensuring compliance with the rule that no more than 20% of the value of our assets may consist of TRS stock and securities (which is applied at the end of each calendar quarter). The aggregate value of our TRS stock and securities was less than 20% of the value of our total assets (including our TRS stock and securities) as of June 30, 2018. In addition, we scrutinize all of our transactions with our TRSs for the purpose of ensuring that they are entered into on arm's-length terms in order to avoid incurring the 100% excise tax described above. There are no distribution requirements applicable to the TRSs and after-tax earnings may be retained. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to comply with the 20% limitation on ownership of TRS stock and securities on an ongoing basis so as to maintain REIT status or to avoid application of the 100% excise tax imposed on certain non-arm's-length transactions.

We may be subject to adverse legislative or regulatory tax changes that could increase our tax liability or reduce our operating flexibility, including the recently passed Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

In recent years, numerous legislative, judicial and administrative changes have been made in the provisions of U.S. federal income tax laws applicable to investments similar to an investment in shares of our capital stock. Additional changes to the tax laws are likely to continue to occur, and we cannot assure our stockholders that any such changes will not adversely affect our taxation and our ability to continue to qualify as a REIT or the taxation of a stockholder. Any such changes could have an adverse effect on an investment in our shares or on the market value or the resale potential of our assets. We urge our stockholders to consult with their tax advisor with respect to the impact of recent legislation on their investment in our shares and the status of legislative, regulatory or administrative developments and proposals and their potential effect on an investment in our shares. Although REITs generally receive better tax treatment than entities taxed as regular corporations, it is possible that future legislation would result in a REIT having fewer tax advantages, and it could become more advantageous for a company that invests in real estate to elect to be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a regular corporation. Our charter provides our Board of Directors with the power, under certain circumstances, to revoke or otherwise terminate our REIT election and cause us to be taxed as a regular corporation, without the vote of our stockholders. Our Board of Directors has duties to us and could only cause such changes in our tax treatment if it determines in good faith that such changes are in our best interests.

In addition, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act makes significant changes to the U.S. federal income tax rules for taxation of individuals and businesses, generally effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017. In addition to reducing corporate and individual tax rates, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act eliminates or restricts various deductions. Many of the changes applicable to individuals are temporary and apply only to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017 and before January 1, 2026. The Tax Cuts and Jobs Act makes numerous large and small changes to the tax rules that do not affect the REIT qualification rules directly but may otherwise affect us or our stockholders and could impact the geographic markets in which we operate as well as our tenants in ways, both positive and negative, that are difficult to anticipate. For example, the limitation in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act on the deductibility of certain state and local taxes may make operating in jurisdictions that impose such taxes at higher rates less desirable than operating in jurisdictions imposing such taxes at lower rates.

While the changes in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act generally appear to be favorable with respect to REITs, the extensive changes to non-REIT provisions in the Code may have unanticipated effects on us or our stockholders. Moreover, Congressional leaders have recognized that the process of adopting extensive tax legislation in a short amount of time without hearings and substantial time for review is likely to have led to drafting errors, issues needing clarification and unintended consequences that will have to be revisited in subsequent tax legislation. At this point, it is not clear if or when Congress will address these issues or when the Internal Revenue Service, which we refer to as the IRS, will issue administrative guidance on the changes made in the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act.

We urge our stockholders to consult with their own tax advisor with respect to the status of the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act and other legislative, regulatory or administrative developments and proposals and their potential effect on holding our securities.

In certain circumstances, we may be subject to certain federal, state and local taxes as a REIT, which would reduce our cash available for distribution to our stockholders.

Even if we qualify and maintain our status as a REIT, we may be subject to certain federal, state and local taxes. For example, net income from the sale of properties that are dealer properties sold by a REIT (a prohibited transaction

Table of Contents

under the Code) will be subject to a 100% excise tax. We do not believe that the Potential Sale will give rise to any prohibited transactions, but it is possible that the IRS could take an alternative position. Additionally, if we are not able to make sufficient distributions to eliminate our REIT taxable income, we may be subject to tax as a corporation on our undistributed REIT taxable income. We may also decide to retain income we earn from the sale or other dispositions of our properties and pay income tax directly on such income. In that event, our stockholders would be treated as if they earned that income and paid the tax on it directly. However, stockholders that are tax-exempt, such as charities or qualified pension plans, would have no benefit from their deemed payment of such tax liability. We may also be subject to state and local taxes on our income or property, either directly or at the level of the other entities through which we indirectly own our assets. Any federal, state or local taxes we pay will reduce our cash available for distribution to our stockholders.

To maintain our qualification as a REIT we must meet annual distribution requirements, which may force us to forgo otherwise attractive opportunities or borrow funds during unfavorable market conditions. This could delay or hinder our ability to meet our objectives and reduce our stockholders' overall return.

In order to qualify as a REIT, we must distribute annually to our stockholders at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (which does not equal net income as calculated in accordance with GAAP), determined without regard to the deduction for dividends paid and excluding any net capital gain. We will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on our undistributed taxable income and net capital gain and to a 4% nondeductible excise tax on any amount by which dividends we pay with respect to any calendar year are less than the sum of (a) 85% of our ordinary income, (b) 95% of our capital gain net income and (c) 100% of our undistributed income from prior years.

Further, to maintain our qualification as a REIT, we must ensure that we meet the REIT gross income tests annually and that at the end of each calendar quarter, at least 75% of the value of our assets consists of cash, cash items, government securities and qualified REIT real estate assets, including certain mortgage loans and certain kinds of mortgage-related securities. The remainder of our investment in securities (other than government securities, qualified real estate assets and stock of a TRS) generally cannot include more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer or more than 10% of the total value of the outstanding securities of any one issuer. In addition, in general, no more than 5% of the value of our assets (other than government securities, qualified real estate assets and stock of a TRS) can consist of the securities of any one issuer, no more than 20% of the value of our total assets can be represented by securities of one or more TRSs and no more than 25% of the value of our total assets can be represented by certain debt securities of publicly offered REITs. If we fail to comply with these requirements at the end of any calendar quarter, we must correct the failure within 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter or qualify for certain statutory relief provisions to avoid losing our REIT qualification and suffering adverse tax consequences.

The foregoing requirements could cause us to distribute amounts that otherwise would be spent on deploying capital in real estate assets and it is possible that we might be required to borrow funds, possibly at unfavorable rates, or sell assets to fund these dividends or make taxable stock dividends. Although we intend to make distributions sufficient to meet the annual distribution requirements and to avoid U.S. federal income and excise taxes on our earnings, it is possible that we might not always be able to do so.

Non-U.S. stockholders may be subject to U.S. federal withholding tax and may be subject to U.S. federal income tax upon the disposition of our shares.

Gain recognized by a non-U.S. stockholder upon the sale or exchange of shares of our capital stock generally will not be subject to U.S. federal income taxation unless such stock constitutes a U.S. real property interest, or USRPI, under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980, which we refer to as FIRPTA. Shares of our capital stock will not constitute a USRPI so long as we are a domestically-controlled qualified investment entity. A domestically-controlled qualified investment entity includes a REIT if at all times during a specified testing period, less

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

than 50% in value of such REIT's stock is held directly or indirectly by non-U.S. stockholders. We believe that we are a domestically-controlled qualified investment entity. However, because our capital stock is and will be freely transferable (other than restrictions on ownership and transfer that are intended to, among other purposes, assist us in maintaining our qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes as described in the risk factor "The share transfer and ownership restrictions applicable to REITs and contained in our charter may inhibit market activity in our shares of stock and restrict our business combination opportunities"), no assurance can be given that we are or will be a domestically-controlled qualified investment entity.

Even if we do not qualify as a domestically-controlled qualified investment entity at the time a non-U.S. stockholder sells or exchanges shares of our capital stock, gain arising from such a sale or exchange would not be subject to U.S. taxation under FIRPTA as a sale of a USRPI if: (a) the class of shares of capital stock sold or exchanged is regularly

Table of Contents

traded, as defined by applicable U.S. Treasury regulations, on an established securities market, and (b) such non-U.S. stockholder owned, actually or constructively, 10% or less of the outstanding shares of such class of capital stock at all times during the shorter of the five-year period ending on the date of the sale and the period that such non-U.S. stockholder owned such shares. If the class of shares of capital stock sold or exchanged is not regularly traded, gain arising from such sale or exchange would not be subject to U.S. taxation under FIRPTA as a sale of a USRPI if: (x) on the date the shares were acquired by the non-U.S. stockholder, such shares did not have a fair market value greater than the fair market value on that date of 5% of the regularly traded class of our outstanding shares of capital stock with the lowest fair market value, and (y) the test in clause (x) is also satisfied as of the date of any subsequent acquisition by such non-U.S. stockholder of additional shares of the same non-regularly traded class of our capital stock, including all such shares owned as of such date by such non-U.S. stockholder. Complex constructive ownership rules apply for purposes of determining the amount of shares held by a non-U.S. stockholder for these purposes.

Complying with REIT requirements may limit our ability to hedge our liabilities effectively and may cause us to incur tax liabilities.

The REIT provisions of the Code may limit our ability to hedge our liabilities. Any income from a hedging transaction we enter into to manage risk of interest rate changes, price changes or currency fluctuations with respect to borrowings made or to be made to acquire or carry real estate assets or to offset certain other positions, if properly identified under applicable U.S. Treasury regulations, does not constitute gross income for purposes of the 75% or 95% gross income tests. To the extent that we enter into other types of hedging transactions, the income from those transactions will likely be treated as non-qualifying income for purposes of one or both of the gross income tests. As a result of these rules, we may need to limit our use of advantageous hedging techniques or implement those hedges through a TRS. This could increase the cost of our hedging activities because our TRSs would be subject to tax on gains or expose us to greater risks associated with changes in interest rates than we would otherwise want to bear. In addition, losses in a TRS generally will not provide any tax benefit, except for being carried forward against future taxable income of such TRS.

The U.S. federal tax treatment of the Series M Preferred Stock is unclear and, as a result, the U.S. federal income tax consequences to holders that exchange their Series L Preferred Stock for Series M Preferred Stock are also unclear.

Although the matter is not free from doubt, we intend to treat the Series M Preferred Stock as a debt instrument for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We therefore intend to treat the exchange of Series L Preferred Stock for Series M Preferred Stock as a taxable transaction for U.S. tax purposes. However, there is no direct authority as to how an instrument such as the Series M Preferred Stock should be treated for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and it is possible that the IRS could assert an alternative tax treatment of the Series M Preferred Stock. Such alternative treatment could result in U.S. federal income tax consequences of exchanging for and holding the Series M Preferred Stock that materially differ, potentially in an adverse manner, from those described in *Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences* in this prospectus. Holders of Series L Preferred Stock should consult their tax advisors regarding the U.S. federal income tax consequences of exchanging their Series L Preferred Stock for Series M Preferred Stock and of holding and disposing of Series M Preferred Stock.

Our property taxes could increase due to property tax rate changes or reassessment, which would impact our cash flows.

Even if we continue to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes, we will be required to pay some state and local taxes on our properties. The real property taxes on our properties may increase as property tax rates change or as our properties are assessed or reassessed by taxing authorities. Therefore, the amount of property taxes we pay in the future may increase substantially. If the property taxes we pay increase and if any such increase is not reimbursable under the terms of our lease, then our cash flows will be impacted, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Preferred Stock.

The stock transfer and ownership restrictions applicable to REITs and contained in our charter may inhibit market activity in our shares of stock and restrict our business combination opportunities.

In order to continue to qualify as a REIT, five or fewer individuals, as defined in the Code, may not own, actually or constructively, more than 50% in value of our issued and outstanding shares of stock at any time during the last half of each taxable year, other than the first year for which a REIT election is made. Attribution rules in the Code determine if any individual or entity actually or constructively owns our shares of stock under this requirement. Additionally, at least 100 persons must beneficially own our shares of stock during at least 335 days of a taxable year for each taxable year, other

Table of Contents

than the first year for which a REIT election is made. To help ensure that we meet these tests, among other purposes, our charter restricts the acquisition and ownership of our shares of stock.

Our charter, with certain exceptions, authorizes our directors to take such actions as are necessary or advisable to preserve our qualification as a REIT. Unless exempted by the Board of Directors, our charter prohibits, among other limitations on ownership and transfer of shares of our stock, any person from beneficially or constructively owning (applying certain attribution rules under the Code) more than 9.8% (in value or in number of shares, whichever is more restrictive) of the aggregate of our outstanding shares of capital stock and more than 9.8% (in value or in number of shares, whichever is more restrictive) of our Common Stock. The Board of Directors, in its sole discretion and upon receipt of certain representations and undertakings, may exempt a person (prospectively or retrospectively) from the ownership limits. However, the Board of Directors may not, among other limitations, grant an exemption from these ownership restrictions to any proposed transferee whose ownership, direct or indirect, in excess of the 9.8% ownership limit would result in the termination of our qualification as a REIT. These restrictions on transfer and ownership will not apply, however, if the Board of Directors determines that it is no longer in our best interest to continue to qualify as a REIT or that compliance with the restrictions is no longer required in order for us to continue to so qualify as a REIT.

These ownership limits could delay or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for our capital stock or otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders.

Risks Related to the Exchange Offer

The Applicable TASE Members (as defined below) will not be bound by suitability standards akin to FINRA Rule 2111 for customers who exchange their shares of Series L Preferred Stock.

To the Company's knowledge, the Applicable TASE Members (as defined in The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tender Tenders to Our Israeli Depository in this prospectus), through which holders of Series L Preferred Stock may tender their shares in the Exchange Offer, are not member firms or registered representatives of FINRA. As such, the Applicable TASE Members will not be subject to FINRA Rule 2111 (Suitability) which would require the registered representatives to take into account several factors such as the customer's age, financial situation, and investment objectives, among others, before recommending investments to non-institutional, individual investors. Notwithstanding the foregoing, investment advisors in Israel are subject to the Israeli Regulation of Investment Advice, Investment Marketing and Portfolio Management Law, 5755-1995 that contains, among others, several provisions aimed at protecting the interest of investors, including a requirement to receive the investor approval for any transaction in securities that involves high risk (as defined therein).

The number of shares of Common Stock for which you may exchange your Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer may be less than the number of shares of Common Stock you would receive if the Exchange Offer had been at the market price of our Common Stock.

We do not intend to adjust our offer to exchange _____ shares of our Common Stock or one share of our Series M Preferred Stock for each outstanding share of Series L Preferred Stock, regardless of any increase or decrease in the market price of our Common Stock or our Series L Preferred Stock between the date of this prospectus and the Settlement Date (as defined in this prospectus). Therefore, the market price of our Common Stock at the time you receive your shares of Common Stock on the Settlement Date could be less than the CIM Purchase Price, or the deemed value of \$ _____ per share of Common Stock for purposes of the Exchange Offer. Alternatively, if the market price of our

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Common Stock as of the Settlement Date is greater than the CIM Purchase Price, the interests of holders of our Common Stock, including holders of Series L Preferred Stock who tender such shares in exchange for our Common Stock in the Exchange Offer, will be diluted to a greater extent than if the deemed value per share of Common Stock for purposes of the Exchange Offer was deemed to be equal to the market price as of the Settlement Date.

The market price of our Common Stock may decline due to the number of shares of Common Stock to be issued in exchange for the Series L Preferred Stock.

The market price of our Common Stock could decline as a result of the issuance of additional shares of Common Stock in the Exchange Offer or the perception that such an issuance could occur. This issuance, or the possibility that such issuance may occur, also might make it more difficult for holders of shares of our Common Stock to sell such shares in the future at a time and at a price they would deem appropriate. Assuming holders elect to exchange and validly tender all outstanding shares of Series L Preferred Stock for Common Stock in the Exchange Offer, and such shares are accepted by us, we would issue _____ shares of Common Stock, an increase of _____ % shares from the amount of outstanding shares of Common Stock as of _____, 2019.

Table of Contents

Holders who tender shares of Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer will lose their right to receive some or all of the cash distributions to which they would otherwise be entitled.

Holders of our Series L Preferred Stock are entitled to receive distributions at an annual rate of 5.5% of the Series L Stated Value, which annual amount we refer to as the Series L Preferred Distribution, if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of legally available funds. Holders of shares of Series L Preferred Stock who tender such shares in the Exchange Offer will lose their right to receive the amount of all accrued and unpaid Series L Preferred Distributions and the amount of any future Series L Preferred Distributions, which distributions have historically been greater than the amount of dividends declared and paid on shares of our Common Stock.

However, holders who tender their shares of Series L Preferred Stock in exchange for Common Stock will receive the amount of any accrued and unpaid distributions on such shares of Series L Preferred Stock as of the Expiration Date in the form of shares of Common Stock, assuming a price per share of Common Stock of \$ _____, or the CIM Purchase Price.

Further, holders of Series L Preferred Stock who validly tender such shares in the Exchange Offer and elect to receive Series M Preferred Stock in exchange for such shares will be entitled to receive, if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of legally available funds, Series M Preferred Distributions at an annual rate of 5.5% of the Series M Stated Value (subject to a reduction of the first Series M Preferred Distribution, as described in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock Distributions in this prospectus), if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of legally available funds, which Series M Preferred Distributions will be deemed to accrue from and after January 1, 2019, the date following the accrual period of the first distribution on the Series L Preferred Stock.

Shares of Series L Preferred Stock that you continue to hold after the Exchange Offer may become less liquid following the Exchange Offer.

If participation in the Exchange Offer is high, the trading market for the remaining outstanding shares of Series L Preferred Stock may be less liquid and market prices may fluctuate significantly if the volume of Series L Preferred Stock trading declines. If the market capitalization of the Series L Preferred Stock is reduced as a result of the Exchange Offer, the Series L Preferred Stock may command a lower price and trade with greater volatility or much less frequently than would a comparable security with a greater float. Such a decrease in liquidity may also make it more difficult for holders of shares of Series L Preferred Stock that do not tender their shares in the Exchange Offer to sell their shares of Series L Preferred Stock. In addition, if a significant number of shares of Series L Preferred Stock do not remain outstanding after the Exchange Offer, we may not continue to meet the NASDAQ continued listing standards for such securities. Under such circumstances, NASDAQ may opt to pursue delisting of the Series L Preferred Stock, and we may opt to or be required to delist the Series L Preferred Stock from the TASE, in which case there would no longer be a public market to sell Series L Preferred Stock.

We have not obtained a third-party determination that the Exchange Offer is fair to holders of Series L Preferred Stock.

We are not making a recommendation as to whether you should exchange your Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer. We have not retained, and do not intend to retain, any unaffiliated representative to act solely on behalf of the holders of the Series L Preferred Stock for purposes of negotiating the Exchange Offer or preparing a report concerning the fairness of the Exchange Offer. You must make your own independent decision regarding your participation in the Exchange Offer.

Our acquisition of any shares of Series L Preferred Stock that are not tendered in the Exchange Offer may be on terms more or less favorable than the terms of the Exchange Offer.

We may acquire outstanding shares of Series L Preferred Stock that are not tendered in the Exchange Offer through open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions, other tender or exchange offers, redemptions in accordance with the terms of the Series L Preferred Stock or such other means as we deem appropriate. Any such transactions will occur upon the terms and at prices as we may determine in our sole discretion, which may be more or less favorable than the terms of the Exchange Offer, and could be for cash or other consideration. We may choose to pursue any or none of these alternatives, or combinations thereof, in the future.

Table of Contents

Our charter contains restrictions upon ownership and transfer of our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock, which may impair the ability of holders to acquire the Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock in the Exchange Offer.

Our charter contains restrictions on ownership and transfer of the Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock that are intended to, among other matters, assist us in maintaining our qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, including a prohibition on the beneficial or constructive ownership of more than 9.8%, in number or value, whichever is more restrictive, of the aggregate of our outstanding shares of capital stock or 9.8% in number or value, whichever is more restrictive, of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock. See Description of Our Capital Stock Select Charter Provisions Related to Our Capital Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer in this prospectus. These restrictions may impair the ability of holders to receive Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock in the Exchange Offer or to resell any of such shares following the Exchange Offer.

Risks Related to Our Capital Stock

Instruments designated as preferred stock are relatively new to the Israeli capital market and there can be no assurance as to the acceptance and pricing by the Israeli market of our Series M Preferred Stock.

Until recently, Israeli legislation and the ISA's guidance prohibited the issuance of preferred stock by public companies in Israel. Our Series L Preferred Stock, issued in November 2017, was the first offering of preferred stock in the Israeli market since the change in legislation and few offerings of preferred stock in the Israeli market have occurred since then. Accordingly, it is difficult to anticipate how the offering will be accepted by the Israeli market or how our Series M Preferred Stock will be priced in the secondary market.

There is currently no public market for our Series M Preferred Stock, and no assurance can be made that any such market will develop.

There is no existing public market for our Series M Preferred Stock. We do not intend to distribute and market our Series M Preferred Stock in the United States. Although we intend to apply for the listing of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock on NASDAQ and the TASE and we do not expect to commence the Exchange Offer until such applications are approved, no assurance can be given as to the following:

- the likelihood that, after approval for listing, an active trading market for our Series M Preferred Stock will develop or be sustained;
- the liquidity of any such market;
- the ability of holders of our Series M Preferred Stock to sell their securities; or

- the prices that holders of our Series M Preferred Stock may obtain upon the sale of such shares.

Additionally, our charter contains restrictions on the ownership and transfer of our capital stock, as described in *Description of Our Capital Stock* *Select Charter Provisions Related to Our Capital Stock* *Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer* in this prospectus. These restrictions may inhibit the ability of a holder to sell their shares of Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock promptly or at all.

The listing of our Common Stock and Series M Preferred Stock on more than one stock exchange may result in price variations that could adversely affect liquidity of the market for our securities.

Our Common Stock is listed on NASDAQ and the TASE and we do not expect to commence the Exchange Offer unless and until our Series M Preferred Stock is approved for listing on NASDAQ and the TASE. The dual-listing of our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock may result in price variations of our securities between the two exchanges due to a number of factors. First, trading in our securities on these markets takes place in different currencies (USD on NASDAQ and ILS on the TASE). In addition, the exchanges are open for trade at different times of the day and on different days. For example, NASDAQ opens generally during U.S. business hours, Monday through Friday, while the TASE opens generally during Israeli business hours, Sunday through Thursday. The two exchanges also observe different public holidays. Differences in the trading schedules, as well as volatility in the exchange rate of the two currencies, among other factors, may result in different trading prices for our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock on the two exchanges. Any decrease in the trading price of our Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock in one market could cause a decrease in the trading price of such security on the other market.

The dual-listing of our Series M Preferred Stock may adversely affect liquidity and trading prices for our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock on one or both of the exchanges as a result of circumstances that may be outside of our control. For example, transfers by investors of our securities from trading on one exchange to the other could result in

Table of Contents

increases or decreases in liquidity and/or trading prices on either or both of the exchanges. In addition, investors could seek to sell or buy our Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock to take advantage of any price differences between the two markets through a practice referred to as arbitrage. Any arbitrage activity could create unexpected volatility in both the prices of and volumes of our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock available for trading on either exchange.

There may be a high volume of sales of shares of our Common Stock following the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation, which may cause the market price of our Common Stock to drop significantly, even if our business is doing well.

Following the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation, the 27 institutional investors who previously held shares of our Common Stock through their investment in CIM REIT will be permitted to dispose of such shares. Such shares would not be subject to any restrictions on trading or lockup or similar agreements. There may be significant pent-up demand for one or more of such institutional investors to sell the shares of our Common Stock that it holds. A large volume of sales of shares of our Common Stock could decrease the prevailing market price of shares of our Common Stock and could impair our ability to raise additional capital through the sale of equity securities in the future. Even if a substantial number of sales of shares of our Common Stock do not occur, the mere perception of the possibility of these sales could depress the market price of shares of our Common Stock and have a negative effect on our ability to raise capital in the future.

Changes in market conditions could adversely affect the market prices of our Common Stock and, if the applications to list on NASDAQ and the TASE are approved, our Series M Preferred Stock.

The market value of our Common Stock and, if our applications to list on NASDAQ and/or the TASE are approved, our Series M Preferred Stock, as with other publicly traded equity securities, will depend on various market conditions, which may change from time to time. In addition to the economic environment and future volatility in the securities and credit markets, the market conditions described in the risk factor

We intend to rely in part on external sources of capital to fund future capital needs and, if we encounter difficulty in obtaining such capital, we may not be able to meet maturing obligations or make additional acquisitions in this prospectus may affect the values of our Series M Preferred Stock and/or Common Stock. In addition, increases in market interest rates may lead investors to demand a higher annual yield from our distributions in relation to the price of our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock.

The market value of our Common Stock is based primarily upon the market's perception of our growth potential and our current and potential future earnings and cash dividends and our capital structure. Consequently, our Common Stock or our Series M Preferred Stock may trade at prices that are higher or lower than our NAV per share of Common Stock or the Series M Stated Value of \$28.37, respectively. If our future earnings or cash distributions are less than expected, the market prices of our Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock could decline.

The limited trading market for our Common Stock subjects our share price to greater volatility and, as a result, a holder of our Common Stock may not be able to resell his or her shares at or above the price at which they were acquired.

Although our Common Stock is listed for trading on NASDAQ and the TASE, the volume of trading in our Common Stock has been lower than many other companies listed on these exchanges because, as of October 3, 2018, approximately 95.05% of our Common Stock is owned by Urban Partners II, LLC, a fund managed by an affiliate of CIM Group that we refer to as Urban II, other affiliates of CIM Group and our executive officers and directors. Additionally, in connection with the Potential Return of Capital Event, we may engage in one or more

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

transactions involving the repurchase of shares of our Common Stock using a portion of the proceeds received from the Potential Sale, which would further reduce the volume of trading in our Common Stock.

A public trading market with depth, liquidity and orderliness depends on the presence in the market of willing buyers and sellers of our Common Stock at any given time. This presence depends on the individual decisions of investors and general economic and market conditions over which we have no control. Limited trading volume may subject our Common Stock to greater price volatility and may make it difficult for investors to sell shares at a price that is attractive to them.

Although our Series M Preferred Stock will be listed on NASDAQ (assuming our application for listing is approved), we do not expect an active trading market to develop in the United States.

Distributions on our Series M Preferred Stock and the liquidation preference and the redemption price of our Series M Preferred Stock will be paid in ILS. As a result, we do not expect an active trading market for our Series M Preferred Stock to develop in the United States. If an active trading market does not develop or is not sustained, it may be difficult or impossible for a holder of our Series M Preferred Stock to resell his or her shares of Series M Preferred Stock in the United States at or above the price paid for them.

Table of Contents

The existing mechanism for the dual-listing of securities on NASDAQ and the TASE may be eliminated or otherwise altered such that we may be subject to additional regulatory burden and additional costs.

The existing Israeli regulatory regime provide a mechanism for the dual-listing of securities traded on NASDAQ and the TASE that does not impose any significant regulatory burden or significant costs on the Company. If this dual-listing regime is eliminated or otherwise altered such that the Company is unable or unwilling to comply with the regulatory requirements, we may incur additional costs and we may consider delisting of our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock from the TASE.

In the event our Common Stock is delisted from the TASE, we are likely to delist our Series M Preferred Stock from the TASE.

In the event our Common Stock is delisted from the TASE for any reason, we are likely to delist our Series M Preferred Stock from the TASE and cease any reporting requirements in Israel. In such event, the holders of the Series M Preferred Stock may be able to trade their Series M Preferred Stock only on NASDAQ, which may not be an active market for that purpose.

Our Series M Preferred Stock ranks junior to our Common Stock to the extent of the Initial Dividend and our Series A Preferred Stock with respect to distributions, and our Common Stock ranks junior to our Series A Preferred Stock and, except to the extent of the Initial Dividend, junior to our Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock with respect to distributions.

The rights of the holders of shares of our Series A Preferred Stock and, other than to the extent of the Initial Dividend, our Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock rank senior to the rights of the holders of shares of our Common Stock as to distributions. Holders of our Common Stock are not entitled to receive distributions, except if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of legally available funds. The Initial Dividend for a given fiscal year is a minimum annual amount, in USD, that is announced by us at the end of the prior fiscal year. On December 21, 2017, our Board of Directors announced an Initial Dividend on shares of our Common Stock for fiscal year 2018 in the aggregate amount of \$21,892,469.

The rights of the holders of shares of our Series A Preferred Stock and, to the extent of the Initial Dividend, our Common Stock rank senior to the rights of the holders of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock as to distributions, and rank on parity with the rights of the holders of shares of our Series L Preferred Stock. Subject to certain exceptions, holders of our Series M Preferred Stock are entitled to receive the Series M Preferred Distributions, which are cumulative cash distributions in ILS on each share of Series M Preferred Stock at an annual rate of 5.5%, which rate is subject to increase, of the Series M Stated Value.

We will be permitted to declare and pay a portion or all of the Series M Preferred Distribution with respect to a given year only if the Preferred Distribution Conditions are met, as described in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock in this prospectus. The Preferred Distribution Conditions include a requirement that we declare and pay the Initial Dividend. While there are no limitations on the maximum amount of the Initial Dividend that can be paid in a particular year, we do not intend to announce an Initial Dividend for any given year that, based on the information then reasonably available to us at the time of announcement, we believe would cause us to be unable to make a future distribution on our Series M Preferred Stock or on any other outstanding share of preferred stock.

The position of the Israeli tax authorities with respect to the taxation of the Series M Preferred Stock and any changes in Israeli taxation legislation or may have material implications on the tax liability for Israeli investors holding our Series M Preferred Stock.

Israeli tax legislation currently does not regulate the taxation, including the withholding tax aspects, of preferred stock issued by non-Israeli REITs held by Israeli investors. The material Israeli tax consequences discussed in this prospectus are based on the expected outcome of a direct tax ruling from the ITA with respect to our Series M Preferred Stock that we expect to receive prior to the commencement of the Exchange Offer. Differences between our current expectations and the ITA's actual position as set forth in a tax ruling or in applicable Israeli tax legislation may have material implications on the tax liability for Israeli investors holding our Series M Preferred Stock.

Table of Contents

Certain Israeli investors in our Series M Preferred Stock may be subject to double withholding tax for payments which are not classified as a return of capital.

Prior to the commencement of the Exchange Offer, we intend to ask the ITA to apply the holdings of the tax ruling issued with respect to our Series L Preferred Stock to our Series M Preferred Stock. As a result, based on the tax ruling received from the ITA with respect to our Series L Preferred Stock, no TASE member withholding any applicable Israeli withholding taxes is expected to grant an Israeli tax credit to offset any tax withheld in the United States with respect to distributions on our Series M Preferred Stock. Therefore, in the event that any distribution on our Series M Preferred Stock is not classified as a return of capital (and, as a result, is subject to United States withholding tax), certain investors in our Series M Preferred Stock may be subject to withholding tax both in the United States and in Israel at a combined maximum rate for individuals of 50% of the payment. Nevertheless, such Israeli investors may receive a tax credit for such excess withholding tax by filing a tax return report with the ITA at the end of any calendar year in which such double taxation occurs. Refer to **Material Israeli Tax Consequences** in this prospectus for further information.

We may suffer from delays in deploying capital, which could adversely affect our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders and the value of our securities.

We could suffer from delays in deploying capital, particularly if the capital we raise in the offering of our Series A Preferred Stock outpaces our Operator's ability to identify acquisitions and/or close on them. Such delays, which may be caused by a number of factors, including competition in the market for the same real estate opportunities, may adversely affect our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders and/or the value of their overall returns on investment in our securities.

The cash distributions received by holders of Common Stock and Preferred Stock may be less frequent or lower in amount than expected by such holders.

Our Board of Directors will determine the amount and timing of distributions on our Common Stock and Preferred Stock. In making this determination, our Board of Directors will consider all relevant factors, including the amount of cash resources available for distributions, capital spending plans, cash flow, financial position, applicable requirements of the MGCL and any applicable contractual restrictions. We cannot assure that we will be able to consistently generate sufficient available cash flow to fund distributions on our Common Stock and/or Preferred Stock, nor can we assure that sufficient cash will be available to make distributions on our Common Stock and/or Preferred Stock (in each case, even to the extent of the Initial Dividend). While holders of Common Stock are entitled to receive distributions if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of legally available funds, we cannot predict with certainty the amount of distributions holders of Common Stock may receive and we may be unable to pay, maintain or increase such distributions over time.

While the holders of Series M Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of legally available funds, the Series M Preferred Distribution, we cannot predict with certainty the amount of distributions holders of our Series M Preferred Stock may receive and we may be unable to pay any or all of the Series M Preferred Distribution from time to time. Our ability to pay the Series M Preferred Distribution is limited by the conditions discussed in **Description of Our Capital Stock** **Series M Preferred Stock** **Distributions**.

Any payment of distributions, the redemption price or the liquidation preference of our Series M Preferred Stock will be subject to currency risk, which will be borne entirely by holders of our Series M Preferred Stock.

The Company operates entirely within the United States and our financial results are reported in USD. However, distributions on and payments related to our Series M Preferred Stock, although calculated and declared by us in USD, will be paid in ILS. As a result, holders of our Series M Preferred Stock will bear the currency risk associated with any distribution, redemption price or liquidation preference paid on shares of our Series M Preferred Stock. We will not adjust the terms of our Series M Preferred Stock to compensate for any changes in foreign currency exchange rates or policies.

We will declare the amount of the Series M Preferred Distribution, if any, in USD no later than December 15 of any year for which our Board of Directors has authorized a Series M Preferred Distribution. Holders will receive payment, in ILS, at an exchange rate equal to the weighted average of the USD/ILS exchange rates of all the transactions (which shall be one or more) completed by the Bank(s) (as defined in Description of Our Capital Series M Preferred Stock Distributions in this prospectus) through which the payment is converted to ILS, which rate we refer to as the Current Exchange Rate, on the third TASE Trading Day preceding the Series M Distribution Payment Date. A TASE Trading Day refers to any day on which the TASE is open for trading. The Series M Distribution Payment Date is, at the selection of the Company, a date no earlier than December 1 of the year for which such distribution was declared and no later than January 31 of the year following the year for which such distribution was declared. As a result, holders of our Series M Preferred Stock may be exposed to fluctuations in the USD/ILS exchange rate between the date on which the

Table of Contents

Series M Preferred Distribution is converted from USD to ILS and the Series M Distribution Payment Date. This currency risk may affect the value of our Series M Preferred Stock. Specifically, as the value of USD relative to ILS declines, the ILS equivalent of our distributions on Series M Preferred Stock declared in USD will also decline. Therefore, distributions received by holders of our Series M Preferred Stock will likely fluctuate each year, even if the Company pays the full Series M Preferred Distribution due and payable each year.

On a quarterly basis, the Company will be permitted to redeem and, from and after the second anniversary of the Settlement Date, each holder will have the right to require the Company to redeem, shares of Series M Preferred Stock for a redemption price payable in cash. Any such redemption will be paid by the Company in ILS based on the Current Exchange Rate on the third TASE Trading Day preceding the date on which the redemption payment is due. As a result, holders of our Series M Preferred Stock will be exposed to fluctuations in the USD to ILS exchange rate for a period of up to three TASE Trading Days.

Likewise, any liquidation preference payable to a holder of our Series M Preferred Stock will be paid in ILS and will present the same currency risks as detailed above.

We will not pay any portion of the redemption price related to accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions if the Preferred Distribution Conditions are not satisfied.

From and after second anniversary of the Settlement Date, each holder will have the right to require the Company to redeem all or any of the shares of Series M Preferred Stock held by such holder at a redemption price equal to 96.25% of the Series M Stated Value plus, provided the Preferred Distribution Conditions are satisfied and the Company is otherwise permitted to pay Series M Preferred Distributions as of the effective date of the redemption, any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions through and including the effective date of the redemption. A holder that requires us to redeem Series M Preferred Stock at a time when the Preferred Distribution Conditions are not satisfied, or when the Company is not otherwise permitted to pay Series M Preferred Distributions, will forfeit any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions as of the effective date of redemption. If the Company has not satisfied the Preferred Distribution Conditions for a given quarter, the Company will announce such non-satisfaction of the conditions prior to the period of holder redemption as described in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock Redemption at the Option of a Holder in this prospectus.

If for any given quarter the Preferred Distribution Conditions are not met or the Company is in arrears for the Series M Preferred Distribution as of such quarter, we will not be able to exercise our redemption right as the redemption price would include accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions through and including the effective date of the redemption.

The Series M Preferred Distribution will cease to accrue on any shares of our Series M Preferred Stock that are redeemed, whether at our option or at the option of a holder, in advance of the date of payment for such redemption.

The effective date of redemption for any shares of our Series M Preferred Stock that are redeemed at the option of a holder in a given quarter will be the last day of the quarter in which the holder delivers a notice of redemption. Following such date, such shares of Series M Preferred Stock so redeemed will no longer be deemed outstanding, the Series M Preferred Distribution will cease to accrue on such shares of Series M Preferred Stock and the sole right of a holder with respect to such shares of Series M Preferred Stock will be the right to receive the redemption payment for such shares on the applicable redemption payment date and, if applicable, the right to receive on the Series M Distribution Payment

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Date the amount of any Series M Preferred Distribution for which a Series M Distribution Record Date occurred before the declared effective date of the redemption.

The effective date of redemption for any shares of our Series M Preferred Stock that are redeemed at the option of the Company in a given quarter will be (i) with respect to each of the first three quarters of the year, the first TASE Trading Day following the Holder Redemption Payment Date occurring in the following quarter and (ii) with respect to the fourth quarter of the year, the first TASE Trading Day following the Series M Distribution Payment Date occurring in the following January or, if none, such other date in the following January announced by the Company. However, the holders of shares of Series M Preferred Stock so redeemed will no longer have a right to receive Series M Preferred Distributions with respect to such shares following the end of the quarter in which the Company Redemption Notice Date (as defined in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock Redemption at the Option of the Company) occurs.

For further information regarding the timing of the notices of redemption and redemption payments, please refer to Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock Redemption at the Option of a Holder and Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock Redemption at the Option of the Company in this prospectus.

Table of Contents

An investment in our Series M Preferred Stock by a holder whose home currency is not ILS entails significant risks.

An investment in securities that are denominated in, and all payment in respect of which are to be made in, a currency other than the currency of the country in which the purchaser is resident or the currency in which the purchaser conducts its business or activities, which we refer to as the home currency, entails significant risks not associated with a similar investment in a security denominated in the home currency. These risks include the possibility of significant changes in rates of exchange between the home currency of the holder and ILS, costs of conversion between the home currency of the holder and ILS, and the possibility of the imposition or subsequent modification of foreign exchange controls.

Any distribution or redemption price payable with respect to our Series M Preferred Stock will be paid in ILS. In the past, rates of exchange between ILS and certain currencies have been highly volatile and volatility may occur in the future. However, past fluctuations in any particular exchange rate are not necessarily indicative of fluctuations in the rate that may occur in the future. As the value of ILS declines in relation to the home currency of a holder of our Series M Preferred Stock, such holder will experience a decrease in the yield associated with our Series M Preferred Stock and may experience a loss.

The liquidation preference of our Series M Preferred Stock ranks subordinate to the claims of our creditors and, with respect to any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions, subordinate to our Series A Preferred Stock and Common Stock to the extent of the Initial Dividend, and on parity with our Series L Preferred Stock and, with respect to the Series M Stated Value, on parity with our Series A Preferred Stock, our Series L Preferred Stock and any other capital stock on parity with respect to liquidation that we may issue in the future.

Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, after payment or provision for our debts and other liabilities, our assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders will be distributed as follows:

- first, pro rata to (i) holders of our Series M Preferred Stock in an amount per share equal to the Series M Stated Value, (ii) holders of our Series L Preferred Stock, in an amount per share equal to the Series L Stated Value, (iii) holders of our Series A Preferred Stock, in an amount per share equal to the Series A Stated Value (as defined in Description of Our Capital Stock Series A Preferred Stock in this prospectus), plus an amount equal to all accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) on our Series A Preferred Stock and (iv) holders of any other class or series of capital stock ranking on parity with our Series M Preferred Stock, Series L Preferred Stock and Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights upon our redemption, liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, to the extent provided by the terms of such class or series of capital stock;
- second, to holders of our Common Stock in an amount equal to the amount of any unpaid Initial Dividend;
- third, pro rata to (i) holders of our Series M Preferred Stock, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distribution, and (ii) holders of our Series L Preferred Stock, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Series L Preferred Distribution; and

- fourth, to holders of our Common Stock and any other class or series of capital stock ranking junior to our Series M Preferred Stock.

The rights of holders of our Series M Preferred Stock in relation to the rights of holders of our Series A Preferred Stock, Series L Preferred Stock, Common Stock and other classes or series of capital stock could negatively impact the return on investment of our Series M Preferred Stock in the event the Company is liquidated, dissolved or wound-up. The terms of the Series M Preferred Stock do not restrict our ability to authorize or issue shares of a class or series of preferred stock with rights to distributions or upon liquidation that are on parity with or senior to the Series M Preferred Stock or to incur additional indebtedness. The terms of the Series M Preferred Stock do not contain any provision affording the holders of shares of Series M Preferred Stock protection in the event of a highly leveraged or other transaction, including a merger or the sale, lease or conveyance of all or substantially all of our assets or business.

The terms of our Series M Preferred Stock do not contain any financial covenants, other than a limited restriction on our ability to issue shares of preferred stock.

Until November 21, 2022, we are prohibited from issuing any shares of preferred stock ranking senior to or on parity with the Series M Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends, other distributions, liquidation, and/or

Table of Contents

dissolution or winding up of the Company unless the Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is equal to or greater than 1.25:1.00 as of the last day of the Calculation Period, as such terms are defined in Description of Our Capital Stock Series M Preferred Stock Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio in this prospectus. Our good faith determination of an applicable Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be binding absent manifest error for purposes of this restriction.

The terms of our Series M Preferred Stock do not limit our ability to incur indebtedness or make distributions. As of June 30, 2018, our total consolidated indebtedness was approximately \$666,932,000, and we may incur additional debt in the future. The Series M Preferred Stock is subordinate to all of our existing and future debt and liabilities. Our future debt may include restrictions on our ability to pay distributions to preferred stockholders or make redemptions in the event of a default under such debt agreements or other circumstances. In addition, while the Series M Preferred Stock ranks senior to our Common Stock with respect to payment of distributions, except to the extent of the Initial Dividend, and amounts payable upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, to the extent of the Series M Stated Value, we are allowed to pay dividends on our Common Stock so long as we are current in the payment of the Series M Preferred Distribution, Series L Preferred Distribution and Series A Preferred Distribution. Further, the terms of our Series M Preferred Stock do not restrict our ability to repurchase shares of our Common Stock so long as we are current in the payment of Series M Preferred Distributions. Such dividends on or repurchases of our Common Stock may reduce the amount of cash on hand to pay the redemption price of our Series M Preferred Stock.

Holders of our Series M Preferred Stock will have no voting rights with respect to such shares.

The terms of our Series M Preferred Stock do not entitle holders to voting rights. Our Common Stock is currently the only class of our capital stock that carries any voting rights.

Our Common Stock ranks junior to the Series A Preferred Stock in all respects and ranks junior to the Series M Preferred Stock and Series L Preferred Stock with respect to distributions, except to the extent of the Initial Dividend, and upon liquidation, to the extent of the Series M Stated Value and the Series L Stated Value.

The rights of the holders of shares of our Common Stock as to distributions rank junior to the rights of the holders of shares of our Series A Preferred Stock and, except to the extent of the Initial Dividend, our Series M Preferred Stock and Series L Preferred Stock. Unless full cumulative dividends on shares of our Series A Preferred Stock, Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods have been declared and paid (or set apart for payment), we will not declare or pay dividends with respect to any shares of our Common Stock for any period.

The rights of the holders of shares of our Common Stock upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our Company also rank junior to the rights of the holders of Series A Preferred Stock and, to the extent of the Series L Stated Value and the Series M Stated Value, holders of Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock, respectively. However, holders of our Common Stock are entitled to receive an amount equal to the amount of any unpaid Initial Dividend prior to our payment to holders of our Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock of any accrued and unpaid Series L Preferred Distribution and Series M Preferred Distribution, respectively.

We have the option to redeem shares of Series M Preferred Stock at any time and from time to time, without the consent of the holder of such shares.

From the date of issuance of the Series M Preferred Stock, we will have the right (but not the obligation) to redeem, at any time and from time to time, any or all shares of our Series M Preferred Stock at a redemption price, payable in ILS, equal to 96.25% of the Series M Stated Value (subject to reduction by an amount equal to the Adjustment Amount with respect to any shares of Series M Preferred Stock redeemed at our election prior to the Series M Distribution Record Date for the first Series M Preferred Distribution), plus accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions as of the last day of the quarter in which we give notice of such redemption.

However, if for any given quarter the Preferred Distribution Conditions are not met, or we are in arrears on the Series M Preferred Distributions, we will not be able to exercise our redemption rights.

Our NAV is an estimate of the fair value of our properties and real estate-related assets and may not necessarily reflect realizable value.

The determination of estimated NAV involves a number of subjective assumptions, estimates and judgments that may not be accurate or complete. Neither the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority nor the SEC provides rules on the methodology we must use to determine our estimated NAV per share. We believe there is no established practice among

Table of Contents

public REITs for calculating estimated NAV. Different firms using different property-specific, general real estate, capital markets, economic and other assumptions, estimates and judgments could derive an estimated NAV that is significantly different from our estimated NAV.

Our estimated NAV, as determined by us from time to time, is calculated by relying in part on appraisals of our real estate assets and the assets of our lending segment. However, valuations of these assets do not necessarily represent the price at which a willing buyer would purchase such assets; therefore, there can be no assurance that we would realize the values underlying our estimated NAVs if we were to sell our assets and distribute the net proceeds to our stockholders. The values of our assets and liabilities, and therefore our NAV, are likely to fluctuate over time based on changes in value, investment activities, capital activities, indebtedness levels, and other various activities.

We may issue shares of our Common Stock at prices below the then-current NAV per share of our Common Stock, which could materially reduce our NAV per share of our Common Stock.

Any sale or other issuance of shares of our Common Stock at a price below the then-current NAV per share will result in an immediate reduction of our NAV per share. This reduction would occur as a result of a proportionately greater decrease in a stockholder's interest in our earnings and assets than the increase in our assets resulting from such issuance. For example, if we issue a number of shares of Common Stock equal to 5% of our then-outstanding shares at a 2% discount from NAV, a holder of our Common Stock who does not participate in that offering to the extent of its proportionate interest in the Company will suffer NAV dilution of up to 0.1%, or \$1 per \$1,000 of NAV. Because the number of future shares of our Common Stock that may be issued below our NAV per share and the price and timing of such issuances are not currently known, we cannot predict the resulting reduction in our NAV per share of any such issuance.

The ownership percentage of holders of our Common Stock may be diluted if we issue new shares of Common Stock or other securities, and issuances of additional preferred stock or other securities by us may further subordinate the rights of the holders of our Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock.

Our Board of Directors is authorized, without stockholder approval, to cause us to issue additional shares of our Common Stock and to raise capital through the issuance of shares of Preferred Stock and equity or debt securities convertible into Common Stock, preferred stock, options, warrants and other rights, on such terms and for such consideration as our Board of Directors in its sole discretion may determine. Any such issuance could result in dilution of the equity of our stockholders. In addition, our Board of Directors may, in its sole discretion, authorize us to issue Common Stock or other equity or debt securities to persons from whom we purchase properties, as part or all of the purchase price of the property. Our Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may determine the price of any Common Stock or other equity or debt securities issued in consideration of such properties or services provided, or to be provided, to us.

We may make redemption payments under the terms of our Series A Preferred Stock and Series L Preferred Stock in shares of our Common Stock. Although the dollar amounts of such payments are unknown, the number of shares of our Common Stock to be issued in connection with such payments may fluctuate based on the price of our Common Stock. Any sales or perceived sales in the public market of shares of our Common Stock issuable upon such redemption payments could adversely affect prevailing market prices of shares of our Common Stock. The existence of our Series A Preferred Stock and Series L Preferred Stock may encourage short selling by market participants because the possibility that redemption payments will be made in shares of our Common Stock could depress the market price of shares of our Common Stock. Further, any such issuance could result in dilution of the equity of our stockholders.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Our charter also authorizes our Board of Directors, without stockholder approval, to designate and issue one or more classes or series of Preferred Stock in addition to our Series A Preferred Stock, our Series L Preferred Stock, and our Series M Preferred Stock and equity or debt securities convertible into Preferred Stock and to set the voting powers, conversion or other rights, preferences, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions and qualifications or terms or conditions of redemption of each class or series of shares so issued. If any additional preferred stock is publicly offered, the terms and conditions of such preferred stock (or other equity or debt securities convertible into preferred stock) will be set forth in a registration statement registering the issuance of such preferred stock or equity or debt securities convertible into preferred stock. Because our Board of Directors has the power to establish the preferences and rights of each class or series of Preferred Stock, it may afford the holders of any class or series of Preferred Stock with preferences, powers, and rights senior to the rights of holders of our Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock. If we ever create and issue additional Preferred Stock or equity or debt securities convertible into Preferred Stock with a distribution preference over our Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock, payment of any distribution preferences of such new outstanding Preferred Stock would reduce the amount of funds available for the payment of distributions on our Common Stock or series M Preferred Stock, as applicable. Further, holders of Preferred Stock are normally entitled to receive a preference

Table of Contents

payment if we liquidate, dissolve, or wind up before any payment is made to the holders of our Common Stock, likely reducing the amount the holders of our Common Stock would otherwise receive upon such an occurrence. In addition, under certain circumstances, the issuance of additional Preferred Stock may delay, prevent, render more difficult or tend to discourage, a merger, tender offer, or proxy contest, the assumption of control by a holder of a large block of our securities, or the removal of incumbent management.

No stockholders have rights to buy additional shares of stock or other securities if we issue new shares of stock or other securities. We may issue Common Stock, convertible debt or preferred stock pursuant to subsequent public offerings or private placements. Investors in our Common Stock who do not participate in any future stock issuances will experience dilution in the percentage of the issued and outstanding stock they own. In addition, depending on the terms and pricing of any future offerings and the value of our assets, such investors may experience dilution in the book value and fair market value of, and the amount of distributions paid on, their shares of Common Stock, if any.

Our ability to redeem (at our option or at the option of the holder), and pay distributions on, shares of our Series M Preferred Stock may be limited by Maryland law.

Under Maryland law, a corporation may redeem, or pay distributions on, stock as long as, after giving effect to the redemption or distribution, the corporation is able to pay its debts as they become due in the usual course (the equity solvency test) and its total assets exceed the sum of its total liabilities plus, unless its charter permits otherwise, the amount that would be needed, if the corporation were to be dissolved at the time of the redemption or distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of stockholders when preferential rights on dissolution are superior to those whose stock is being redeemed or on which distributions are being paid (the balance sheet solvency test). If the Company is insolvent at any time when a redemption of, or distribution on, shares of Series M Preferred Stock is required to be made, the Company may not be able to effect such redemption or distribution.

A holder's ability to cause us to redeem shares of our Series M Preferred Stock may be limited by the terms of the Series L Preferred Stock and the Series A Preferred Stock.

The terms of the Series L Preferred Stock and Series A Preferred Stock prohibit us from redeeming shares of Series M Preferred Stock (even pursuant to the holder's optional redemption right) unless full cumulative dividends have been paid or declared and set aside for payment on the Series L Preferred Stock and the Series A Preferred Stock for all past distribution periods.

Holders of our securities are subject to inflation risk.

Inflation is the reduction in the purchasing power of money resulting from the increase in the price of goods and services. Inflation risk is the risk that the inflation-adjusted, or real, value of an investment in our Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock, or the income from that investment, will be worth less in the future. As inflation occurs, the real value of our Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock and distributions payable on such shares may decline because the rate of distribution will remain the same.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

If market interest rates go up, holders of or prospective investors in our Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock may expect a higher distribution rate on their investment. Higher market interest rates would not, however, result in more funds for us to pay distributions and, to the contrary, would likely increase our borrowing costs and potentially decrease funds available for distributions, and higher interest rates will not change the distribution rate on the Series M Preferred Stock. Thus, higher market interest rates could cause the market price of our Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock to decline.

Changes in or the withdrawal of credit ratings issued by U.S. or Israeli statistical rating organizations could adversely affect our cost of financing or the market price of our securities.

Credit rating agencies may rate the Company or our Series M Preferred Stock from time to time based on factors that include our operating results, actions that we take, their view of the general outlook for our industry and their view of the general outlook for the economy. Actions taken by the rating agencies may include maintaining, upgrading or downgrading the current rating or placing the Company or our Series M Preferred Stock on a watch list for possible future downgrading. Additionally, the Company may, in its sole discretion, determine to withdraw any existing credit rating at any time. A downgrade of the credit rating of the Company or our Series M Preferred Stock (or placement of the same on a watch list for possible future downgrading), or the Company's decision to withdraw any such credit rating could limit our

Table of Contents

access to the credit markets, increase our cost of financing and/or have an adverse effect on the market price of our securities, including our Series M Preferred Stock.

If research analysts publish or establish target prices for our Series M Preferred Stock that are below the Series M Stated Value, the price of our Series M Preferred Stock may fall.

Although the Series M Stated Value may have little or no relationship to a price that would be determined using traditional indicators of value (such as our future prospects and those of our industry in general; our financial and operating information; multiples of revenue, earnings, cash flows and other operating metrics; market prices of our securities and other financial and operating information of companies engaged in activities similar to ours), research analysts may rely upon these valuation methods to establish target prices for our Series M Preferred Stock. If research analysts publish target prices for our Series M Preferred Stock that are below the Series M Stated Value, the market price of our Series M Preferred Stock may decline.

There is no minimum condition to the Exchange Offer or with respect to the ability of holders of Series L Preferred Stock to elect to receive shares of Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock in exchange for their Series L Preferred Stock.

We expect to offer to exchange all outstanding shares of Series L Preferred Stock for, at the election of the holders thereof, shares of our Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock. The Exchange Offer is not conditioned on any minimum aggregate number of shares of our Series L Preferred Stock being tendered for exchange, nor is the ability of holders of Series L Preferred Stock to elect the consideration received for such shares subject to any minimum participation for each election. As a result, there can be no assurance regarding the number of outstanding shares of Series L Preferred Stock, Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock following the Exchange Offer. For instance, if a significant proportion of holders of Series L Preferred Stock elect to exchange such shares for Common Stock, the trading markets for our Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock may be less liquid than the existing trading market for our Series L Preferred Stock, which could make it difficult for holders of our Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock to sell such shares or could affect our ability to meet the NASDAQ continued listing standards for such securities.

Table of Contents

SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The information set forth herein contains forward-looking statements, including a description of certain potential events. You can identify these statements by the fact that they do not relate strictly to historical or current facts or discuss the business and affairs of CIM Commercial on a prospective basis. Further, statements that include words such as may, will, project, might, expect, believe, anticipate, intend, target, would, should, estimate, continue, pursue or potential or the negative or other words or expressions of similar meaning, may identify forward-looking statements.

CIM Commercial bases these forward-looking statements on particular assumptions that it has made in light of its experience, as well as its perception of expected future developments and other factors that it believes are appropriate under the circumstances. These forward-looking statements are necessarily estimates reflecting the judgment of CIM Commercial and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements, including those risks, uncertainties and other factors described in Risk Factors in this prospectus.

As you read and consider the information herein, you are cautioned to not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. These statements are not guarantees of performance or results and speak only as of the date of this prospectus. These forward-looking statements involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions. In light of these risks and uncertainties, there can be no assurance that the results and events contemplated by the forward-looking statements contained herein will in fact transpire. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for CIM Commercial to predict all of them. Nor can CIM Commercial assess the impact of each such factor or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors may cause results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statement.

Forward-looking statements are necessary estimates reflecting the judgment of CIM Commercial and involve a number of risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from those suggested by the forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause actual results to differ from those discussed in the forward-looking statements include but are not limited to:

- global, national, regional and local economic conditions;
- competition from other available space;
- local conditions such as an oversupply of space or a reduction in demand for real estate in the area;
- management of our properties;

- the development and/or redevelopment of our properties;
- changes in market rental rates;
- the timing and costs associated with property improvements and rentals;
- whether we are able to pass all or portions of any increases in operating costs through to tenants;
- changes in real estate taxes and other expenses;
- whether tenants and users such as customers and shoppers consider a property attractive;
- the financial condition of our tenants, including the extent of tenant bankruptcies or defaults;
- availability of financing on acceptable terms or at all;
- inflation, interest rate, securities market and monetary fluctuations;
- movements in interest rates;
- negative trends in our market capitalization and adverse changes in the price of our Common Stock;
- political instability;

Table of Contents

- acts of war or terrorism;
- changes in consumer spending, borrowings and savings habits;
- technological changes;
- our ability to obtain adequate insurance;
- changes in zoning laws and taxation;
- government regulation;
- consequences of any armed conflict involving, or terrorist attacks against, the United States or individual acts of violence in public spaces including retail centers;
- potential liability under environmental or other laws or regulations;
- natural disasters;
- general competitive factors;
- climate changes;
- the effect of changes in accounting policies and practices, as may be adopted by the regulatory agencies, as well as the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board, the Financial Accounting Standards Board and other accounting standard setters;

- ability to retain and attract skilled employees;
- changes in our organization, compensation and benefit plans; and
- our success at managing the risks involved in the foregoing items.

Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which such statements are made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date of this prospectus or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events, except as required by law.

Table of Contents

THE EXCHANGE OFFER

Subject to the terms set forth in this prospectus, we expect to issue, in exchange for outstanding shares of our Series L Preferred Stock validly tendered and not validly withdrawn on or prior to the Expiration Date, at the election of each tendering holder, newly issued shares of our Common Stock or our Series M Preferred Stock. You may exchange any or all of your shares of Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer. All shares of Series L Preferred Stock accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer will return to the status of authorized but unissued shares of Preferred Stock without designation as to class or series.

The Company does not intend to commence, and no holder of shares of Series L Preferred Stock will be able to participate in, the Exchange Offer unless and until the Company consummates the Potential Recapitalization and determines the CIM Purchase Price.

Purpose of the Exchange Offer

In connection with the Potential Recapitalization (as defined in Summary CIM Commercial Trust Corporation Potential Recapitalization in this prospectus), the Company is conducting the Exchange Offer in order to provide each holder of shares of Series L Preferred Stock the option, earlier than such holder would have been permitted to redeem such shares, to exchange such shares of Series L Preferred Stock for either (i) Series M Preferred Stock, which would provide an earlier opportunity for such holder to liquidate its investment in the Company, or (ii) Common Stock, assuming a price per share equal to the price at which certain of our directors and officers acquire shares of our Common Stock. See Our Business and Properties Company Overview Potential Recapitalization in this prospectus.

Exchange Ratio

For each share of Series L Preferred Stock that we accept for exchange in accordance with the terms of the Exchange Offer, we will issue, at the election of the holder:

- a number of newly issued shares of our Common Stock equal to the quotient of (i) the Series L Stated Value, or \$28.37, plus accrued and unpaid distributions on such share of Series L Preferred Stock through and including the Expiration Date, divided by (ii) the CIM Purchase Price, or
- one newly issued share of our Series M Preferred Stock.

Conditions to Completion of the Exchange Offer

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Exchange Offer, we will not be obligated to accept for exchange validly tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock pursuant to the Exchange Offer if the following conditions have not been satisfied or, to the extent permissible under applicable law, waived by us on or prior to the Expiration Date:

- the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part shall have become effective and no stop order suspending the effectiveness of the registration statement and no proceedings for that purpose have been instituted or pending or, to our knowledge, are contemplated or threatened by the SEC or the ISA;
- we shall have obtained any approvals, licenses, permits or consents of any competent authority or any other approval which, in our reasonable judgment, are necessary in order to consummate the Exchange Offer;
- no change, or any condition, event or development involving a prospective change, shall have occurred or be threatened in the general legal, economic, financial, currency exchange or market conditions in the United States, Israel or elsewhere that, in our reasonable judgment, would impair our ability to proceed with the Exchange Offer, and, in the case of any of the foregoing existing at the time of the commencement of the Exchange Offer, no material acceleration or worsening thereof shall have occurred or be threatened;
- there shall not have occurred (i) any suspension or limitation of trading in securities generally in the securities or financial markets of the United States or Israel, (ii) a declaration of a banking moratorium by United States federal or New York authorities or (iii) a commencement of a war or armed hostilities involving or relating to the United States or Israel or other international or national emergency or crisis directly or indirectly involving the United States or Israel (or, in the case of any of the foregoing events in (iii) existing at the time of the commencement of the Exchange Offer, no material acceleration or worsening thereof shall have occurred or be threatened);

Table of Contents

- there shall exist no order, statute, rule, regulation, executive order, stay, decree, judgment or injunction that shall have been enacted, entered, issued, promulgated, enforced or deemed applicable by any court or governmental, regulatory or administrative agency or instrumentality that, in our judgment, would or would be reasonably likely to prohibit, prevent or materially restrict or delay consummation of the Exchange Offer or that is, or is reasonably likely to be, materially adverse to our business, operations, properties, condition (financial or operating condition), assets, liabilities or prospects or those of our affiliates;
- there shall not have been instituted, threatened in writing or be pending any action or proceeding before or by any court, governmental, regulatory or administrative agency or instrumentality, or by any other person, in connection with the Exchange Offer, that is, or is reasonably likely to be, in our judgment, materially adverse to our business, operations, properties, condition (financial or operating condition), assets, liabilities or prospects or those of our affiliates, or which would or might, in our judgment, directly or indirectly prohibit, prevent, restrict or delay consummation of the Exchange Offer or otherwise adversely affect the Exchange Offer in any material manner;
- no tender or exchange offer for any or all of the outstanding shares of Common Stock (other than the Exchange Offer), or any merger, acquisition, business combination or other similar transaction with or involving the Company or any of our subsidiaries, shall have been proposed, announced or made by any person or entity or shall have been publicly disclosed after the date on which the Exchange Offer commences, nor shall we have entered into a definitive agreement or an agreement in principle with any person with respect to a merger, acquisition, business combination or other similar transaction; and
- we shall not have determined, in our reasonable judgment, that the consummation of the Exchange Offer could jeopardize our qualification and taxation as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Except for the filing with the SEC and the ISA of the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part and the Tender Offer Statement on Schedule TO in connection with the Exchange Offer, and the registration statement being declared effective by the SEC, and the filing of the Articles Supplementary for the Series M Preferred Stock with the SDAT, we are not aware of any filing, approval or other action by or with any governmental authority or regulatory agency that would be required for us to complete the Exchange Offer that has not been made or obtained.

The Exchange Offer is not conditioned upon the tender of any minimum or maximum number of Series L Preferred Stock.

Expiration Date; Extension; Amendment; Termination

Expiration Date. The Exchange Offer will expire at 4:00 p.m., Israel time (9:00 a.m., New York time) on _____, 2019, unless extended or earlier terminated by us. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Expiration Date will be at least 20 U.S. business days following the commencement of the Exchange Offer, as required by Rule 14e-1(a) under the Exchange Act.

Extension. We reserve the right to extend the period of time that the Exchange Offer is open, and delay acceptance for exchange of any tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock in accordance with applicable law. In the event we extend the Exchange Offer, we will provide oral or written notice to the Israeli Depositary and the U.S. Depositary (as such terms are defined in Procedures for Tender below) and will publicly announce such extension by:

- no later than 4:00 p.m., Israel time (9:00 a.m., New York time), on the first to occur of a U.S. or Israeli business day following the day on which we decide to extend the Exchange Offer, issuing a press release announcing the extended Expiration Date; and
- no later than one Israeli business day following the former Expiration Date (or no later than two Israeli business days, in the event our decision to extend the Exchange Offer was made toward the late evening hours, Israel time, one Israeli business day prior to the former Expiration Date), publishing a notice of the extension in two daily newspapers having a mass circulation and published in Israel in the Hebrew language.

Without limiting the manner in which we may choose to make any public announcement, subject to applicable law (including Rule 14e-1(d) and Rule 14d-4(d) under the Exchange Act, which require that material changes be promptly disseminated in a manner reasonably designed to inform holders of Series L Preferred Stock of such changes), we currently intend to make announcements regarding the offer by distributing a press release and making any required newspaper publications in Israel.

Table of Contents

During any extension of the Exchange Offer, all shares of Series L Preferred Stock previously tendered will remain subject to the Exchange Offer unless validly withdrawn.

Amendment and Termination. We expressly reserve the right, subject to applicable law, to amend the terms of the Exchange Offer in any manner permitted or not prohibited by law and to terminate the Exchange Offer and to reject for exchange any of the shares of Series L Preferred Stock not previously accepted by us for exchange if any condition to the Exchange Offer set forth in Conditions of the Exchange Offer above has not been satisfied or waived by us. If we terminate or amend the Exchange Offer, we will provide written notice to the Israel Depositary and U.S. Depositary and will issue a timely press release or other public announcement regarding the termination or amendment, which announcement shall include a publication of notice of the termination or amendment in two daily newspapers having a mass circulation and published in Israel in the Hebrew language.

Upon termination of the Exchange Offer for any reason, any shares of Series L Preferred Stock previously tendered in the Exchange Offer will be promptly returned to the tendering holders.

If we make a material change in the terms of the Exchange Offer or the information concerning the Exchange Offer, or waive a material condition of the Exchange Offer, we will promptly disseminate disclosure regarding the change to the Exchange Offer and extend the Exchange Offer, each if required by law, to ensure that the Exchange Offer remains open a minimum of five U.S. business days from the date we disseminate disclosure regarding the change.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if we make a change in the number of shares of Series L Preferred Stock sought for exchange or the consideration offered by us in the Exchange Offer, then we will promptly disseminate a disclosure regarding the change and, to the extent required by applicable law, extend the Exchange Offer to ensure that the Exchange Offer remains open a minimum of ten U.S. business days from the date we disseminate such disclosure.

Procedures for Tender

You may tender Series L Preferred Stock only by following the procedures described in this section. No Series L Preferred Stock may be tendered using a guaranteed delivery procedure.

To participate in the Exchange Offer, holders who hold their Series L Preferred Stock through a TASE member, which we refer to as Member Holders, must tender their Series L Preferred Stock to (the Israeli Depositary) pursuant to the instructions described in Tenders to Our Israeli Depositary below. All other holders who wish to participate in the Exchange Offer, which we refer to as Non-Member Holders, must tender their Series L Preferred Stock to , which we refer to as the U.S. Depositary, in accordance with the instructions for tender described in Tenders to Our U.S. Depositary below.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

The valid tender of Series L Preferred Stock pursuant to the applicable procedure described below will constitute a binding agreement between a tendering holder and us upon the terms of, and subject to the conditions to, the Exchange Offer. Any tender of your shares of Series L Preferred Stock pursuant to the applicable procedure described above will constitute your acceptance of the terms of, and conditions to, the Exchange Offer, as well as your representation and warranty to us that:

- you have the full power and authority to tender, sell, assign and transfer such tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock; and
- when we accept your Series L Preferred Stock for exchange, we will acquire good and unencumbered title to your Series L Preferred Stock, free and clear of all liens, restrictions, charges and encumbrances and not subject to any adverse claim or right.

Tendering holders of Series L Preferred Stock will also be deemed to have agreed:

- to execute and deliver upon our request any additional documents deemed by the Israeli Depositary, U.S. Depositary or us to be necessary or desirable to complete the assignment and transfer of the tendered shares; and
- with respect to tenders to the U.S. Depositary, that the delivery and surrender of the tendered shares will not be effective, and the risk of loss of the tendered shares will not pass to the U.S. Depositary unless and until the U.S. Depositary receives a properly transmitted Agent's Message (as defined below) together with all accompanying evidences of authority and any other required documents in form satisfactory to us.

Table of Contents

Tenders to Our Israeli Depositary

To tender shares in the Exchange Offer prior to the Expiration Date (Israel time), a Member Holder must deliver a notice of its tender, pursuant to a form which is to be delivered with this prospectus upon commencement of the Exchange Offer, designating an election of consideration (Series M Preferred Stock or Common Stock) and duly signed by such Member Holder or a duly authorized attorney-in-fact, which notice we refer to as an Acceptance Notice, to the TASE member through which such shares of Series L Preferred Stock are held, which we refer to as the Applicable TASE Member. Generally, TASE members require that the Acceptance Notice be submitted during Israeli business hours, which are typically between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Israel time (2:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., New York time) on Israeli business days. Member Holders should confirm with their respective TASE members at what times the Acceptance Notice may be submitted.

To tender shares in the Exchange Offer at any time on the Expiration Date (Israel time), a Member Holder must deliver the Acceptance Notice directly to the Israeli Depositary at its address set forth on the back cover of this prospectus. Such Acceptance Notice will be valid only if (i) the Member Holder properly completes and submits a copy of such Acceptance Notice to the Applicable TASE Member no later than 4:00 p.m., Israel time (9:00 a.m., New York time), and (ii) the Applicable TASE Member provides the Israeli Depositary with an additional TASE Member Notice (as described below) no later than 5:00 p.m., Israel time (10:00 a.m., New York time), on that same day.

On the Expiration Date, each Applicable TASE Member will deliver to the Israeli Depositary, at its address set forth on the back cover of this prospectus, a TASE Member Notice representing all Acceptance Notices delivered to such Applicable TASE Member. In addition, each Applicable TASE Member that receives an Acceptance Notice on or after the Expiration Date will deliver to the Israeli Depositary an additional TASE Member Notice reflecting such Acceptance Notice.

Tenders to Our U.S. Depositary

Instructions for Tender. To tender shares in the Exchange Offer, prior to 4:00 p.m., Israel time (9:00 a.m., New York time), on the Expiration Date, a Non-Member Holder must deliver to the U.S. Depositary, at its address set forth on the back cover of this prospectus, a properly completed and duly executed Letter of Transmittal, together with any required signature guarantees or an Agent's Message, and any other documents required by the Letter of Transmittal. The term Agent's Message means a message transmitted by DTC, to, and received by, the U.S. Depositary and forming part of the book-entry confirmation that states that DTC has received an express acknowledgement from the participant in DTC tendering the shares of Series L Preferred Stock that are the subject of the Book-Entry Confirmation, that the participant has received and agrees to be bound by the Letter of Transmittal and that we may enforce that agreement against that participant. **The method of delivery, including through DTC, of all documents required for valid tender is at your option and risk and delivery will be deemed made only when actually received by the U.S. Depositary. We recommend that Non-Member Holders electing to deliver such documents by mail use only registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested. In all cases, sufficient time should be allowed to ensure timely delivery.**

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

If a Non-Member Holder desires to tender Series L Preferred Stock that is beneficially owned through an account maintained by a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other DTC participant, such Non-Member Holder should contact the legal owner of such shares, or the relevant DTC participant, promptly and instruct it to tender such shares of Series L Preferred Stock on its behalf. **Beneficial owners are urged to appropriately instruct the legal owner of such shares (e.g., the bank, broker, custodian, commercial bank or trust company) at least five business days prior to the Expiration Date in order to allow adequate processing time for their instruction.**

Generally, all signatures on Letters of Transmittal must be guaranteed by either a financial institution that is a member of the Security Transfer Agent Medallion Signature Program or any other Eligible Guarantor Institution, as such term is defined in Rule 17Ad-15 under the Exchange Act, which we refer to collectively as an Eligible Institution. However, no signature guarantee is required on a Letter of Transmittal with respect to shares of Series L Preferred Stock tendered:

- by a registered holder of Series L Preferred Stock who has (i) signed the Letter of Transmittal and (ii) not completed the box entitled Special Delivery Instructions or Special Issuance Instructions on the Letter of Transmittal; or
- for the account of an Eligible Institution.

Table of Contents

Book-Entry Transfer. The U.S. Depositary will establish an account with respect to the Series L Preferred Stock at DTC for purposes of the Exchange Offer no later than two U.S. business days following commencement of the Exchange Offer. Any financial institution that is a participant in the system of DTC may make a book-entry delivery of shares of Series L Preferred Stock by causing DTC to transfer such shares of Series L Preferred Stock into the U.S. Depositary's account at DTC in accordance with DTC's procedures for such transfer. However, although delivery of shares of Series L Preferred Stock may be effected through book-entry transfer into the U.S. Depositary's account at DTC, an Agent's Message and any other required documents must, in any case, be received by the U.S. Depositary at its address set forth on the back cover of this prospectus no later than 4:00 p.m., Israel time (9:00 a.m., New York time), on the Expiration Date. **Delivery of documents to DTC does not constitute delivery to the U.S. Depositary.**

Effect of Acceptance. Shares of Series L Preferred Stock accepted for exchange by us in the Exchange Offer will be restored to the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock without designation as to class or series.

Fractional Shares

We will not issue fractional shares of our Common Stock in the Exchange Offer and no cash will be paid for fractional shares. Instead, the number of shares of Common Stock received by each holder whose shares of Series L Preferred Stock are accepted for exchange in the Exchange Offer will be rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Withdrawal of Tenders

You may withdraw any Series L Preferred Stock tendered in the Exchange Offer at any time prior to 2:00 p.m., Israel time (7:00 a.m., New York time), on the Expiration Date or, assuming such shares have not been accepted for exchange by us at the time of such withdrawal, after the expiration of 40 U.S. business days from the commencement of the Exchange Offer, or _____, 2019. Withdrawals must be made in accordance with the procedures set forth in this section.

Withdrawals of tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock may not be rescinded. If you have validly withdrawn shares of Series L Preferred Stock, such shares of Series L Preferred Stock will be deemed to not have been validly tendered for purposes of the Exchange Offer. However, withdrawn shares of Series L Preferred Stock may be re-tendered in accordance with the procedures described in The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tender.

Withdrawal Procedures for Tenders to the Israeli Depositary

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

A Member Holder who tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock to the Israeli Depositary may withdraw such shares from the Exchange Offer by delivering to the Applicable TASE Member a copy of the Acceptance Notice pursuant to which such Member Holder tendered shares, which Acceptance Notice must (i) be marked "Acceptance Notice Cancelled," (ii) include a notation regarding the original date and time of delivery of such Acceptance Notice to the Applicable TASE Member, and (iii) be signed by such Member Holder or a duly authorized attorney-in-fact.

Withdrawal Procedures for Tenders to the U.S. Depositary

A Non-Member Holder who tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock to the U.S. Depositary may withdraw such shares by timely delivering to the U.S. Depositary, at the address set forth on the back cover of this prospectus, a written notice of withdrawal specifying (i) that such Non-Member Holder is withdrawing the election to tender their shares of Series L Preferred Stock, (ii) the name of the person who tendered the Series L Preferred Stock to be withdrawn, (iii) the number of tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock to be withdrawn and (iv) the name of the registered holder of the Series L Preferred Stock, if different from the name of the person who tendered the Series L Preferred Stock. If Series L Preferred Stock have been delivered pursuant to the procedures for book-entry transfer as set forth in "The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tender," such notice of withdrawal must also specify the name and number of the account at DTC to be credited with the withdrawn shares of Series L Preferred Stock and otherwise comply with the procedures of DTC.

Acceptance; Exchange Offer Consideration

For purposes of the Exchange Offer, we will be deemed to have accepted for exchange validly tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock or defectively tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock with respect to which we have waived such defect, when, as and if we give oral or written notice of such acceptance to the Israeli Depositary and the U.S. Depositary.

Table of Contents

The settlement date in respect of any shares of Series L Preferred Stock that are validly tendered prior to the Expiration Date and accepted by us is expected to occur within three business days following the Expiration Date, which we refer to as the **Settlement Date**. Any delay in the **Settlement Date** will be by an extension of the Exchange Offer to the extent required by law.

On the **Settlement Date**, each of the Israeli Depositary and the U.S. Depositary will tender to us the shares of Series L Preferred Stock tendered to them in the Exchange Offer. In exchange, upon the terms of the Exchange Offer and applicable law, we will issue and deliver to each of the Israeli Depositary and the U.S. Depositary the number of shares of Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock, as applicable, for which shares of Series L Preferred Stock were validly tendered in the Exchange Offer and accepted by us.

The Israeli Depositary or the U.S. Depositary, as applicable, will act as your agent for the purpose of your receiving shares of Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock in accordance with your election in the Exchange Offer.

- With respect to shares of Series L Preferred Stock validly tendered to the Israeli Depositary and accepted for exchange by us, the Israeli Depositary will transfer, within two U.S. business days following the **Settlement Date**, via an off-stock exchange transaction, shares of Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock, as applicable, to the Applicable TASE Members, which will in turn credit the accounts of their respective Member Holders that participated in the Exchange Offer.
- With respect to shares of Series L Preferred Stock validly tendered to the U.S. Depositary and accepted for exchange by us, the U.S. Depositary will credit the number of shares of Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock to the appropriate accounts at DTC.

If, for any reason, acceptance for exchange of validly tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock pursuant to the Exchange Offer is delayed, or we are unable to accept for purchase or to pay for validly tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock pursuant to the Exchange Offer, then the Israeli Depositary and U.S. Depositary may, nevertheless, on our behalf, retain the tendered shares of Series L Preferred Stock, without prejudice to our rights described herein, but subject to applicable law and Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, which requires that we pay the consideration offered or return the shares of Series L Preferred Stock tendered promptly after the termination or withdrawal of the Exchange Offer.

Determination of Validity of Tender

All questions as to the validity, form, eligibility (including time of receipt) and acceptance for payment of any tender of Series L Preferred Stock will be determined by us, in our sole discretion. This determination will be final and binding on all parties. We reserve the absolute right to reject any or all tenders that we determine not to be in proper form or the acceptance for payment of which we determine may be unlawful. We also reserve the absolute right, in our sole discretion, to waive any defect or irregularity in any tender of Series L Preferred Stock, whether or not similar defects or irregularities present in other tenders are waived. **A tender of Series L Preferred Stock will not have been made until all defects and irregularities have been cured or waived. None of us, our affiliates, our assigns, the Israeli Depositary, the U.S. Depositary,**

the Exchange Agent, our outside legal counsel or any other person will be under any duty to give notification of any defects or irregularities in tenders of Series L Preferred Stock or incur any liability for failure to give any notification. Subject to applicable law, our interpretation of the terms of, and conditions to, the offer (including the Letter of Transmittal, Acceptance Notices and the instructions thereto) will be final and binding.

Return of Unaccepted Shares of Series L Preferred Stock

If any shares of Series L Preferred Stock are not accepted for exchange for any reason pursuant to the terms and conditions of the Exchange Offer, then, promptly following the Expiration Date or the termination of the Exchange Offer:

- if such shares were tendered to the Israeli Depositary, then we will instruct the Israeli Depositary to promptly notify the Applicable TASE Members of the number of shares not accepted for exchange, which will in turn notify the appropriate Member Holders; or
- if such shares were tendered to the U.S. Depositary, then such shares will be credited to an account maintained at DTC designated by the participant therein that originally delivered such shares of Series L Preferred Stock on behalf of a Non-Member Holder.

Table of Contents

Guarantee of the Exchange Offer

In accordance with Israeli law, the Israeli Depositary, which is a TASE member, will secure the issuance of the shares of Common Stock and Series M Preferred Stock offered by us in the Exchange Offer by guaranteeing our obligation to exchange the Series L Preferred Stock validly tendered and accepted by us for, at the election of the holder, shares of Common Stock or Series M Preferred Stock pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Offer.

Accounting Treatment

The election by a holder of our Series L Preferred Stock to exchange their shares of Series L Preferred Stock for shares of Common Stock will be accounted for by derecognizing the Series L Stated Value related to such shares from the Series L cumulative redeemable preferred stock line on our consolidated balance sheet. The Series L Stated Value will then be recognized on the Common stock line on our consolidated balance sheet at a rate of \$0.001 per share of Common Stock issued pursuant to the Exchange Offer with the remainder recognized on the Additional paid-in capital line on our consolidated balance sheet.

Due to our obligation to fund Series M Preferred Stock redemptions in cash, we expect the Series M Preferred Stock would be classified on our consolidated balance sheet as temporary equity. The election by a holder of our Series L Preferred Stock to exchange their shares of Series L Preferred Stock for shares of Series M Preferred Stock will be accounted for by derecognizing the Series L Stated Value related to such shares from the Series L cumulative redeemable preferred stock line on our consolidated balance sheet and recording it in temporary equity as a new line item on our consolidated balance sheet called Redeemable preferred stock: Series M.

No Board Recommendation

The Board of Directors is not making any recommendation regarding whether you should tender your shares of Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer. Accordingly, you must make a decision as to whether to tender any or all of your Series L Preferred Stock in the Exchange Offer. Before making your decision, we urge you to carefully read this prospectus in its entirety.

Fees and Expenses

Holders of Series L Preferred Stock who elect to tender their shares in the Exchange Offer will not be required to pay any expenses of soliciting tenders in the Exchange Offer. However, if a tendering holder handles the exchange of such shares through its broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company, TASE member or other institution, such holder may be required to pay brokerage fees or commissions. We will bear any and all fees and expenses of soliciting tenders for the Exchange Offer.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

The principal solicitation is being made by mail. However, additional solicitations may be made by facsimile transmission, telephone or in person by our officers and other employees. We will also pay the Israeli Depositary and the U.S. Depositary reasonable out-of-pocket expenses, and we will indemnify each of them against certain liabilities and expenses in connection with the Exchange Offer, including liabilities under the federal securities laws.

Future Purchases

Following completion of the Exchange Offer, we or our affiliates may repurchase any shares of Series L Preferred Stock that remain outstanding, whether through purchases in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Any of such future purchases may be on terms that are more or less favorable than the Exchange Offer. However, Exchange Act Rules 14e-5 and 13e-4 generally prohibit us and our affiliates from purchasing any shares of Series L Preferred Stock other than pursuant to the Exchange Offer until ten (10) business days after the Expiration Date of the Exchange Offer, although there are some exceptions. Whether and to what extent we or our affiliates engage in future purchases of Series L Preferred Stock will depend on many factors, including market conditions and the condition of our business.

Table of Contents

DESCRIPTION OF OUR CAPITAL STOCK

In this section, references to the Company, we, our and us refer only to CIM Commercial Trust Corporation and not its consolidated subsidiaries.

The following is a summary description of our capital stock, including our Series M Preferred Stock and Common Stock offered in the Exchange Offer. This description is not complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the provisions of our charter and bylaws and the applicable provisions of the MGCL. Our charter and bylaws are incorporated by reference as exhibits in the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part (see [Where You Can Find More Information](#)).

General

Our charter provides that we may issue up to 900,000,000 shares of our Common Stock, and up to 100,000,000 shares of Preferred Stock, of which 36,000,000 shares are classified as our Series A Preferred Stock and 9,000,000 shares are classified as our Series L Preferred Stock. Our charter authorizes our Board of Directors, with the approval of a majority of our entire Board of Directors and without stockholder approval, to amend our charter to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we are authorized to issue. In connection with the Exchange Offer, our Board of Directors intends to classify 8,080,740 shares of our Preferred Stock as a series of redeemable preferred stock classified and designated as the Series M Preferred Stock.

As of October 3, 2018, there were 43,795,073 shares of our Common Stock issued and outstanding, 2,462,104 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock issued, 2,457,119 shares of our Series A Preferred Stock outstanding, 2,462,104 Series A Warrants (as defined below) issued and outstanding and 8,080,740 shares of our Series L Preferred Stock issued and outstanding. Our Common Stock was held by approximately 460 stockholders of record as of October 3, 2018. Under Maryland law, our stockholders are not generally liable for our debts or obligations solely as a result of their status as stockholders.

Common Stock

We expect to offer to exchange in the Exchange Offer _____ shares of our Common Stock for each outstanding share of Series L Preferred Stock.

Subject to the preferential rights of our Preferred Stock and any other class or series of our stock and to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock, holders of shares of our Common Stock are entitled to receive dividends and other distributions on such shares if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors out of funds legally available therefor and declared by us and to share ratably in the assets of our Company legally available for distribution to our stockholders in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up after payment or establishment of reserves for all known debts and liabilities of our Company.

Subject to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock and except as may otherwise be specified in the terms of any class or series of our stock, each outstanding share of our Common Stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors, and, except as provided with respect to any other class or series of stock, the holders of shares of Common Stock will possess the exclusive voting power. There is no cumulative voting in the election of our directors. A plurality of all the votes cast at a meeting of stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to elect a director. Each share of Common Stock entitles the holder thereof to vote for as many individuals as there are directors to be elected and for whose election the holder is entitled to vote. A majority of the votes cast at a meeting of stockholders duly called and at which a quorum is present shall be sufficient to approve any other matter which may properly come before the meeting, unless more than a majority of the votes cast is required by the MGCL or by our charter.

Except as set forth in the terms of our Series L Preferred Stock and our Series M Preferred Stock and described in Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock, respectively, below, holders of shares of our Common Stock have no preference, conversion, exchange, sinking fund or redemption rights and have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any securities of our Company. Our charter provides that our common stockholders generally have no appraisal rights unless our Board of Directors determines prospectively that appraisal rights will apply to one or more transactions in which holders of our Common Stock would otherwise be entitled to exercise appraisal rights. Subject to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock, holders of our Common Stock will have equal dividend, liquidation and other rights.

Our Common Stock is traded on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol CMCT. We intend to submit supplemental listing applications to list on NASDAQ and the TASE the shares of Common Stock issued in the Exchange Offer, and we do not expect to commence the Exchange Offer until such applications are approved. No assurance can be given that our applications for these listings will be approved.

Table of Contents

Series M Preferred Stock

We expect to offer to exchange in the Exchange Offer one share of our Series M Preferred Stock for each outstanding share of Series L Preferred Stock. The following is a brief description of the terms of our Series M Preferred Stock, which does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Articles Supplementary for our Series M Preferred Stock, which are filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part. We intend to file the Articles Supplementary with the SDAT prior to the completion of the Exchange Offer.

Rank. Our Series M Preferred Stock ranks, with respect to rights upon our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution:

- senior to our Common Stock, both (i) to the extent of the Series M Stated Value and (ii) following payment to holders of Common Stock of an amount equal to any unpaid Initial Dividend, to the extent of an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions, and any other class or series of our capital stock, the terms of which expressly provide that our Series M Preferred Stock ranks senior to such class or series as to rights on our liquidation, winding-up and dissolution;
- on parity with our Series A Preferred Stock, to the extent of the Series M Stated Value, and our Series L Preferred Stock and any other class or series of our capital stock, including capital stock issued in the future, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series ranks on parity with the Series M Preferred Stock as to rights on our liquidation, winding-up and dissolution; and
- junior to our Series A Preferred Stock and our Common Stock, to the extent of the Initial Dividend, in both instances with respect to any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions (as defined herein), and each class or series of our capital stock, including capital stock issued in the future, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series ranks senior to the Series M Preferred Stock as to rights on our liquidation, winding-up and dissolution.

Our Series M Preferred Stock ranks, with respect to distribution rights:

- senior to our Common Stock, except with respect to the Initial Dividend, and senior to any other class or series of our capital stock, the terms of which expressly provide that our Series M Preferred Stock ranks senior to such class or series as to distribution rights;

- on parity with our Series L Preferred Stock and each class or series of our capital stock, including capital stock issued in the future, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series ranks on parity with the Series M Preferred Stock as to distribution rights; and
- junior to our Series A Preferred Stock, our Common Stock with respect to and only to the extent of the Initial Dividend, and any other class or series of our capital stock, including capital stock issued in the future, the terms of which expressly provide that such class or series ranks senior to the Series M Preferred Stock as to distribution rights.

In addition, as an equity security, our Series M Preferred Stock is junior to all our existing and future debt obligations.

Stated Value. Each share of Series M Preferred Stock will have an initial Series M Stated Value equal to 100 ILS or, for purposes of any computation based on stated value (e.g., amounts of distributions, redemption price, etc.), \$28.37 USD per share.

Distributions. Subject to the discussion below, the holders of our Series M Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us out of legally available funds, cumulative cash distributions in ILS on each share of Series M Preferred Stock at an annual rate of 5.5% of the Series M Stated Value, which annual amount we refer to as the Series M Preferred Distribution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Company fails to pay the Series M Preferred Distribution for a given fiscal year in full on the Series M Distribution Payment Date, as defined below, or fails to declare such Series M Preferred Distribution, the annual rate of the Series M Preferred Distribution will increase by 1.0% effective beginning January 1 of the year following the year for which such distribution was not paid in full, up to a maximum dividend rate of 8.5% per annum. Such increased annual rate of the Series M Preferred Distribution will continue until the next year thereafter in which the Series M Preferred Distribution for all past

Table of Contents

dividend periods has been paid in full as of January 31 of such year, in which case the dividend rate will revert to 5.5% per annum effective as of January 1 of such year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the first Series M Preferred Distribution will be reduced by the Adjustment Amount, or an amount equal to 4.5% of the Series M Stated Value.

The timing and amount of any payment, in part or in full, of the Series M Preferred Distribution will be determined by our Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, and may vary from time to time. We do not expect to declare and pay any Series M Preferred Distribution to the extent prohibited by applicable law or our charter or our results of operations, our general financing conditions, general economic conditions or other factors make it imprudent to do so. The Company, in its sole discretion, may at any time set a record date and/or a payment date for any part of or all Series M Preferred Distributions in arrears that differs from the Series M Distribution Record Date or the Series M Distribution Payment Date, respectively.

We will declare the amount of the Series M Preferred Distribution, if any, in USD during the fourth quarter of the calendar year and no later than December 15. At the time we declare the Series M Preferred Distribution for a given fiscal year, we will announce a record date for such Series M Preferred Distribution that is no earlier than five TASE Trading Days following the date of such declaration and no later than December 31 of such year, which date we refer to as the Series M Distribution Record Date. Subject to the discussion below, the Series M Preferred Distribution, if declared for any given year, will be paid annually on the Series M Distribution Payment Date to holders of record of our Series M Preferred Stock as of the close of business on the Series M Distribution Record Date. The Series M Distribution Payment Date is, at the selection of the Company, a date no earlier than December 1 of the year for which such distribution was declared and no later than January 31 of the year following the year for which such distribution was declared.

On the Series M Distribution Payment Date, holders will receive payment, in ILS, at the Current Exchange Rate, which is equal to the weighted average of the USD/ILS exchange rates of all the transactions (which shall be one or more) completed by the Bank(s) (as defined below) through which the payment is converted to ILS, on the third TASE Trading Day preceding the Series M Distribution Payment Date. No later than two TASE Trading Days prior to the Series M Distribution Payment Date, the Company will file an Immediate Report with the ISA (provided that our Series M Preferred Stock is listed on the TASE), and will issue a press release or publish on its website a notice, detailing the exact amount of the Series M Preferred Distribution, in ILS.

For purposes of all exchange rate applications, the Bank means, at the selection of the Company for a given transaction, one of the commercial banks (including their subsidiaries) or foreign bank branches as published from time to time by the Bank of Israel on its website. We will bear all fees and commissions with respect to the conversion services provided by any Bank in connection with distributions, redemption or liquidation.

The Series M Preferred Distribution will be subordinated to the payment of dividends on our Common Stock and our Series A Preferred Stock as follows. We will be permitted to pay the Series M Preferred Distribution, if any, out of legally available funds in respect of a given fiscal year only if certain conditions, which we refer to as the Preferred Distribution Conditions, are satisfied:

- we must have declared the entire Initial Dividend (as described below), if any, with respect to our Common Stock for such fiscal year;

- we must have declared and paid (or declared and set apart for payment) full cumulative dividends equal to the amount of all accrued and unpaid dividends on the Series A Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods; and
- we must have paid in such fiscal year dividends on our Common Stock in an amount equal to or greater than the product of (i) the Initial Dividend multiplied by (ii) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of quarters that have passed since the beginning of the year (including the current quarter) and the denominator of which is four (4).

We expect that, in accordance with the Articles Supplementary for our Series M Preferred Stock, our Board of Directors will, in its sole discretion and subject to applicable law, authorize at the end of each fiscal year a minimum annual dividend, in USD, on shares of our Common Stock for the following fiscal year, which we refer to as the Initial Dividend. While there is no limitation on the maximum amount of the Initial Dividend that can be paid in a particular year, we do not intend to announce an Initial Dividend for any given year that, based on the information then reasonably available to us at the time of announcement, we believe would cause us to be unable to make a future distribution on our

Table of Contents

Series M Preferred Stock or on any other outstanding share of preferred stock. With respect to any fiscal year, dividends declared and paid on our Common Stock at any time during that year will be deemed to constitute the Initial Dividend for such fiscal year until Common Stock dividends for such fiscal year have equaled such Initial Dividend. The record and payment dates with respect to any Common Stock dividends (including dividends that will be deemed to constitute the Initial Dividend for a given fiscal year, if any) will be set during such year in accordance with Maryland law, and we will not declare or pay any such Common Stock dividends to the extent prohibited by applicable law or our charter.

However, the Initial Dividend will be \$0 USD for any year in which:

- our Board of Directors does not authorize or we do not announce the Initial Dividend;
- any amount of the Series M Preferred Distribution or Series L Preferred Distribution was in arrears and such amount had not been declared as of the last day of the preceding year;
- the Series M Preferred Distribution or the Series L Preferred Distribution was not declared as of the last day of the preceding year; or
- the Leverage Ratio as of November 30 of the prior year exceeded 60%. The Leverage Ratio is the amount, expressed as a percentage, of Debt of the Company divided by Total Assets of the Company.

Debt means with respect to the Company and its consolidated subsidiaries, determined in accordance with GAAP, and to the extent listed as debt on the balance sheet of the Company, without duplication, the aggregate amount of all outstanding debt for borrowed money issued under bonds, notes, loan agreements or similar instruments, net of all cash and cash equivalents of the Company and its subsidiaries. In no event (and for the avoidance of doubt) shall Debt include (i) issued and undrawn letters of credit, (ii) cash collateralized letters of credit, (iii) earn-out obligations and (iv) capital leases or operating leases. In no event shall the allocable portion of Debt of any entity at which the Debt is incurred exceed the Company's direct or indirect equity ownership percentage of such entity or, for the avoidance of doubt, include the Debt of any person the investment in which is accounted for under the equity method. Total Assets means the fair value of the assets of the Company and its subsidiaries (on a consolidated basis) as determined by the Company consistent with the calculation of the Company's NAV, as most recently published by the Company, as modified from time to time. The Company's good faith determination of the aggregate amount of Debt and Total Assets at any time shall be binding absent manifest error.

The Series M Preferred Distributions will be deemed to accrue, in USD, and will be cumulative from, January 1, 2019, the date following the accrual period of the first distribution on the Series L Preferred Stock, and will be paid on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. The Series M Preferred Distributions will accrue whether or not (i) we have earnings, (ii) the Initial Dividend has been declared or paid, (iii) there are funds legally available for the payment of such distributions and (iv) such distributions are authorized by our Board of Directors or declared by us. Accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions will not bear interest and will not increase the Series M Stated Value. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions, in connection with any redemption of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock, the Series M Preferred Distributions with respect to such shares will cease to accrue following the last day of the quarter in which the notice of redemption is

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

given, even though the redemption price will be paid at a later date as described in Redemption at the Option of a Holder and Redemption at the Option of the Company, as applicable.

Holders of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock are not entitled to any distribution in excess of full cumulative Series M Preferred Distributions on such shares. Unless full cumulative Series M Preferred Distributions for all prior years have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for payment, we will not:

- declare and pay or declare and set apart for payment dividends and we will not declare and make any other distribution of cash or other property (other than dividends or other distributions paid in shares of stock ranking junior to the Series M Preferred Stock as to the distribution rights or rights on our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, and options, warrants or rights to purchase such shares), directly or indirectly, on or with respect to any shares of our Common Stock other than in amounts up to but not exceeding the Initial Dividend, if any, or any class or series of our stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series M Preferred Stock as to distribution rights for any period; or
- except by conversion into or exchange for shares of stock ranking junior to the Series M Preferred Stock as to distribution rights or rights on our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, or options, warrants or rights to

Table of Contents

purchase such shares, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire (other than a redemption, purchase or other acquisition of Common Stock made for purposes of an employee incentive or benefit plan) for any consideration, or pay or make available any monies for a sinking fund for the redemption of, any Common Stock or any class or series of our stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series M Preferred Stock as to distribution rights.

If available funds are insufficient to pay the Series M Preferred Distribution and the distribution of any series of preferred stock that we issue ranking on parity with the Series M Preferred Stock as to the payment of distributions, including the Series L Preferred Stock, which stock we refer to as Distribution Parity Stock, all Series M Preferred Distributions and distributions on Distribution Parity Stock shall simultaneously be declared pro rata so that the amount of distributions declared per share of Series M Preferred Stock and Distribution Parity Stock shall in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that accrued Series M Preferred Distributions per share and accrued distributions per share on Distribution Parity Stock bear to each other.

To the extent necessary to preserve our status as a REIT, the foregoing sentence, however, will not prohibit declaring or paying or setting apart for payment any dividend or other distribution on the Common Stock or the redemption of our capital stock pursuant to the restrictions on ownership and transfer contained in our charter.

Redemption at the Option of a Holder. From and after the second anniversary of the Settlement Date, each holder of Series M Preferred Stock will have the right to require the Company to redeem all or any of the shares of Series M Preferred Stock held by such holder at the Holder Redemption Price, which is equal to the sum of (i) 96.25% of the Series M Stated Value plus (ii) provided the Preferred Distribution Conditions are satisfied at the effective time of redemption and the Company is otherwise permitted to pay Series M Preferred Distributions, any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions through and including the effective date of the redemption (excluding any declared Series M Preferred Distribution for which a Series M Distribution Record Date occurs before the declared effective date of the redemption, which will not constitute a portion of the redemption price and will instead be paid on the applicable Series M Distribution Payment Date to the holder of record at the close of business on such Series M Distribution Record Date). The effective date of redemption will be the last day of the quarter in which the redemption notice is validly submitted.

A holder that requests the Company to redeem its shares of Series M Preferred Stock at a time when the Preferred Distribution Conditions are not satisfied or the Company is otherwise not permitted to pay Series M Preferred Distributions will forfeit any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions as of the effective date of redemption. The Company will provide advance notice to holders of Series M Preferred Stock by filing an Immediate Report with the ISA (provided that our Series M Preferred Stock is listed on the TASE) and will issue a press release or publish on its website a notice, prior to the Quarterly Redemption Window (as described below), if the Company will not be able to satisfy the Preferred Distribution Conditions for a given quarter.

The Company will pay the Holder Redemption Price in cash in ILS, based on the Current Exchange Rate on the third TASE Trading Day preceding the Holder Redemption Payment Date (as defined below).

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Holders of our Series M Preferred Stock who hold their shares through a TASE member may exercise their redemption rights by delivering written notice to their respective TASE members during the six-day redemption period from and including the 15th day to and including the 20th day of the final month of a given quarter (March, June, September or December), which period we refer to as the Quarterly Redemption Window. Investors who do not hold their shares of Series M Preferred Stock through a TASE member must deliver written notice of redemption during the Quarterly Redemption Window directly to the Company at an address announced by the Company prior to the Quarterly Redemption Window. Any redemption by a holder will be effective as of the last day of the quarter in which notice is timely delivered to a TASE member or the Company, as applicable. Following the effective date of the redemption, such shares of Series M Preferred Stock so redeemed will no longer be deemed outstanding and the sole right of a holder with respect to such shares of Series M Preferred Stock will be the right to receive the redemption payment for such shares on the Holder Redemption Payment Date and, if applicable, the right to receive on the Series M Distribution Payment Date the amount of any Series M Preferred Distribution for which a Series M Distribution Record Date occurred before the declared effective date of the redemption.

TASE members and other brokers will deliver any redemption notices timely received from their clients for a given quarter to _____, or any other TASE member we designate as a replacement, which we refer to as the Redemption Coordinator, no later than the first TASE Trading Day following the Quarterly Redemption Window. The Redemption Coordinator will prepare a report of the notices of redemption received during each quarter and will provide such report to the Company no later than two TASE Trading Days following the Quarterly Redemption Window. In the

Table of Contents

event we replace the Redemption Coordinator, we will file an Immediate Report with the ISA (provided that our Series M Preferred Stock is listed on the TASE) and issue a press release or publish on our website a notice of such change.

No later than the tenth day following the end of the quarter in which any holder exercises its right to redeem shares of Series M Preferred Stock, we will file an Immediate Report with the ISA (provided that our Series M Preferred Stock is listed on the TASE), and will issue a press release or publish on our website a notice, detailing the number of shares to be redeemed. No later than two TASE Trading Days prior to the Holder Redemption Payment Date, the Company will file an Immediate Report with the ISA (provided that our Series M Preferred Stock is listed on the TASE), and will issue a press release or publish on its website a notice, indicating the exact amount of cash, in ILS, to be paid with respect to such redemption.

The redemption price will be paid by the Company to any holder that exercises its right to redeem shares of Series M Preferred Stock in a given quarter on the applicable Holder Redemption Payment Date. The Holder Redemption Payment Date for a given quarter is, (i) with respect to each of the first three quarters of the year, the 18th day of month following the end of such quarter (April 18, July 18, or October 18, as applicable) and (ii) with respect to the fourth quarter of the year, the Series M Distribution Payment Date occurring in the following January or, if none, such other date in the following January announced by the Company.

Our obligation to redeem any shares of our Series M Preferred Stock is limited to the extent that (i) we have sufficient funds available to fund any such redemption or (ii) we are restricted by applicable law, our charter, including the terms of our Series A Preferred Stock and Series L Preferred Stock, or contractual obligations from making such redemption.

Redemption at the Option of the Company. We will have the right to redeem, at any time and from time to time, in our sole discretion, any or all shares of our Series M Preferred Stock at a redemption price per share equal to the Company Redemption Price, which is the sum of (i) 96.25% of the Series M Stated Value (subject to reduction by an amount equal to the Adjustment Amount with respect to any shares of Series M Preferred Stock redeemed at our election prior to the Series M Distribution Record Date for the first Series M Preferred Distribution) plus (ii) the amount of any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions through and including the last day of the quarter in which the Company Redemption Notice Date (as defined below) for such redemption occurs, which date we refer to as the Distribution Cutoff Date (provided, however, that any declared Series M Preferred Distribution for which a Distribution Record Date occurs before the Distribution Cutoff Date will not constitute a portion of the redemption price and will instead be paid on the applicable Series M Distribution Payment Date to the holder of record at the close of business on such Series M Distribution Record Date).

If for any given quarter the Preferred Distribution Conditions are not met or the Series M Preferred Distribution is in arrears as of the Company Redemption Record Date, we will not be able to exercise our redemption right as the redemption price includes accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distributions through and including the Distribution Cutoff Date.

The Company will pay the Company Redemption Price in cash in ILS, based on the Current Exchange Rate on the third TASE Trading Day preceding the Company Redemption Payment Date (as defined below).

Any redemption of shares of Series M Preferred Stock at the election of the Company will be effective as of the Company Redemption Record Date. Following the Company Redemption Record Date, such shares of Series M Preferred Stock so redeemed will no longer be deemed outstanding and the sole right of a holder with respect to such shares of Series M Preferred Stock will be the right to receive the redemption payment (which will not include any distributions that accrue after the Distribution Cutoff Date) for such shares on the Company Redemption Payment Date (as defined below) and, if applicable, the right to receive on the Series M Distribution Payment Date the amount of any Series M Preferred Distribution for which a Series M Distribution Record Date occurred before the Company Redemption Record Date. We shall make no payment or allowance for distributions that accrue after the Distribution Cutoff Date on Series M Preferred Stock with respect to which a notice of redemption has been given.

If fewer than all the outstanding shares of Series M Preferred Stock are to be redeemed, the Company will select those shares to be redeemed pro rata.

We may exercise our redemption right by, no later than five days prior to the end of the quarter preceding the quarter in which the redemption will occur, filing an Immediate Report with the ISA (provided that our Series M Preferred Stock is listed on the TASE), and issuing a press release or publishing on our website a notice detailing the number of shares to be redeemed and the Company Redemption Price (in USD), such date of notice we refer to as the Company

Table of Contents

Redemption Notice Date. The Company will file an Immediate Report with the ISA (provided that our Series M Preferred Stock is listed on the TASE) and will issue a press release or publish on its website a notice, indicating the exact amount of cash, in ILS, to be paid with respect to such redemption no later than the second TASE Trading Day prior to the Company Redemption Payment Date.

Any redemption at our option of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock will apply to holders of record of our Series M Preferred Stock as of the close of business on the Company Redemption Record Date, which for a given quarter is, (i) with respect to each of the first three quarters of the year, the first TASE Trading Day following the Holder Redemption Payment Date occurring in the quarter following the Distribution Cutoff Date and (ii) with respect to the fourth quarter of the year, the first TASE Trading Day following the Series M Distribution Payment Date occurring in the following January or, if none, such other date in the following January announced by the Company. The Company Redemption Price will be paid by the Company on the Company Redemption Payment Date, in exchange for the redeemed shares (which will be transferred from the holder of such shares, by its TASE member and the TASE or other broker to the transfer agent, as such terms are defined in Plan of Distribution in this prospectus). The Company Redemption Payment Date is the later of (i) the twelfth day following the Company Redemption Record Date (or, if such date is not a TASE Trading Day, the following TASE Trading Day) and (ii) the seventeenth day following the Company Redemption Notice Date. On or prior to the Company Redemption Payment Date, we will deliver a written or electronic notice of the redemption to the record holders of shares of Series M Preferred Stock as of the close of business on the Company Redemption Record Date.

If full cumulative Series M Preferred Distributions on all outstanding shares of Series M Preferred Stock have not been declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment for all past annual periods, except as provided by the restrictions on ownership and transfer set forth in our charter, neither the Company nor any of its affiliates may purchase or otherwise acquire shares of Series M Preferred Stock other than pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to all holders of shares of Series M Preferred Stock.

Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio. Prior to November 21, 2022, we will not be permitted to issue any preferred stock ranking senior to or on parity with the Series M Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends, other distributions, liquidation, and/or dissolution or winding up of the Company unless the Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio (as defined below) is equal to or greater than 1.25:1.00 as of the last day of the Calculation Period (as defined below). The Company's good faith determination of an applicable Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio shall be binding absent manifest error for purposes of this restriction.

The Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio equals, for a given Calculation Period, the ratio of (1) EBITDA (as defined below) to (2) Fixed Charges (as defined below), in each case calculated after giving effect on a Pro Forma Basis (as defined below) to any Pro Forma Transaction (as defined below). The Calculation Period means with respect to a proposed issuance, the trailing 12-month period ending on the last day of the quarter preceding the date of such issuance.

For purposes of this subsection, the Companies means the Company and its Subsidiaries, where a Subsidiary is any corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company or other business entity of which a majority of the shares of securities or other interests having ordinary voting power for the election of directors or other governing body (other than securities or interests having such power only by reason of the happening of a contingency) are at the time beneficially owned, or the management of which is otherwise controlled, directly, or indirectly through one or more intermediaries, by the Company. For purposes of this subsection, Person means an individual, partnership, corporation, limited liability company, business trust, joint stock company, trust, unincorporated association, permitted joint venture, governmental authority or other entity of whatever nature, whether public or private. For purposes of this subsection, GAAP means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States that are applicable to the circumstances as of the date of determination, consistently applied.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

EBITDA means, for any Calculation Period, without duplication, an amount equal to the sum of (a) Consolidated Net Income (as defined below) for such period (including the Companies' Ownership Share (as defined below) of any items described below of each Unconsolidated Affiliate (as defined below)), *plus* (b) to the extent deducted in calculating such Consolidated Net Income, (i) Consolidated Interest Expense (plus, to the extent not already included in such Consolidated Interest Expense, amortization of deferred financing costs), (ii) the provision for federal, state, local and foreign income taxes of the Companies, (iii) non-cash charges and expenses of the Companies reducing Consolidated Net Income for such period (excluding any non-cash charge or expense that results in an accrual of a reserve for a cash charge in any future period), (iv) the Companies' Ownership Share of non-cash charges and expenses of Unconsolidated Affiliates (excluding any non-cash charge or expense that results in an accrual of a reserve for a cash charge in any future period), (v) acquisition closing costs of the Companies that were capitalized prior to FAS 141-R reducing such Consolidated Net

Table of Contents

Income, (vi) depreciation and amortization expense of the Companies and asset write downs and write offs (including in respect of goodwill and intangible assets), (vii) one-time costs and expenses relating to the effectiveness of any credit arrangements and the transactions relating thereto and (viii) proceeds of rent loss and business interruption insurance received by the Companies, *less* (c) non-cash items of the Companies increasing such Consolidated Net Income (other than the reversal of any accrual of a reserve referred to in the parenthetical in clause (b)(iii) of this definition, except to the extent such reversal results from a cash payment).

- **Consolidated Interest Expense** means, with respect to a given period, without duplication, the sum of (a) total interest expense (including, for the avoidance of doubt, capitalized interest) of the Companies for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, plus (b) the Companies' Ownership Share of total interest expense (including, for the avoidance of doubt, capitalized interest) of each Unconsolidated Affiliate for such period determined in accordance with GAAP; provided, however, that Consolidated Interest Expense shall be reduced by (i) any cash interest income received by the Companies during such period not otherwise included in the Consolidated Net Income for such period and (ii) the net amount of cash payments received by the Companies under interest rate swap agreements during such period. Consolidated Interest Expense shall (a) be determined without regard to the effects thereon of (i) FASB Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, 860 with respect to non-cash portion of interest expense arising from transfer or servicing of financial assets and FASB ASC 470-20 with respect to the non-cash portion of interest expense attributable to convertible indebtedness and (ii) non-cash charges including, but not limited to, the amortization of debt issue costs, premiums, discounts, intangible assets, or intangible liabilities, or any non-cash charges or write-offs related to the restructuring, modification or extinguishment of debt in accordance with FASB ASC 470-50 or FASB ASC 470-60, and (b) exclude onetime cash payments including, but not limited to, debt issue costs, pre-payment penalties, defeasance, yield maintenance, legal costs.
- **Consolidated Net Income** means, with respect to a given period, the sum of (a) the net income (or loss) of the Companies for such period determined on a consolidated basis in accordance with GAAP, excluding any extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring gain (or extraordinary, unusual or non-recurring loss) realized during such period by the Company, plus (b) the Companies' Ownership Share of the net income (or loss) of each Unconsolidated Affiliate for such period determined in accordance with GAAP, excluding any extraordinary or non-recurring gain (or extraordinary or non-recurring loss) realized during such period by such Unconsolidated Affiliate.
- **Unconsolidated Affiliate** means any Person (a) in which the Company, directly or indirectly, holds an Equity Interest, which investment is accounted for in the consolidated financial statements of the Companies on an equity basis of accounting and (b) whose financial results are not consolidated with the financial results of the Companies under GAAP. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this prospectus, any Person in which the Company is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 50% or less of each class of Equity Interests of such Person shall be deemed to be an Unconsolidated Affiliate.
- **Equity Interests** means, with respect to any Person, all of the shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the warrants, options or other rights for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person, all of the securities convertible into or exchangeable for shares of capital stock of (or other ownership or profit interests in) such Person or

warrants, rights or options for the purchase or acquisition from such Person of such shares (or such other interests), and all of the other ownership or profit interests in such Person (including partnership, member or trust interests therein), whether voting or nonvoting, and whether or not such shares, warrants, options, rights or other interests are outstanding on any date of determination.

- **Ownership Share** means, with respect to any Unconsolidated Affiliate of the Company as of a given date, the Company's pro rata share of the liabilities or assets, as the case may be, of such Unconsolidated Affiliate determined in accordance with GAAP, which shall be calculated as the greater of (a) the Company's direct or indirect nominal capital ownership interest in such Unconsolidated Affiliate as set forth in the organization documents of such Unconsolidated Affiliate, and (b) the Company's direct or indirect economic ownership interest in such Unconsolidated Affiliate reflecting the Company's current allocable share of income and expenses of such Unconsolidated Affiliate, in each case as of such date.

Table of Contents

Fixed Charges means, for any Person for any period, the sum, without duplication, of (a) Consolidated Interest Expense, (b) scheduled payments of principal on Consolidated Total Indebtedness (as defined below) (excluding any balloon, bullet or similar payments payable on maturity of any such Consolidated Total Indebtedness), (c) the amount of cash dividends paid or required to be paid by any Company (other than to another Company or in connection with any prepayment, redemption or purchase offer) during such period in respect of its preferred equity interests and (d) the Companies Ownership Share of the amount of dividends or other distributions paid or required to be paid by any Unconsolidated Affiliate during such period in respect of its preferred equity interests (to Persons other than (i) the Company or (ii) an Unconsolidated Affiliate in which the percentage of equity interests of such Unconsolidated Affiliate owned by the Companies is greater than or equal to the percentage of equity interests owned by the Companies in the Unconsolidated Affiliate paying the dividend or other distribution).

- Consolidated Total Indebtedness means, as of any date of determination, the sum, without duplication, of (a) the aggregate amount of all Indebtedness of the Companies that would be reflected on a consolidated balance sheet of the Companies as of such date, *plus* (b) the Companies Ownership Share of the aggregate amount of all Indebtedness of each Unconsolidated Affiliate that would be reflected on a balance sheet of such Unconsolidated Affiliate.

- Indebtedness generally includes, as to any Person at a particular time, without duplication, all of the following, whether or not included as indebtedness or liabilities in accordance with GAAP: (a) all obligations of such Person for borrowed money and all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes, loan agreements or other similar instruments; (b) all direct or contingent obligations of such Person arising under letters of credit (including standby and commercial), bankers acceptances, bank guaranties, surety bonds and similar instruments; (c) net obligations of such Person under any swap agreement; (d) all obligations of such Person to pay the deferred purchase price of property or services (other than trade accounts payable in the ordinary course of business and, in each case, either (i) not past due for more than 90 days or (ii) being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings diligently conducted); (e) indebtedness (excluding prepaid interest thereon) secured by a lien on property owned by such Person (including indebtedness arising under conditional sales or other title retention agreements), whether or not such indebtedness shall have been assumed by such Person or is limited in recourse; (f) amount of any Capitalized Lease (as defined below) as of any date; (g) all obligations of such Person to purchase, redeem, retire, defease or otherwise make any payment in respect of any Equity Interest in such Person or any other Person, valued, in the case of a redeemable preferred interest pursuant to a properly given notice, at the greater of its voluntary or involuntary liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends; and (i) all guarantees of such Person in respect of any of the foregoing. For purposes of this definition: (A) Indebtedness of any Person shall include such Person's Ownership Share of the foregoing items and components attributable to Indebtedness (as set forth in clauses (a) through (g) above) of Unconsolidated Affiliates; (B) notwithstanding any of the foregoing, Indebtedness shall not include (1) current expenses and intercompany liabilities, (2) prepaid or deferred revenues arising in the ordinary course of business, including prepaid rent, (3) purchase price holdbacks arising in the ordinary course of business in respect of a portion of the purchase price of an asset to satisfy unperformed obligations of the seller of such asset, (4) earn-out obligations until such obligations become a liability on the balance sheet of such person in accordance with GAAP, (5) security deposits, (6) artificial financing obligations treated as liability under GAAP related to sales of real estate accounted for under FASB ASC 360-20 under financing or deposit method and (7) artificial financing obligations treated as liability under GAAP related to sale leaseback transactions that do not meet the requirements to account for the sale leaseback under FASB ASC 840-40; and (C) the amount of any net obligation under any swap agreement on any date shall be deemed to be the Swap Termination Value thereof as of such date. For the avoidance of doubt, the transferred portion of a loan under the SBA 7(a) Program (as defined in Our Business and Properties Policies With Respect to Certain Activities Certain Real Estate Activities Investments in Real

Estate or Interests in Real Estate in this prospectus) that is accounted for in accordance with GAAP as a secured borrowing rather than a sale shall not be Indebtedness.

- Capitalized Lease means any lease that is not an operating lease in accordance with FASB ASC 840-10 or FASB ASC 842-10.
- Swap Termination Value means, in respect of a swap agreement, after taking into account the effect of any legally enforceable netting agreement relating to such swap agreement, (a) for any date on or after the date such swap agreement has been closed out and termination value(s) determined in accordance therewith, such termination value(s), and (b) for any date prior to the date referenced in the immediately preceding clause (a), the amounts determined as the mark-to-market value(s) for

Table of Contents

such swap agreements, as determined based upon one or more mid-market or other readily available quotations provided by any recognized dealer in swap agreements.

- *Pro Forma Basis* means, for purposes of calculating compliance with the Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio in respect of a proposed Pro Forma Transaction, such transaction shall be deemed to have occurred as of the first day of the four (4) fiscal-quarter period ending as of the most recent fiscal quarter end preceding the date of such proposed Pro Forma Transaction, which period we refer to as the Measuring Period.

- Pro Forma Transaction means (a) any incurrence, assumption, retirement or repayment of Indebtedness, (b) any actual or contemplated issuance or redemption of preferred equity interests, (c) any direct or indirect disposition of any Person or property (including through a merger, dissolution, liquidation or consolidation thereof), or (d) the making of any investment in or any other acquisition of any Person (including by merger) or property (including any property for which a ground lease was entered into). In connection with any calculation relating to the Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio upon giving effect to a Pro Forma Transaction on a Pro Forma Basis for the applicable Measuring Period, in each case to the extent applicable:

- (i) any Indebtedness (x) that is to be incurred in connection with such Pro Forma Transaction, and the aggregate amount of all other Indebtedness incurred since the last day of such Measuring Period, shall be included and deemed to have been incurred as of the first day of the applicable period, and (y) that is to be retired or repaid in connection with such Pro Forma Transaction, and the aggregate amount of all other Indebtedness retired or repaid since the last day of such Measuring Period, shall be excluded and deemed to have been retired as of the first day of such Measuring Period;

- (ii) any preferred equity interest (x) that is to be issued in connection with such Pro Forma Transaction, and the aggregate amount of all other preferred equity interests issued since the last day of such Measuring Period, shall be included and deemed to have been incurred as of the first day of the applicable period, and (y) that is to be redeemed in connection with such Pro Forma Transaction, and the aggregate amount of all other preferred equity interests redeemed since the last day of such Measuring Period, shall be excluded and deemed to have been retired as of the first day of such Measuring Period; and

- (iii) income statement items (whether positive or negative) attributable to (x) any Person or property being directly or indirectly disposed of or removed in connection with such Pro Forma Transaction, and all other Persons and properties directly or indirectly disposed of or removed since the last day of such Measuring Period, shall be excluded and (y) any Person or property being acquired in connection with such Pro Forma Transaction, and all other Persons and properties acquired since the last day of such Measuring Period, shall be included as of the first day of such Measuring Period.

Liquidation Preference. Upon any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our affairs, after payment or provision for our debts and other liabilities, our funds legally available for distribution to our stockholders will be distributed as follows:

- first, pro rata to (i) holders of our Series M Preferred Stock in an amount per share equal to the Series M Stated Value, (ii) holders of our Series L Preferred Stock in an amount per share equal to the Series L Stated Value, (iii) holders of our Series A Preferred Stock, in an amount per share equal to the Series A Stated Value (as defined in Series A Preferred Stock below) plus an amount equal to all accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not declared) on our Series A Preferred Stock and (iv) holders of any other class or series of capital stock ranking on parity with our Series M Preferred Stock, Series L Preferred Stock and Series A Preferred Stock with respect to rights upon our redemption, liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, to the extent provided by the terms of such class or series of capital stock;

- second, to holders of our Common Stock in an amount equal to any unpaid Initial Dividend;

- third, pro rata to (i) holders of our Series M Preferred Stock, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Series M Preferred Distribution, and (ii) holders of our Series L Preferred Stock, in an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid Series L Preferred Distribution; and

- fourth, to holders of our Common Stock and any other class or series of capital stock ranking junior to our Series M Preferred Stock.

Table of Contents

Any liquidation preference on our Series M Preferred Stock will be paid by the Company in ILS, based on the Current Exchange Rate on the first TASE Trading Day preceding the date of payment.

If upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company, the available assets of the Company, or proceeds thereof, distributable among the holders of the Series M Preferred Stock is insufficient to pay in full the above described liquidation preference and the liquidating payments on any shares of any class or series of stock ranking on parity to the Series M Preferred Stock as to amounts payable upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, including the Series L Preferred Stock and Series A Preferred Stock, such stock we refer to as Liquidation Parity Stock, then such assets, or the proceeds thereof, will be distributed among the holders of the Series M Preferred Stock and any such Liquidation Parity Stock ratably in the same proportion as the respective amounts that would be payable on such Series M Preferred Stock and any such Liquidation Parity Stock if all amounts payable thereon were paid in full.

After payment of the full amount of the liquidating preference to which they are entitled, the holders of our shares of Series M Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. The consolidation, merger or conversion of the Company with or into any other corporation, trust or entity or of any other corporation, trust or entity with or into the Company, or the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of the assets or business of the Company or a statutory share exchange, will not be deemed to constitute a voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company.

In determining whether a distribution (other than upon voluntary or involuntary liquidation), by dividend, redemption or other acquisition of shares of our stock or otherwise, is permitted under the MGCL, amounts that would be needed, if we were to be dissolved at the time of distribution, to satisfy the preferential rights upon dissolution of holders of the Series M Preferred Stock will not be added to our total liabilities.

Voting Rights. Our Series M Preferred Stock has no voting rights, and thus has no rights to vote on any dissolution, charter amendment, merger, sale of all or substantially all of our assets, share exchange or conversion. See Certain Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and Our Charter and Bylaws Dissolution, Amendment to the Charter and Other Extraordinary Actions.

Exchange Listing. We intend to apply for the listing of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol _____, and we do not expect to commence the Exchange Offer until such applications are approved. No assurance can be given that our applications for these listings will be approved or that a trading market will develop.

Series L Preferred Stock

On November 20, 2017, the Company issued 8,080,740 shares of Series L Preferred Stock following a public auction process conducted in Israel. Our Series L Preferred Stock is listed on NASDAQ and on the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol CMCTP. Pursuant to the terms of the Exchange Offer, we expect to offer to exchange for each outstanding share of Series L Preferred Stock, at the election of the holder thereof, either (i) _____ shares of our Common Stock or (ii) one share of our Series M Preferred Stock.

The terms of our Series L Preferred Stock are substantially the same as those of our Series M Preferred Stock, other than with respect to the following:

- distributions on our Series L Preferred Stock accrue at 5.5% of the Series L Stated Value, subject to increase up to an annual rate of up to 8.5% in certain circumstances as described below, whereas distributions on our Series M Preferred Stock accrue at the same rate, subject to a one-time adjustment equal to the Adjustment Amount;
- prior to November 21, 2022, we have no option to redeem shares of our Series L Preferred Stock, whereas we are entitled, at our option and in our sole discretion, to redeem shares of our Series M Preferred Stock at any time and from time to time at the Company Redemption Price prior to such date;
- prior to November 21, 2022, holders of shares of Series L Preferred Stock are not entitled to redeem their shares except in limited circumstances as described below, whereas holders of shares of our Series M Preferred Stock are entitled, at their option, to redeem their shares in exchange for the Holder Redemption Price at any time on or after the second anniversary of the Settlement Date; and

Table of Contents

- on and after November 21, 2022, each holder has the right to require the Company to redeem, and the Company has the option to redeem, shares of our Series L Preferred Stock for 100% of the Series L Stated Value plus, subject to certain conditions described below, the amount of accrued and unpaid Series L Preferred Distributions, which redemption price is greater than the Holder Redemption Price and the Company Redemption Price for which the Series M Preferred Stock may be redeemed by and at the option of the holder and the Company, respectively.

Our Series L Preferred Stock has no voting rights, and thus has no rights to vote on any dissolution, charter amendment, merger, sale of all or substantially all of our assets, share exchange or conversion. See Certain Provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law and Our Charter and Bylaws-Dissolution, Amendment to the Charter and Other Extraordinary Actions.

The Series L Stated Value is 100 ILS or, for purposes of any computation based on stated value (e.g., amounts of distributions, redemption price, etc.), \$28.37 USD per share, subject to adjustment. Subject to certain exceptions, holders of our Series L Preferred Stock are entitled to receive the Series L Preferred Distribution in cash at an annual rate of 5.5% of the Series L Stated Value, provided that if the Company fails to timely declare or pay the Series L Preferred Distribution, the annual dividend rate of the Series L Preferred Stock will temporarily increase by 1.0% per year, up to a maximum rate of 8.5% in accordance with the terms of the Series L Preferred Stock. The Series L Preferred Distribution is cumulative from (and including) November 21, 2017, the date of issuance of the Series L Preferred Stock. We will be permitted to pay the Series L Preferred Distribution, if any, out of legally available funds in respect of a given fiscal year only if the Preferred Distribution Conditions are satisfied.

Our Series L Preferred Stock ranks senior to our Common Stock with respect to payment of distributions, except with respect to and only to the extent of the Initial Dividend. Additionally, our Series L Preferred Stock ranks, with respect to rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, senior to our Common Stock to the extent of the Series L Stated Value and, except to the extent of the Initial Dividend, senior to our Common Stock with respect to any accrued and unpaid Series L Preferred Distributions.

Unless full cumulative Series L Preferred Distributions for all past annual periods have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for payment, we will not:

- declare and pay or declare and set apart for payment dividends and we will not declare and make any other distribution of cash or other property (other than dividends or other distributions paid in shares of stock ranking junior to the Series L Preferred Stock as to the distribution rights or rights on our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, and options, warrants or rights to purchase such shares), directly or indirectly, on or with respect to any shares of our Common Stock other than in amounts up to but not exceeding the Initial Dividend, if any, or any class or series of our stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series L Preferred Stock as to distribution rights for any period; or
- except by conversion into or exchange for shares of stock ranking junior to the Series L Preferred Stock as to distribution rights or rights on our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, or options, warrants or rights to purchase such shares, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire (other than a redemption, purchase or other acquisition of Common Stock made for purposes of an employee incentive or benefit plan) for any consideration, or pay or make

available any monies for a sinking fund for the redemption of, any Common Stock or any class or series of our stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series L Preferred Stock as to distribution rights.

However, to the extent necessary to preserve our status as a REIT, the foregoing sentence will not prohibit declaring or paying or setting apart for payment any dividend or other distribution on the Common Stock or the redemption of our capital stock pursuant to the restrictions on ownership and transfer contained in our charter.

Prior to November 21, 2022, we are not permitted to issue any preferred stock ranking senior to or on parity with the Series L Preferred Stock with respect to the payment of dividends, other distributions, liquidation, and/or our dissolution or winding up unless the Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is equal to or greater than 1.25:1.00 as of the last day of the trailing 12-month period ending on the last day of the quarter preceding the date of such issuance. As of June 30, 2018, we were in compliance with the Minimum Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio requirement.

Table of Contents

From and after November 21, 2022, subject to certain conditions, we may redeem shares of Series L Preferred Stock at a redemption price equal to the Series L Stated Value, plus all accrued and unpaid distributions. Additionally, from and after November 21, 2022, each holder of shares of Series L Preferred Stock may require us to redeem such shares at a redemption price equal to the Series L Stated Value, plus, provided certain conditions are met, all accrued and unpaid distributions. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a holder of shares of our Series L Preferred Stock may require us to redeem such shares at any time prior to November 21, 2022 if (1) we do not declare and pay in full the distributions on the Series L Preferred Stock for any annual period prior to such date and (2) we do not declare and pay all accrued and unpaid distributions on the Series L Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods prior to the applicable holder redemption date.

Our obligation to redeem any shares of our Series L Preferred Stock is limited to the extent that (i) we have sufficient funds available to fund any such redemption or (ii) we are restricted by applicable law, our charter, including the terms of our Series A Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock, or contractual obligations from making such redemption.

The redemption price will be paid at the election of the Company, in its sole discretion, (1) in cash in ILS, (2) in shares of our Common Stock based on the lower of (i) the NAV of the Company per share of Common Stock as most recently published by the Company as of the redemption date and (ii) the 20-day volume-weighted average price per share of the Common Stock as described in the Articles Supplementary describing the terms of the Series L Preferred Stock, or (3) in any combination of cash in ILS and Common Stock, based on the foregoing conversion mechanisms.

Series A Preferred Stock

On July 1, 2016, we commenced our reasonable best efforts public offering of up to 36,000,000 units, with each unit consisting of one share of Series A Preferred Stock and one detachable warrant to purchase 0.25 of a share of our Common Stock, which we refer to as a Series A Warrant.

Our Series A Preferred Stock has no voting rights and ranks senior to our Common Stock with respect to payment of dividends and distribution of amounts upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. Holders of our Series A Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, if, as and when authorized by our Board of Directors, cumulative cash dividends, in USD, on each share of Series A Preferred Stock at an annual rate of 5.5% of the stated value, which is initially \$25.00, which we refer to as the Series A Stated Value, subject to appropriate adjustment in relation to certain events, such as recapitalizations, stock dividends, stock splits, stock combinations, reclassifications or similar events affecting our Series A Preferred Stock, as set forth in our charter. Dividends on each share of Series A Preferred Stock begin accruing on, and are cumulative from, the date of issuance of such shares.

Unless full cumulative dividends on our shares of Series A Preferred Stock for all past dividend periods have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof is set apart for payment, we are not permitted to:

- declare and pay or declare and set apart for payment dividends and we will not declare and make any other distribution of cash or other property (other than dividends or other distributions paid in shares of stock ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to the dividend rights or rights on our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, and options, warrants or rights to purchase such shares), directly or indirectly, on or with respect to any shares of our

Common Stock, Series L Preferred Stock or Series M Preferred Stock, or any other class or series of our stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights on our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution for any period; or

- except by conversion into or exchange for shares of stock ranking junior to the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights on our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution, or options, warrants or rights to purchase such shares, redeem, purchase or otherwise acquire (other than a redemption, purchase or other acquisition of Common Stock made for purposes of an employee incentive or benefit plan) for any consideration, or pay or make available any monies for a sinking fund for the redemption of, any shares of our Common Stock, Series L Preferred Stock or Series M Preferred Stock, or any other class or series of our stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series A Preferred Stock as to dividend rights or rights on our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution.

Holders of shares of our Series A Preferred Stock have the right to require us to redeem such shares beginning on the date of original issuance of such shares at a redemption price equal to the Series A Stated Value, less a redemption fee of 13% beginning on the date of original issuance until but excluding the second anniversary thereof or a redemption fee of

Table of Contents

10% beginning on the second anniversary of the date of original issuance until but excluding the fifth anniversary of the date of original issuance, in each case plus any accrued but unpaid dividends. From and after the fifth anniversary of the date of original issuance of any shares of Series A Preferred Stock, we will have the right, and holders have the right to require us, to redeem such shares at 100% of the Series A Stated Value, plus any accrued but unpaid dividends. We will pay the redemption price in cash or, on or after the first anniversary of the issuance of the shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be redeemed, at our option and in our sole discretion, in equal value through the issuance of shares of Common Stock, based on the volume weighted average price of our Common Stock as quoted on NASDAQ for the 20 trading days prior to the redemption.

Series A Warrants

Each Series A Warrant is exercisable for 0.25 of a share of our Common Stock, subject to adjustment, at an exercise price equal to a 15% premium to the NAV of the Company per share of Common Stock as most recently published by the Company at the time of the issuance of the applicable Series A Warrant, which we refer to as the Applicable NAV. For the avoidance of doubt, any estimate of our NAV contained in this prospectus, including in the section Unaudited Pro Forma Consolidated Financial Information in this prospectus, shall not be deemed the Applicable NAV for purposes of our Series A Warrants. Holders of our Series A Warrants may exercise their Series A Warrants at any time beginning on the first anniversary of the date of issuance of such shares up to 5:00 p.m., New York time, on the date that is the fifth anniversary of such date of issuance, which we refer to as the Series A Warrant Expiration Date. The Series A Warrants are exercisable, at the option of each holder, in whole, but not in part, for no less than 50 shares of our Common Stock, unless such holder does not at the time of exercise own a sufficient number of Series A Warrants to do so. Any Series A Warrant that is outstanding after the Series A Warrant Expiration Date of such Series A Warrant shall be automatically terminated.

A holder of our Series A Warrants does not have the right to exercise any portion of a Series A Warrant to the extent that, after giving effect to the issuance of shares of our Common Stock upon such exercise, the holder (together with its affiliates and any other persons acting as a group together with such holder or any of its affiliates) would beneficially or constructively own shares of Common Stock (i) in excess of 9.8% in value or number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of the shares of Common Stock outstanding or (ii) that would otherwise result in the violation of any of the restrictions on ownership transfer of our stock contained in our charter, in each case, immediately after giving effect to the issuance of shares of Common Stock upon exercise of the Series A Warrant, as discussed in Select Charter Provisions Related to Our Capital Stock Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer below.

Select Charter Provisions Related to Our Capital Stock

Classification or Reclassification of Stock

Our charter authorizes our Board of Directors to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of Common Stock, Series A Preferred Stock, Series L Preferred Stock or Series M Preferred Stock into other classes or series of stock, including one or more classes or series of stock that have priority with respect to voting rights, dividends or upon liquidation over our Common Stock, Series A Preferred Stock, Series L Preferred Stock or Series M Preferred Stock, and authorizes us to issue the newly-classified shares, subject to the limitations contained in the terms of our Series L Preferred Stock and Series M Preferred Stock described above. Prior to the issuance of shares of each new class or series, our Board of Directors is required by Maryland law and by our charter to set, subject to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock and the terms of any other class or series of our stock then outstanding, the preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends and other distributions, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption for each class or series. Our Board of Directors may take these actions without stockholder approval unless stockholder approval is required by the

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

rules of any stock exchange or automatic quotation system on which our securities may be listed or traded or the terms of any other class or series of our stock. Therefore, our Board of Directors could authorize the issuance of shares of common or preferred stock with terms and conditions that could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control or other transaction that might involve a premium price for shares of our Common Stock or otherwise be in the best interest of our stockholders.

Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer

Our charter, subject to certain exceptions, contains certain restrictions on the number of shares of our stock that a person may own. Our charter contains a stock ownership limit which prohibits any person, unless exempted by our Board of Directors, from acquiring or holding, directly or indirectly, applying attribution rules under the Code, shares of our capital stock in excess of 9.8% in number of shares or value, whichever is more restrictive, of the aggregate of the outstanding shares of our stock or 9.8% of the number of shares or value, whichever is more restrictive, of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock. Pursuant to our charter, our Board of Directors has the power to increase or decrease the percentage of stock that a person may beneficially or constructively own. However, any decreased stock ownership limit

Table of Contents

will not apply to any person whose percentage ownership of our stock is in excess of such decreased stock ownership limit until that person's percentage ownership of our stock equals or falls below the decreased stock ownership limit. Until such a person's percentage ownership of our stock falls below such decreased stock ownership limit, any further acquisition of stock will be in violation of the decreased stock ownership limit.

Our charter further prohibits (1) any person from beneficially or constructively owning our stock that (i) would result in us being closely held under Section 856(h) of the Code (without regard to whether the shares are owned during the last half of a taxable year), (ii) would cause us to constructively own 10% or more of the ownership interests in a tenant of our real property within the meaning of Section 856(d)(2)(B) of the Code or (iii) would otherwise cause us to fail to qualify as a REIT, or (2) any person from transferring our stock if such transfer would result in our stock being beneficially owned by fewer than 100 persons. Any person who acquires or attempts or intends to acquire beneficial or constructive ownership of our stock that will or may violate any of the foregoing restrictions on ownership and transfer, or who is the intended transferee of shares of our stock that are transferred to the trust (as described below), is required to give written notice immediately to us or, in the event of a proposed or attempted transfer, at least 15 days prior written notice to us and provide us with such other information as we may request in order to determine the effect of such transfer on our qualification as a REIT. The foregoing restrictions on transfer and ownership will not apply if our Board of Directors determines that it is no longer in our best interests to attempt to qualify, or to continue to qualify, as a REIT or that compliance with such restrictions is no longer required in order for us to qualify as a REIT.

Our Board of Directors, in its sole discretion, may exempt, prospectively or retroactively, a person from each of the foregoing restrictions except those listed under (1)(i), (iii) and (2) in the preceding paragraph. The person seeking an exemption must provide such representations, covenants and undertakings as our Board of Directors may deem appropriate to conclude that granting the exemption will not cause us to lose our qualification as a REIT. Our Board of Directors may also require a ruling from the IRS or an opinion of counsel in order to determine or ensure our qualification as a REIT in the context of granting such exemptions. Our Board of Directors has waived the 9.8% ownership limits and the restrictions listed under (1)(ii) in the preceding paragraph for Urban II, CIM REIT, CIM Urban GP, the Administrator and persons owning a direct or indirect interest in Urban II, CIM REIT, CIM Urban GP or the Administrator.

Any attempted transfer of shares of our stock which, if effective, would result in a violation of the foregoing restrictions will cause the number of shares of our stock causing the violation (rounded up to the nearest whole share) to be automatically transferred to a trust for the benefit of one or more charitable beneficiaries, and the proposed transferee will not acquire any rights in such stock. The automatic transfer will be deemed to be effective as of the close of business on the business day (as defined in our charter) prior to the date of the transfer. If, for any reason, the transfer to the trust does not occur or would not prevent a violation of the restrictions on ownership and transfer contained in our charter, our charter provides that the purported transfer will be treated as invalid from the outset. Shares of stock held in the trust will be issued and outstanding shares. The proposed transferee will not benefit economically from ownership of any stock held in the trust, will have no rights to dividends and no rights to vote or other rights attributable to the shares of stock held in the trust. The trustee of the trust will have all voting rights and rights to dividends or other distributions with respect to shares held in the trust. These rights will be exercised for the exclusive benefit of the charitable beneficiary. Any dividend or other distribution paid prior to our discovery that shares of our stock have been transferred to the trust will be paid by the recipient to the trustee upon demand. Any dividend or other distribution authorized but unpaid will be paid when due to the trustee. Any dividend or other distribution paid to the trustee will be held in trust for the charitable beneficiary. Subject to Maryland law, the trustee will have the authority to rescind as void any vote cast by the proposed transferee prior to our discovery that the shares have been transferred to the trust and to recast the vote in accordance with the desires of the trustee acting for the benefit of the charitable beneficiary. However, if we have already taken irreversible corporate action, then the trustee will not have the authority to rescind and recast the vote.

Within 20 days of receiving notice from us that shares of our stock have been transferred to the trust, the trustee will sell the shares to a person designated by the trustee, whose ownership of the shares will not violate the above ownership limitations. Upon such sale, the interest of the charitable beneficiary in the shares sold will terminate and the trustee will distribute the net proceeds of the sale to the proposed transferee and to the charitable beneficiary as follows: the proposed transferee will receive the lesser of (1) the price paid by the proposed transferee for the shares, or, if the proposed transferee did not give value for the shares in connection with the event causing the shares to be held in the trust (e.g., a gift, devise or other similar transaction), the market price (as defined in our charter) of the shares on the day of the event causing the

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

shares to be held in the trust and (2) the price per share received by the trustee from the sale or other disposition of the shares. The trustee may reduce the amount payable to the proposed transferee by the amount of dividends and other distributions paid to the proposed transferee and owed by the proposed transferee to the trust.

Table of Contents

Any net sale proceeds in excess of the amount payable to the proposed transferee will be paid immediately to the charitable beneficiary. If, prior to our discovery that our stock have been transferred to the trust, the shares are sold by the proposed transferee, then (1) the shares shall be deemed to have been sold on behalf of the trust and (2) to the extent that the proposed transferee received an amount for the shares that exceeds the amount the proposed transferee was entitled to receive, the excess shall be paid to the trustee upon demand.

In addition, shares of our stock held in the trust will be deemed to have been offered for sale to us, or our designee, at a price per share equal to the lesser of the price per share in the transaction that resulted in the transfer to the trust (or, in the case of a devise or gift, the market price at the time of the devise or gift) and the market price on the date we, or our designee, accept the offer. We may reduce the amount payable to the proposed transferee by the amount of dividends and other distributions paid to the proposed transferee and owned by the proposed transferee to the trust. We will have the right to accept the offer until the trustee has sold the shares. Upon a sale to us, the interest of the charitable beneficiary in the shares sold will terminate, and the trustee will distribute the net proceeds of the sale to the proposed transferee and any dividends or other distributions held by the trustee shall be paid to the charitable beneficiary.

Every owner of more than 5% (or such lower percentage as required by the Code or the regulations promulgated thereunder) in number or in value of the outstanding shares of our stock, including our Common Stock, within 30 days after the end of each taxable year, will be required to give written notice to us stating the name and address of such owner, the number of shares of each class and series of shares of our stock that the owner beneficially owns and a description of the manner in which the shares are held. Each owner shall provide to us such additional information as we may request to determine the effect, if any, of the beneficial ownership on our qualification as a REIT and to ensure compliance with the ownership limitations. In addition, each beneficial or constructive owner and each person who is holding shares of our stock for such owner will, upon demand, be required to provide to us such information as we may request to determine our qualification as a REIT and to comply with the requirements of any taxing authority or governmental authority or to determine such compliance and to ensure compliance with the ownership limits.

These ownership limitations could delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for our Common Stock or might otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

Transfer Agent and Registrar

We expect the transfer agent and registrar for our Series M Preferred Stock to be Computershare Trust Company, N.A., which serves as the transfer agent and registrar for our Series L Preferred Stock. American Stock Transfer and Trust Company currently acts as the transfer agent and registrar for our Common Stock, Series A Preferred Stock and Series A Warrants.

Table of Contents

CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF THE MARYLAND GENERAL CORPORATION LAW AND OUR CHARTER AND BYLAWS

The following summary of certain provisions of the MGCL and our charter and bylaws contains the material terms of our charter and bylaws and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, reference to the MGCL and to our charter and bylaws. Our charter and bylaws are incorporated by reference as exhibits to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part (see [Where You Can Find More Information](#)).

Our Board of Directors

Our charter and bylaws provide that the number of directors may be established, increased or decreased by a majority of our entire Board of Directors, but may not be fewer than the minimum number required by the MGCL (which currently is one) or, unless our bylaws are amended, more than 25. Any vacancy on our Board of Directors, whether resulting from an increase in the number of directors or otherwise, may only be filled by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors, even if such a majority constitutes less than a quorum. Except as may be provided with respect to any class or series of our stock, at each annual meeting of our stockholders, each of our directors will be elected by the holders of our Common Stock to serve until the next annual meeting of our stockholders and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies.

Removal of Directors

Our charter provides that, subject to the rights of holders of one or more classes or series of Preferred Stock, a director may be removed with or without cause and by the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by our stockholders generally in the election of our directors. This provision, when coupled with the exclusive power of our Board of Directors to fill vacant directorships, may preclude stockholders from removing incumbent directors except by a substantial affirmative vote and filling the vacancies created by such removal with their own nominees.

Limitation of Liability and Indemnification

Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to include in its charter a provision eliminating the liability of its directors and officers to the corporation and its stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from (a) actual receipt of an improper benefit or profit in money, property or services or (b) active or deliberate dishonesty established in a judgment or other final adjudication to be material to the cause of action. Our charter contains a provision that eliminates the liability of our directors and officers to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law.

Maryland law requires a Maryland corporation (unless its charter provides otherwise, which our charter does not) to indemnify a director or officer who has been successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which he or she is made, or threatened to be made, a party by reason of his or her service in that capacity. Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to indemnify its present and former

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

directors and officers, among others, against judgments, penalties, fines, settlements and reasonable expenses actually incurred by them in connection with any proceeding to which they may be made or threatened to be made a party by reason of their service in those or other capacities unless it is established that:

- an act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and
- was committed in bad faith or
- was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;
- the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or
- in the case of any criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful.

However, under Maryland law, a Maryland corporation may not indemnify for an adverse judgment in a suit by or in the right of the corporation or for a judgment of liability on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received, unless in either case a court orders indemnification and then only for expenses. In addition, Maryland law permits a Maryland corporation to advance reasonable expenses to a director or officer upon the corporation's receipt of:

Table of Contents

- a written affirmation by the director or officer of his or her good faith belief that he or she has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by the corporation; and
- a written undertaking by the director or officer or on the director's or officer's behalf to repay the amount paid or reimbursed by the corporation if it is ultimately determined that the director or officer did not meet the standard of conduct.

Our charter and bylaws obligate us, to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law, to indemnify and, without requiring a preliminary determination of the ultimate entitlement to indemnification, pay or reimburse reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition of a proceeding to:

- any present or former director or officer who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to, or witness in, the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity; or
- any individual who, while a director or officer of our Company and at our Company's request, serves or has served another corporation, real estate investment trust, limited liability company, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or any other enterprise as a director, officer, trustee, member, manager or partner and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party to, or witness in, the proceeding by reason of his or her service in that capacity.

Our charter and bylaws also permit us, subject to approval from our Board of Directors, to indemnify and advance expenses to any person who served a predecessor of our Company in any of the capacities described above and to any employee or agent of our Company or a predecessor of our Company.

Indemnification Agreements

We have entered into indemnification agreements with each of our directors and named executive officers. Each indemnification agreement provides that we will indemnify and hold harmless each such director or named executive officer to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Business Combinations

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Under the MGCL, certain business combinations, including a merger, consolidation, statutory share exchange or, in certain circumstances, an asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities, between a Maryland corporation and an interested stockholder or an affiliate of such an interested stockholder, are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. An interested stockholder is, generally, any person who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the voting power of the corporation's outstanding voting shares or an affiliate or associate of the corporation who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding voting shares of the corporation.

After such five-year period, any such business combination must be recommended by the board of directors of the corporation and approved by the affirmative vote of at least (a) 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding voting shares of the corporation and (b) two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of voting shares of the corporation other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom (or with whose affiliate) the business combination is to be effected or held by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder, unless, among other conditions, the corporation's common stockholders receive a minimum price (as defined in the MGCL) for their shares and the consideration is received in cash or in the same form as previously paid by the interested stockholder for its shares.

Under the MGCL, a person is not an interested stockholder if the board of directors approved in advance the transaction by which the person otherwise would have become an interested stockholder. A corporation's board of directors may provide that its approval is subject to compliance with any terms and conditions determined by it.

We have elected to opt out of these provisions of the MGCL by resolution of our Board of Directors. However, our Board of Directors may by resolution elect to repeal the foregoing opt-outs from the business combination provisions of the MGCL in the future.

Table of Contents

Control Share Acquisitions

The MGCL provides that a holder of control shares of a Maryland corporation acquired in a control share acquisition has no voting rights with respect to such shares except to the extent approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, excluding any of the following persons entitled to exercise or direct the exercise of the voting power of such shares in the election of directors: (1) a person who makes or proposes to make a control share acquisition, (2) an officer of the corporation or (3) an employee of the corporation who is also a director of the corporation. Control shares are voting shares of stock that, if aggregated with all other such shares previously acquired, directly or indirectly, by the acquirer, or in respect of which the acquirer is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquirer to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of voting power: (A) one-tenth or more but less than one-third, (B) one-third or more but less than a majority or (C) a majority or more of all voting power.

Control shares do not include shares that the acquiring person is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval or shares acquired directly from the corporation. A control share acquisition means the acquisition, directly or indirectly, of ownership of, or the power to direct the exercise of voting power with respect to, issued and outstanding control shares, subject to certain exceptions.

A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition, upon satisfaction of certain conditions (including an undertaking to pay expenses and making an acquiring person statement (as described in the MGCL)), may compel the board of directors to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the control shares. If no request for a meeting is made, the corporation may itself present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights of control shares are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an acquiring person statement as required by the statute, then, subject to certain conditions and limitations, the corporation may redeem any or all of the control shares (except those for which voting rights have previously been approved) for fair value determined, without regard to the absence of voting rights for the control shares, as of the date of any meeting of stockholders at which the voting rights of such shares are considered and not approved or, if no such meeting is held, as of the date of the last control share acquisition. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquirer becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of such appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquirer in the control share acquisition.

The control share acquisition statute does not apply to (a) shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the corporation is a party to the transaction or (b) acquisitions approved or exempted by the charter or bylaws of the corporation.

We have elected to opt out of these provisions of the MGCL pursuant to a provision in our bylaws. However, we may, by amendment to our bylaws, opt in to the control share provisions of the MGCL in the future.

Subtitle 8

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the MGCL permits a Maryland corporation with a class of equity securities registered under the Exchange Act and at least three independent directors to elect to be subject, by provision in its charter or bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and notwithstanding any contrary provision in the charter or bylaws, to any or all of the following five provisions:

- a classified board consisting of three classes;
- a two-thirds vote requirement for removing a director;
- a requirement that the number of directors be fixed only by vote of the directors;
- a requirement that a vacancy on the board be filled only by the remaining directors and for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred; or
- a majority stockholder vote requirement for the calling of a stockholder-requested special meeting of stockholders.

Table of Contents

Our charter provides that, except as may be provided by our Board of Directors in setting the terms of any class or series of stock, we elect to be subject to the provisions of Subtitle 8 relating to the filling of vacancies on our Board of Directors. Through provisions in our charter and bylaws unrelated to Subtitle 8, we already (1) require a two-thirds vote for the removal of any director from the Board of Directors, (2) vest in the Board of Directors the exclusive power to fix the number of directorships, subject to limitations set forth in our charter and bylaws, and (3) require, unless called by the chairman of our Board of Directors, our president, our chief executive officer or our Board of Directors, the request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all votes entitled to be cast on a matter at such meeting to call a special meeting. We have not elected to classify our Board of Directors.

Dissolution, Amendment to the Charter and Other Extraordinary Actions

Under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a share exchange or convert into another entity unless declared advisable by the board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. However, a Maryland corporation may provide in its charter for approval of these matters by a lesser percentage, but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Our charter provides for approval of any of these matters by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on such matters, except that the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on such matter is required to amend the provisions of our charter relating to the removal of directors, the indemnification of our officers and directors, restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock or the vote required to amend such provisions. Maryland law also permits a Maryland corporation to transfer all or substantially all of its assets without the approval of the stockholders of the corporation to an entity if all of the equity interests of the entity are owned, directly or indirectly, by the corporation. Because our operating assets may be held by our operating partnership or its subsidiaries, these subsidiaries may be able to merge or transfer all or substantially all of their assets without the approval of our stockholders.

Meetings of Stockholders

Under our bylaws, annual meetings of holders of our Common Stock must be held each year at a date, time and place determined by our Board of Directors. Special meetings of holders of our Common Stock may be called by the chairman of our Board of Directors, our chief executive officer, our president and our Board of Directors. Subject to the provisions of our bylaws, a special meeting of stockholders to act on any matter that may properly be considered at a meeting of stockholders must be called by our secretary upon the written request of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter at such meeting who have requested the special meeting in accordance with the procedures specified in our bylaws and provided the information and certifications required by our bylaws. Only matters set forth in the notice of a special meeting of stockholders may be considered and acted upon at such a meeting.

Advance Notice of Director Nominations and New Business

Our bylaws provide that with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, nominations of persons for election to our Board of Directors and the proposal of business to be considered by stockholders may be made only (1) pursuant to our notice of the meeting, (2) by or at the direction of our Board of Directors, or (3) by a holder of our Common Stock who was a stockholder of record at the time of giving notice and at the time of our annual meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice procedures set forth in our bylaws. Our bylaws provide that with respect to special meetings of our stockholders, only the business specified in our notice of meeting may be brought before the meeting, and nominations of persons for election to our Board of Directors may be made only (a) by or at the direction of our Board of Directors, or (b) provided that the special meeting has been called in accordance with our bylaws for the purpose of electing directors, by any

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

holder of our Common Stock who was a stockholder of record at the time of giving notice and at the time of the special meeting, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice procedures set forth in our bylaws.

Table of Contents

OUR BUSINESS AND PROPERTIES

Company Overview

Business Overview

Our principal business is to acquire, own, and operate Class A and creative office assets in vibrant and improving urban communities throughout the United States. These communities are located in areas that include traditional downtown areas and suburban main streets, which have high barriers to entry, high population density, improving demographic trends and a propensity for growth. We believe that the critical mass of redevelopment in such areas creates positive externalities, which enhance the value of real estate assets in the area. We believe that these assets will provide greater returns than similar assets in other markets, as a result of the improving demographics, support for investment and significant private investment that characterize these areas. Following the Potential Recapitalization, while our principal business would remain principally focused on Class A and creative office assets in vibrant and improving urban communities throughout the United States (including improving and developing such assets), we may also participate more actively in other CIM Group urban real estate strategies and product types described above in order to broaden our participation in CIM Group's platform of \$29.1 billion of Assets Owned and Operated⁽³⁾ and capabilities for the benefit of all classes of stockholders.

We are operated by affiliates of CIM Group. Our wholly-owned subsidiary, CIM Urban, is party to the Investment Management Agreement with the Operator, pursuant to which the Operator provides certain services to CIM Urban. In addition, we are party to the Master Services Agreement with the Administrator, pursuant to which the Administrator agrees to provide or arrange for other service providers to provide administrative services to us and all of our direct and indirect subsidiaries. CIM Group is a vertically-integrated owner and operator of real assets with multi-disciplinary expertise and in-house research, acquisition, credit analysis, development, finance, leasing, and property management capabilities. CIM Group is headquartered in Los Angeles, California and has offices in Oakland, California; Bethesda, Maryland; Dallas, Texas; New York, New York, Chicago, Illinois, and Phoenix, Arizona.

As of June 30, 2018, our real estate portfolio consisted of 21 assets, all of which are fee-simple properties. As of June 30, 2018, our 19 office properties (including one parking garage and two development sites, one of which is being used as a parking lot), totaling approximately 3.4 million rentable square feet, were 94.0% occupied and one hotel with an ancillary parking garage, which has a total of 503 rooms, had RevPAR of \$141.10 for the six months ended June 30, 2018. For the six months ended June 30, 2018, our office portfolio contributed approximately 72.9% of revenue, while our hotel contributed approximately 21.4%, and our lending segment contributed approximately 5.7%.

We are headquartered in Dallas, Texas and, as of June 30, 2018, we had five employees.

(3) See note 1 in Prospectus Summary CIM Commercial Trust Corporation Company Overview in this prospectus.

Table of Contents

Our existing office, multifamily and hotel assets are located in six U.S. markets. The breakdown by segment, market and submarket, as of June 30, 2018, is as follows:

Overview of our Real Estate Portfolio as of June 30, 2018

Property	Market	Sub-Market	Office and Retail Rentable Square Feet	Hotel Rooms
Office				
1 Kaiser Plaza	Oakland, CA	Lake Merritt	534,423	
2101 Webster Street	Oakland, CA	Lake Merritt	471,337	
999 N Capitol Street	District of Columbia	Capitol Hill	315,983	
899 N Capitol Street	District of Columbia	Capitol Hill	314,667	
1901 Harrison Street	Oakland, CA	Lake Merritt	280,610	
1333 Broadway	Oakland, CA	City Center	251,155	
830 1st Street	District of Columbia	Capitol Hill	247,337	
2100 Franklin Street	Oakland, CA	Lake Merritt	216,828	
11620 Wilshire Boulevard	Los Angeles, CA	West Los Angeles	194,659	
3601 S Congress Avenue (1)	Austin, TX	South	183,885	
4750 Wilshire Boulevard	Los Angeles, CA	Mid-Wilshire	143,361	
9460 Wilshire Boulevard	Los Angeles, CA	Beverly Hills	93,339	
260 Townsend Street	San Francisco, CA	South of Market	66,682	
11600 Wilshire Boulevard	Los Angeles, CA	West Los Angeles	55,919	
Lindblade Media Center (2)	Los Angeles, CA	West Los Angeles	32,428	
1130 Howard Street	San Francisco, CA	South of Market	21,194	
Total Office (16 Properties)			3,423,807	
Other Ancillary Properties within Office Portfolio				
901 N Capitol Street (3)	District of Columbia	Capitol Hill		
2353 Webster Street Parking Garage	Oakland, CA	Lake Merritt		
2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot (4)	Oakland, CA	Lake Merritt		
Total Ancillary Office (3 Properties)				
Total Office including Other Ancillary (19 Properties)			3,423,807	
Hotel Portfolio (1 Property)				
Sheraton Grand Hotel	Sacramento, CA	Downtown/Midtown		503
Other Ancillary Properties within Hotel Portfolio (1 Property)				
Sheraton Grand Hotel Parking Garage & Retail (5)	Sacramento, CA	Downtown/Midtown	9,453	
TOTAL PORTFOLIO (21 Properties)			3,433,260	503

(1) 3601 S Congress Avenue consists of ten buildings. The Company is evaluating a portion of this property for potential development of 42,000 additional rentable square feet.

Table of Contents

- (2) Lindblade Media Center consists of three buildings.
- (3) 901 N Capitol Street is a 39,696 square foot parcel of land located between 899 and 999 N Capitol Street. We have designed and are entitled to develop a building having 271,233 rentable square feet.
- (4) 2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot is a 44,642 square foot parcel of land currently being used as a surface parking lot. We are entitled to develop a building, which we are in the process of designing, having approximately 425,000 to 800,000 rentable square feet.
- (5) The site of the Sheraton Grand Hotel Parking Garage and Retail is being evaluated for potential development.

Our Common Stock trades on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol CMCT. Our Series L Preferred Stock is also traded on NASDAQ and the TASE, in each case under the ticker symbol CMCTP. Our principal executive offices are located at 17950 Preston Road, Suite 600, Dallas, Texas 75252 and our telephone number is (972) 349-3200. Our internet address is <http://www.cimcommercial.com>. The information contained on our website is not part of this prospectus.

Potential Recapitalization

The Company intends to consummate the Potential Recapitalization in order to, among other things, provide its stockholders with liquidity reflecting its NAV per share of Common Stock and improve the trading volume and liquidity of the Common Stock. There can be no guarantee that the Potential Recapitalization will occur or, if any or all of the Potential Recapitalization occurs, that the Potential Recapitalization will occur in the form or in the manner as described in this prospectus. Please refer to *Special Note Regarding Forward-Looking Statements* in this prospectus.

The Company does not intend to commence, and no holder of shares of Series L Preferred Stock will be able to participate in, the Exchange Offer unless and until the Company consummates the Potential Recapitalization and determines the CIM Purchase Price.

Targeted Sales of Properties. We are actively exploring the Potential Sale, or the sale of a portfolio of properties described in the table below, including our five office properties and a parking garage in Oakland, California, our three office properties in Washington, D.C., and one office property in San Francisco, CA, which sales we refer to collectively as the Potential Sale. No letters of intent or purchase and sales agreements have been executed in connection with the Potential Sale. The MGCL may require holders of our Common Stock to approve the Potential Sale prior to its consummation.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Location	Sub-Market	Rentable Square Feet	Annualized Rent Per Occupied Square Foot (1)
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA			
Oakland, CA			
1 Kaiser Plaza	Lake Merritt	534,423	\$ 41.07
2101 Webster Street	Lake Merritt	471,337	41.04
1901 Harrison Street	Lake Merritt	280,610	45.18
1333 Broadway	City Center	251,155	41.08
2100 Franklin Street	Lake Merritt	216,828	41.45
2353 Webster Street Parking Garage	Lake Merritt	N/A	N/A
Total Oakland, CA		1,754,353	41.69
San Francisco, CA			
260 Townsend Street	South of Market	66,682	73.51
Total San Francisco, CA		66,682	73.51
TOTAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA		1,821,035	\$ 42.93
EAST			
Washington, DC			
999 N Capitol Street	Capitol Hill	315,983	\$ 46.66
899 N Capitol Street	Capitol Hill	314,667	52.84
830 1st Street	Capitol Hill	247,337	43.60
Total Washington, DC		877,987	47.78
TOTAL EAST		877,987	\$ 47.78
TOTAL PORTFOLIO OF ASSETS TARGETED FOR SALE		2,699,022	\$ 44.47

Table of Contents

(1) Represents gross monthly base rent, as of June 30, 2018, multiplied by twelve. The amount reflects total cash rent before abatements. Where applicable, annualized rent has been grossed up by adding annualized expense reimbursement to base rent.

Repayment of Certain Indebtedness. If the Potential Sale occurs, we intend to use a portion of the net proceeds from the Potential Sale to consummate the Potential Repayment of Unsecured Term Loan Facility, or the repayment of any balances then outstanding on our unsecured term loan facility. If the Potential Repayment of Unsecured Term Loan Facility occurs, we will terminate three interest rate swaps that effectively convert the floating rate on our unsecured term loan facility to a fixed rate. Following the Potential Sale and the Potential Repayment of Unsecured Term Loan Facility, we would expect to have no senior debt outstanding and would plan to maintain minimal long-term debt in our continuing operations.

Return of Capital to Holders of Common Stock. The net proceeds from the Potential Sale remaining following the Potential Repayment of Unsecured Term Loan Facility, as well as a portion of our unrestricted cash balances, would be used to consummate the Potential Return of Capital Event, or one or more transactions to return capital to holders of our Common Stock for consideration approximating our NAV per share of Common Stock, which transaction may take the form of a special dividend, private repurchase or tender offer.

CIM Urban REIT Liquidation. As of October 3, 2018, CIM REIT, a fund operated by affiliates of CIM Group, beneficially owns approximately 95.05% of our outstanding Common Stock. We have been informed that, if the Potential Sale and Potential Return of Capital Event occur, CIM Group intends to consummate the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation, or to liquidate CIM REIT by distributing to its members, consisting of 27 institutional investors, all shares of our Common Stock then held by CIM REIT. The distributed shares would be unrestricted for trading and we expect would increase our public float to over 90% (from approximately 4% today), which may lead to improved trading volume and liquidity in our Common Stock, and may make our Common Stock eligible for inclusion in several widely-followed stock indices.

Following the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation, we would no longer be a controlled company within the meaning of the rules of NASDAQ and, as a result, we would no longer qualify for the exemptions from certain corporate governance requirements on which we currently rely. We plan to implement, within the timeframes provided by the rules of NASDAQ, the protections of holders of our Common Stock required by the rules of NASDAQ.

Upon consummation of the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation as currently contemplated, all registration rights with respect to our Common Stock existing under that certain Registration Rights and Lockup Agreement, dated as of March 11, 2014, by and between the Company and Urban II, would terminate upon the consummation of the Potential CIM REIT Liquidation.

Sale of Common Stock. Certain directors and officers of the Company have expressed a willingness to consummate the Potential CIM Investment by reinvesting their aggregate pro rata share of all net proceeds received by CIM Group and its affiliated entities in connection with the Potential Return of Capital Event into newly issued shares of our Common Stock at a price per share equal to the CIM Purchase Price. The Potential CIM Investment is expected to involve a reinvestment of approximately \$10.8 million into shares of our Common Stock at a price per share equal to the CIM Purchase Price.

The CIM Purchase Price will be negotiated and, in its sole discretion, approved by a committee of the Board of Directors composed of the Company's independent directors.

Note Regarding Section 16 Matters. Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our directors, officers and beneficial owners of more than 10% of our Common Stock to file reports with the SEC disclosing their ownership, and changes in their ownership, of our equity securities. Section 16(b) of the Exchange Act requires those subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act to disgorge to the Company any profits realized from any short-swing trading transaction (i.e., a purchase and sale, or sale and purchase, of our Common Stock, Preferred Stock or

Table of Contents

Series A Warrants occurring within a period of less than six months). Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions contained therein, Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act exempts certain transactions from the short-swing profit rules of Section 16 of the Exchange Act. The Company intends to take all steps necessary to cause the participation, if any, in the Potential Return of Capital Event and/or the Potential CIM Investment by any individual who is or will be subject to the reporting requirements under Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to the Company, to be exempt under Rule 16b-3 of the Exchange Act.

Segments

Our reportable segments consist of three types of commercial real estate properties, namely office, hotel and multifamily, which consisted of five properties that were sold in 2017, as well as a segment for our lending business.

Lending Segment

Through our SBA 7(a) lending platform, we are a national lender that primarily originates loans to small businesses. We identify loan origination opportunities through personal contacts, internet referrals, attendance at trade shows and meetings, direct mailings, advertisements in trade publications and other marketing methods. We also generate loans through referrals from real estate and loan brokers, franchise representatives, existing borrowers, lawyers and accountants.

Our Board of Directors approved a plan in December 2014 for the lending segment that, when completed, would have resulted in the deconsolidation of the lending segment, which at that time was focused on small business lending in the hospitality industry. In July 2015, to maximize value, we modified our strategy from a strategy of selling the lending segment as a whole to a strategy of soliciting buyers for components of the business, including our commercial mortgage loans and our platform for lending under the SBA 7(a) Program of this change in the sale methodology resulted in the need to extend the period to complete the sale of the remainder of the lending segment beyond one year. On December 17, 2015, pursuant to the modified plan, we sold substantially all of our commercial mortgage loans with a carrying value of \$77,121,000 to an unrelated third-party and recognized a gain of \$5,151,000. In September 2016, we discontinued our efforts to sell the SBA 7(a) lending platform, and the activities related to the SBA 7(a) lending platform have been reclassified to continuing operations for all periods presented. On December 29, 2016, we sold our commercial real estate lending subsidiary, which was classified as held for sale and had a carrying value of \$27,587,000, which was equal to management's estimate of fair value, to a fund managed by an affiliate of CIM Group. We did not recognize any gain or loss in connection with the transaction. Management's estimate of fair value was determined with assistance from an independent third-party valuation firm.

CIM Urban Partnership Agreement

Our subsidiary, CIM Urban, is governed by CIM Urban's partnership agreement (the "CIM Urban Partnership Agreement"). The general partner of CIM Urban, Urban Partners GP, is an affiliate of CIM Group and has the full, exclusive and complete right, power, authority, discretion and responsibility vested in or assumed by a general partner of a limited partnership under the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act and as otherwise provided by law and is vested with the full, exclusive and complete right, power and discretion to operate, manage and control the affairs of CIM Urban, subject to the terms of the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement.

Removal of General Partner

The class A members of CIM REIT, upon a two-thirds vote of the interests of such members, may remove and replace CIM Urban GP as the general partner of CIM Urban if (a) certain affiliates and related parties of CIM Urban GP cease to own at least 85% of the class A membership units of CIM REIT that they have acquired or (b) any two of Shaul Kuba, Richard Ressler or Avi Shemesh cease to be actively engaged in the management of the general partner.

Amendments

Subject to certain limited exceptions, amendments of the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement may be adopted only with the consent of the majority in interest of the class A members of CIM REIT who are not affiliates of CIM Urban GP.

Liability for Acts and Omissions

None of CIM Urban GP or any of its affiliates, members, stockholders, partners, managers, officers, directors, employees, agents and representatives will have any liability in damages or otherwise to any limited partner, any investors

Table of Contents

in CIM REIT or CIM Urban, and CIM Urban will indemnify such persons from and against any and all liabilities, obligations, losses, damages, penalties, actions, judgments, suits, proceedings, costs, expenses and disbursements of any kind which may be imposed on, incurred by or asserted against such persons in any way relating to or arising out of any action or inaction on the part of such persons when acting on behalf of CIM Urban or any of its investments, except for those liabilities that result from such persons' fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or breach of the terms of the CIM Urban Partnership Agreement or any other agreement between such person and CIM Urban or its affiliates.

Investment Management Agreement

In May 2005, CIM Urban and CIM Urban REIT Management, L.P., each an affiliate of CIM REIT and CIM Group, entered into an investment management agreement, pursuant to which CIM Urban engaged CIM Urban REIT Management, L.P. to provide certain services to CIM Urban. CIM Investment Advisors, LLC, an affiliate of CIM REIT and CIM Group, registered with the SEC as an investment adviser and, in connection with such registration, CIM Urban entered into the Investment Management Agreement with CIM Investment Advisors, LLC in December 2015 on terms and in scope substantially similar to those of the previous agreement, and the previous investment management agreement was terminated. The Operator refers to CIM Urban REIT Management, L.P. prior to December 10, 2015 and to CIM Investment Advisors, LLC on and after December 10, 2015.

CIM Urban pays asset management fees to the Operator on a quarterly basis in arrears. The fee is calculated as a percentage of the daily average adjusted fair value of CIM Urban's assets:

From Greater of	Daily Average Adjusted Fair Value of CIM Urban's Assets (in thousands)	To and Including	Quarterly Fee Percentage
\$	\$	500,000	0.2500%
	500,000	1,000,000	0.2375%
	1,000,000	1,500,000	0.2250%
	1,500,000	4,000,000	0.2125%
	4,000,000	20,000,000	0.1000%

For the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, the Operator earned asset management fees of \$22,229,000, \$25,753,000 and \$24,882,000, respectively.

The Operator is responsible for the payment of all costs and expenses relating to the general operation of its business, including administrative expenses, employment expenses and office expenses. All costs and expenses incurred by the Operator on behalf of CIM Urban are borne by CIM Urban. In addition, CIM Urban will indemnify the Operator against losses, claims, damages or liabilities, and reimburse the Operator for its legal and other expenses, in each case incurred in connection with any action, proceeding or investigation arising out of or in connection with CIM Urban's business or affairs, except to the extent such losses or expenses result from fraud, gross negligence or willful misconduct of, or a breach of the terms of the Investment Management Agreement by the Operator or with respect to CIM Urban REIT Management L.P., any violation of securities law or any other intentional or criminal wrongdoing. Under the Investment Management Agreement between CIM Urban and CIM Urban REIT Management L.P., CIM Urban REIT Management L.P. is obligated to indemnify CIM Urban against any losses, claims, damages or liabilities to which CIM Urban becomes subject in connection with any matter arising out of or in connection with CIM Urban's business or affairs that results from CIM Urban REIT Management L.P.'s fraud, gross negligence, willful misconduct or breach of such Investment Management Agreement.

Nothing in the Investment Management Agreement limits or restricts the right of any partner, officer or employee of the Operator to engage in any other business or to devote his time and attention in part to any other business. Nothing in the Investment Management Agreement limits or restricts the right of the Operator to engage in any other business or to render services of any kind to any other person.

The Investment Management Agreement will remain in effect until CIM Urban is dissolved or CIM Urban and the Operator otherwise mutually agree.

Table of Contents

Master Services Agreement

On March 11, 2014, we entered into the Master Services Agreement with the Administrator, pursuant to which the Administrator has agreed to provide, or arrange for other service providers to provide, management and administration services, which we refer to as the Base Services, to CIM Commercial and its subsidiaries following the merger between CIM Urban and PMC Commercial Trust completed on March 11, 2014, which we refer to as the Merger. Pursuant to the Master Services Agreement, we appointed an affiliate of CIM Group as the administrator of CIM Urban GP, which we refer to as the Urban GP Administrator. Under the Master Services Agreement, CIM Commercial pays a base service fee, which we refer to as the Base Service Fee, to the Administrator initially set at \$1,000,000 per year (subject to an annual escalation by a specified inflation factor beginning on January 1, 2015), payable quarterly in arrears. For the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, the Administrator earned a Base Service Fee of \$1,060,000, \$1,043,000 and \$1,010,000, respectively. In addition, pursuant to the terms of the Master Services Agreement, the Administrator may receive compensation and/or reimbursement for performing certain services for CIM Commercial and its subsidiaries that are not covered under the Base Service Fee. During the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, such services performed by the Administrator included accounting, tax, reporting, internal audit, legal, compliance, risk management, IT, human resources and corporate communications. The Administrator's compensation is based on the salaries and benefits of the employees of the Administrator and/or its affiliates who performed these services (allocated based on the percentage of time spent on the affairs of CIM Commercial and its subsidiaries). For the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, we expensed \$3,065,000, \$3,120,000 and \$2,993,000, respectively, for such services which are included in asset management and other fees to related parties.

On January 1, 2015, we entered into a staffing and reimbursement agreement with CIM SBA Staffing, LLC, an affiliate of CIM Group that we refer to as CIM SBA, and our subsidiary, PMC Commercial Lending, LLC, which agreement we refer to as the CIM SBA Staffing and Reimbursement Agreement. The CIM SBA Staffing and Reimbursement Agreement provides that CIM SBA will provide personnel and resources to us and that we will reimburse CIM SBA for the costs and expenses of providing such personnel and resources. For the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, we incurred expenses related to services subject to reimbursement by us under the CIM SBA Staffing and Reimbursement Agreement of \$3,464,000, \$3,555,000, and \$3,850,000, respectively, which are included in asset management and other fees to related parties for lending segment costs included in continuing operations, \$433,000, \$411,000, and \$434,000, respectively, for corporate services, which are included in asset management and other fees to related parties, and \$0, \$550,000, and \$777,000, respectively, which are included in discontinued operations. For the year ended December 31, 2015, we expensed \$1,638,000 for transaction costs paid to CIM SBA for reimbursement of costs in connection with the sale of substantially all of our commercial mortgage loans to an unrelated third-party. In addition, for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, we deferred personnel costs of \$429,000, \$249,000 and \$282,000, respectively, associated with services provided for originating loans.

Other Services

CIM Management, Inc. and certain of its affiliates (collectively, the CIM Management Entities), all affiliates of CIM REIT and CIM Group, provide property management, leasing, and development services to CIM Urban. The CIM Management Entities earned property management fees, which are included in rental and other property operating expenses, totaling \$5,034,000, \$5,630,000 and \$5,814,000 for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively. CIM Urban also reimbursed the CIM Management Entities \$8,465,000, \$8,630,000 and \$8,319,000 during the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively, for the cost of on-site personnel incurred on behalf of CIM Urban, which is included in rental and other property operating expenses. The CIM Management Entities earned leasing commissions of \$982,000, \$2,522,000 and \$697,000 for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively, which were capitalized to deferred charges. In addition, the CIM Management Entities earned construction management fees of \$1,654,000, \$942,000 and \$1,055,000 for the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, respectively, which were capitalized to investments in real estate.

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

On October 1, 2015, an affiliate of CIM Group entered into a 5-year lease renewal with respect to a property owned by the Company. For the years ended December 31, 2017, 2016 and 2015, we recorded rental and other property income related to this tenant of \$108,000, \$108,000 and \$104,000, respectively.

Business Objectives and Growth Strategies

Our two primary goals are (a) consistently growing our NAV and cash flow per share of our Common Stock and (b) providing liquidity to our common stockholders at prices reflecting our NAV and cash flow prospects. We seek to utilize the CIM Group platform to acquire, improve and develop real estate assets within CIM Group's Qualified Communities. We believe assets in these markets provide greater returns as a result of improving demographics, support for investment and significant private investment within these areas. Over time, we seek to expand our real estate assets in

Table of Contents

communities targeted by CIM Group, supported by CIM Group's broad real estate capabilities, as part of our plan to prudently grow market value and earnings. As a matter of prudent management, we also regularly evaluate each asset within our portfolio as well as our strategies. Such review may result in dispositions when an asset no longer fits our overall objectives or strategies or when our view of the market value of such asset is equal to or exceeds its intrinsic value. As a result of such review, from November 2015 to December 2017, we sold 15 properties including eight office properties (including one parking garage), two hotel properties, and five multifamily properties.

CIM Group seeks to maximize the value of its holdings through active asset management. CIM Group has extensive in-house research, acquisition, credit analysis, development, financing, leasing and property management capabilities, which leverage its deep understanding of urban communities to position properties for multiple uses and to maximize operating income. As a fully integrated owner and operator, CIM Group has in-house onsite property management capabilities. Property managers prepare annual capital and operating budgets and monthly operating reports, monitor results and oversee vendor services, maintenance and capital improvement schedules. In addition, they ensure that revenue objectives are met, lease terms are followed, receivables are collected, preventative maintenance programs are implemented, vendors are evaluated and expenses are controlled. CIM Group's asset management committee, which we refer to as the Asset Management Committee, reviews and approves strategic plans for each asset, including financial, leasing, marketing, property positioning and disposition plans. In addition, the Asset Management Committee reviews and approves the annual business plan for each property, including its capital and operating budget. CIM Group's organizational structure provides for continuity through multi-disciplinary teams responsible for an asset from the time of the original recommendation, through the implementation of the asset's business plan, and any disposition activities.

Our investments and development departments are separate groups that work very closely together on transactions requiring development expertise. While the investments team is responsible for acquisition analysis, both the investments and development teams perform the due diligence, evaluate and determine underwriting assumptions and participate in the development management and ongoing property management of CIM Group's opportunistic assets. The development team is also responsible for the oversight and/or execution of securing entitlements and the development/repositioning process. In instances where CIM Group is not the lead developer, our in-house development team continues to provide development and construction oversight to co-sponsors through a shadow team that oversees the progress of the development from beginning to end to ensure adherence to the budgets, schedules, quality and scope of the project to maintain CIM Group's vision for the final product. Both the investments and development departments interact as a cohesive team when sourcing, underwriting, acquiring, executing and managing the business plan of an opportunistic acquisition.

Properties

As of June 30, 2018, our real estate portfolio consisted of 21 assets, all of which are fee-simple properties. As of June 30, 2018, our 19 office properties (including one parking garage and two development sites, one of which is being used as a parking lot), totaling approximately 3.4 million rentable square feet, were 94.0% occupied and one hotel with an ancillary parking garage, which has a total of 503 rooms, had RevPAR of \$141.10 for the six months ended June 30, 2018.

Office Portfolio Summary as of June 30, 2018

Office

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Property	Market	Rentable Square Feet	% Occupied	% Leased (1)	Annualized Rent (2) (in thousands)	Annualized Rent Per Occupied Square Foot
1 Kaiser Plaza	Oakland, CA	534,423	93.1%	93.1%	\$ 20,434	\$ 41.07
2101 Webster Street	Oakland, CA	471,337	99.3%	99.3%	19,208	41.04
999 N Capitol Street	District of Columbia	315,983	90.1%	90.1%	13,285	46.66
899 N Capitol Street	District of Columbia	314,667	86.1%	86.1%	14,317	52.84
1901 Harrison Street	Oakland, CA	280,610	81.9%	81.9%	10,384	45.18
1333 Broadway	Oakland, CA	251,155	96.0%	96.0%	9,905	41.08
830 1st Street	District of Columbia	247,337	100.0%	100.0%	10,783	43.60
2100 Franklin Street	Oakland, CA	216,828	98.9%	98.9%	8,889	41.45
11620 Wilshire Boulevard	Los Angeles, CA	194,659	97.5%	97.5%	7,655	40.33
3601 S Congress Avenue (3)	Austin, TX	183,885	94.5%	96.6%	6,028	34.69
4750 Wilshire Boulevard	Los Angeles, CA	143,361	100.0%	100.0%	3,848	26.84
9460 Wilshire Boulevard	Los Angeles, CA	93,339	94.9%	94.9%	8,265	93.31
260 Townsend Street	San Francisco, CA	66,682	100.0%	100.0%	4,902	73.51
11600 Wilshire Boulevard	Los Angeles, CA	55,919	87.6%	87.6%	2,589	52.85
Lindblade Media Center (4)	Los Angeles, CA	32,428	100.0%	100.0%	1,422	43.85
1130 Howard Street	San Francisco, CA	21,194	100.0%	100.0%	1,454	68.60
Total Office (16 Properties)		3,423,807	94.0%	94.1%	\$ 143,368	\$ 44.54

Table of Contents

Other Ancillary Properties within Office Portfolio

Property	Market	Rentable Square Feet	% Occupied	% Leased	Annualized Rent (2) (in thousands)	Annualized Rent Per Occupied Square Foot
901 N Capitol Street	District of Columbia	N/A(5)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2353 Webster Street Parking Garage	Oakland, CA	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot	Oakland, CA	N/A(6)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Ancillary Office (3 Properties)		N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Total Office including Other Ancillary

	Rentable Square Feet	% Occupied	% Leased (1)	Annualized Rent (2) (in thousands)	Annualized Rent Per Occupied Square Foot
Total Office incl. Other Ancillary (19 Properties)	3,423,807	94.0%	94.1%	\$ 143,368	\$ 44.54

Table of Contents

- (1) Based on leases signed as of June 30, 2018.
- (2) Represents gross monthly base rent, as of June 30, 2018, multiplied by twelve. This amount reflects total cash rent before abatements. Where applicable, annualized rent has been grossed up by adding annualized expense reimbursements to base rent.
- (3) 3601 S Congress Avenue consists of ten buildings. The Company is evaluating a portion of this property for potential development of 42,000 additional rentable square feet.
- (4) Lindblade Media Center consists of three buildings.
- (5) 901 N Capitol Street is a 39,696 square foot parcel of land located between 899 and 999 N Capitol Street. We have designed and are entitled to develop a building having 271,233 rentable square feet.
- (6) 2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot is a 44,642 square foot parcel of land currently being used as a surface parking lot. We are entitled to develop a building, which we are in the process of designing, having approximately 425,000 to 800,000 rentable square feet.

Office Portfolio Detail by Property, Market, and Submarket as of June 30, 2018

Location	Rentable Square Feet	% Occupied	% Leased (1)	Annualized Rent (2) (in thousands)	Annualized Rent Per Occupied Square Foot
NORTHERN CALIFORNIA					
Oakland, CA					
Lake Merritt					
1 Kaiser Plaza	534,423	93.1%	93.1%	\$ 20,434	\$ 41.07
2101 Webster Street	471,337	99.3%	99.3%	19,208	41.04
1901 Harrison Street	280,610	81.9%	81.9%	10,384	45.18
2100 Franklin Street	216,828	98.9%	98.9%	8,889	41.45
2353 Webster Street Parking Garage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot	N/A(3)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Total Lake Merritt	1,503,198	93.8%	93.8%	58,915	41.78
City Center					
1333 Broadway	251,155	96.0%	96.0%	9,905	41.08
Total Oakland, CA	1,754,353	94.1%	94.1%	68,820	41.69
San Francisco, CA					

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

South of Market						
260 Townsend Street	66,682	100.0%	100.0%	4,902		73.51
1130 Howard Street	21,194	100.0%	100.0%	1,454		68.60
Total San Francisco, CA	87,876	100.0%	100.0%	6,356		72.33
TOTAL NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	1,842,229	94.4%	94.4% \$	75,176	\$	43.23

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, CA

West Los Angeles						
11620 Wilshire Boulevard	194,659	97.5%	97.5% \$	7,655	\$	40.33
11600 Wilshire Boulevard	55,919	87.6%	87.6%	2,589		52.85
Lindblade Media Center (4)	32,428	100.0%	100.0%	1,422		43.85
Total West Los Angeles	283,006	95.8%	95.8%	11,666		43.03
Mid-Wilshire						
4750 Wilshire Boulevard	143,361	100.0%	100.0%	3,848		26.84
Beverly Hills						
9460 Wilshire Boulevard	93,339	94.9%	94.9%	8,265		93.31
Total Los Angeles, CA	519,706	96.8%	96.8%	23,779		47.27
TOTAL SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA	519,706	96.8%	96.8% \$	23,779	\$	47.27

EAST

Washington, DC

Capitol Hill						
999 N Capitol Street	315,983	90.1%	90.1% \$	13,285	\$	46.66
899 N Capitol Street	314,667	86.1%	86.1%	14,317		52.84
830 1st Street	247,337	100.0%	100.0%	10,783		43.60
901 N Capitol Street	N/A(5)	N/A	N/A	N/A		N/A
Total Capitol Hill	877,987	91.5%	91.5%	38,385		47.78
Total Washington, DC	877,987	91.5%	91.5%	38,385		47.78
TOTAL EAST	877,987	91.5%	91.5% \$	38,385	\$	47.78

SOUTHWEST

Austin, TX

South						
3601 S Congress Avenue (6)	183,885	94.5%	96.6% \$	6,028	\$	34.69
TOTAL SOUTHWEST	183,885	94.5%	96.6% \$	6,028	\$	34.69

TOTAL PORTFOLIO	3,423,807	94.0%	94.1% \$	143,368	\$	44.54
------------------------	------------------	--------------	-----------------	----------------	-----------	--------------

Table of Contents

-
- (1) Based on leases signed as of June 30, 2018.
- (2) Represents gross monthly base rent, as of June 30, 2018, multiplied by twelve. This amount reflects total cash rent before abatements. Where applicable, annualized rent has been grossed up by adding annualized expense reimbursements to base rent.
- (3) 2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot is a 44,642 square foot parcel of land currently being used as a surface parking lot. We are entitled to develop a building, which we are in the process of designing, having approximately 425,000 to 800,000 rentable square feet.
- (4) Lindblade Media Center consists of three buildings.
- (5) 901 N Capitol Street is a 39,696 square foot parcel of land located between 899 and 999 N Capitol Street. We have designed and are entitled to develop a building having 271,233 rentable square feet.
- (6) 3601 S Congress Avenue consists of ten buildings. The Company is evaluating a portion of this property for potential development of 42,000 additional rentable square feet.

Hotel Portfolio Summary as of June 30, 2018

Property	Market	Rooms	% Occupied (1)	Revenue Per Available Room (2)
Sheraton Grand Hotel (3)	Sacramento, CA	503	84.1% \$	141.10
Total Hotel (1 Property)		503	84.1% \$	141.10

Table of Contents

Other Ancillary Properties within Hotel Portfolio

Property	Market	Rentable Square Feet (Retail)	% Occupied (Retail)	% Leased (Retail) (4)	Annualized Rent (Parking and Retail) (5) (in thousands)
Sheraton Grand Hotel Parking Garage and Retail (6)	Sacramento, CA	9,453	100%	100%	\$ 2,942
Total Ancillary Hotel (1 Property)		9,453	100%	100%	\$ 2,942

(1) Represents trailing six-month occupancy as of June 30, 2018, calculated as the number of occupied rooms divided by the number of available rooms.

(2) Represents trailing six-month RevPAR as of June 30, 2018, calculated as room revenue divided by the number of available rooms.

(3) The Sheraton Grand Hotel is part of the Sheraton franchise and is managed by Starwood Hotels and Resorts Worldwide, Inc.

(4) Based on leases commenced as of June 30, 2018.

(5) Represents gross monthly contractual rent under parking and retail leases commenced as of June 30, 2018, multiplied by twelve. This amount reflects total cash rent before abatements. Where applicable, annualized rent has been grossed up by adding annualized expense reimbursements to base rent.

(6) The site of the Sheraton Grand Hotel Parking Garage and Retail is being evaluated for potential development.

Office Portfolio-Top 10 Tenants by Annualized Rental Revenue as of June 30, 2018

Credit Rating (S&P/	Annualized Rent (1)	% of	Rentable	% of Rentable
---------------------	---------------------	------	----------	---------------

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Tenant	Property	Moody's / Fitch)	Lease Expiration	(in thousands)	Annualized Rent	Square Feet	Square Feet
U.S. Federal Government Agencies (2)	Various	AA+ / Aaa / AAA	2019 - 2026	\$ 24,379	17.0%	558,965	16.3%
Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc.	1 Kaiser Plaza / 2101 Webster	AA- / - / -	2018 - 2027	19,340	13.5%	469,023	13.7%
The District of Columbia	899 N Capitol Street	AA / Aa1 / AA	2021	11,333	7.9%	205,860	6.0%
Pandora Media, Inc.	2100 Franklin Street / 2101 Webster / 3601 S Congress Avenue	- / - / -	2018 - 2020	7,420	5.2%	187,004	5.5%
Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	1901 Harrison Street	A+ / Aa1 / -	2019 - 2023	4,241	3.0%	87,000	2.5%
Farmers Group, Inc.	4750 Wilshire Boulevard	A / A2 / -	2019	3,848	2.7%	143,361	4.2%
Delta Dental of California	1333 Broadway	- / - / -	2018 2028	3,712	2.6%	82,923	2.4%
Neighborhood Reinvestment Corporation	999 N Capitol Street	- / - / -	2023	3,450	2.4%	67,611	2.0%
MUFG Union Bank, N.A.	9460 Wilshire Boulevard	A / Aa2 / A	2020	3,104	2.2%	26,644	0.8%
Save the Children Federation, Inc.	899 N Capitol Street	- / - / -	2029	2,704	1.9%	58,768	1.7%
Total for Top Ten Tenants				83,531	58.4%	1,887,159	55.1%
All Other Tenants				59,837	41.6%	1,331,776	38.9%
Vacant					0.0%	204,872	6.0%
Total for Portfolio				\$ 143,368	100.0%	3,423,807	100.0%

Table of Contents

(1) Represents gross monthly base rent, as of June 30, 2018, multiplied by twelve. This amount reflects total cash rent before abatements. Where applicable, annualized rent has been grossed up by adding annualized expense reimbursements to base rent.

(2) Represents seven different leases at various properties.

Office Portfolio-Diversification by NAICS code as of June 30, 2018

NAICS Code	Annualized Rent (1) (in thousands)	% of Annualized Rent	Rentable Square Feet	% of Rentable Square Feet
Public Administration	\$ 40,547	28.3%	858,491	25.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	25,068	17.5%	589,471	17.2%
Finance and Insurance	19,881	13.9%	447,606	13.1%
Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services	17,634	12.3%	411,937	12.0%
Information	12,966	9.0%	300,119	8.8%
Other Services (except Public Administration)	6,585	4.6%	147,847	4.3%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	4,447	3.1%	102,411	3.0%
Manufacturing	3,386	2.4%	82,503	2.4%
Construction	3,059	2.1%	46,568	1.4%
Educational Services	2,930	2.0%	74,972	2.2%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	2,908	2.0%	47,639	1.4%
Accommodation and Food Services	2,040	1.4%	52,030	1.5%
Retail Trade	1,086	0.8%	37,299	1.1%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	360	0.3%	9,651	0.3%
Administrative and Support and Waste Management and Remediation Services	277	0.2%	5,453	0.2%
Wholesale Trade	194	0.1%	4,938	0.1%
Vacant		0.0%	204,872	6.0%
TOTAL PORTFOLIO	\$ 143,368	100.0%	3,423,807	100.0%

Table of Contents

(1) Represents gross monthly base rent, as of June 30, 2018, multiplied by twelve. This amount reflects total cash rent before abatements. Where applicable, annualized rent has been grossed up by adding annualized expense reimbursements to base rent.

Office Portfolio-Lease Expiration as of June 30, 2018

Year of Lease Expiration	Square Feet of Expiring Leases	% of Square Feet Expiring	Annualized Rent (1) (in thousands)	% of Annualized Rent Expiring	Annualized Rent Per Occupied Square Foot
2018 (2)	134,837	4.1%	\$ 5,201	3.6%	\$ 38.57
2019	413,932	12.9%	15,270	10.7%	36.89
2020	469,434	14.6%	21,507	15.0%	45.81
2021	588,180	18.3%	28,368	19.8%	48.23
2022	227,826	7.1%	9,221	6.4%	40.47
2023	293,861	9.1%	13,966	9.7%	47.53
2024	47,481	1.5%	2,555	1.8%	53.81
2025	430,849	13.4%	18,466	12.9%	42.86
2026	350,269	10.9%	17,171	12.0%	49.02
2027	88,440	2.7%	3,872	2.7%	43.78
Thereafter	173,826	5.4%	7,771	5.4%	44.71
Total Occupied	3,218,935	100.0%	\$ 143,368	100.0%	\$ 44.54
Vacant	204,872				
Total Portfolio	3,423,807				

(1) Represents gross monthly base rent, as of June 30, 2018, multiplied by twelve. This amount reflects total cash rent before abatements. Where applicable, annualized rent has been grossed up by adding annualized expense reimbursements to base rent.

(2) Includes 30,103 square feet of month-to-month leases.

Table of Contents*Office Portfolio-Historical Occupancy*

Property	June 30, 2018 Rentable Square Feet	Occupancy Rates (1)					
		December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	June 30, 2018
1 Kaiser Plaza	534,423	90.8%	91.0%	96.7%	96.4%	93.4%	93.1%
2101 Webster Street	471,337	82.8%	81.9%	98.9%	98.9%	99.3%	99.3%
999 N Capitol Street	315,983	83.1%	84.0%	84.0%	84.0%	83.2%	90.1%
899 N Capitol Street	314,667	51.1%	52.2%	73.7%	74.1%	86.1%	86.1%
1901 Harrison Street	280,610	87.0%	99.4%	98.2%	97.5%	91.8%	81.9%
1333 Broadway	251,155	72.1%	82.6%	92.9%	92.9%	96.7%	96.0%
830 1st Street	247,337	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
2100 Franklin Street	216,828	73.1%	83.5%	96.7%	98.5%	98.9%	98.9%
11620 Wilshire Boulevard	194,659	65.5%	84.5%	91.5%	93.0%	98.6%	97.5%
3601 S Congress Avenue (2)	183,885	90.7%	91.1%	97.4%	94.0%	92.2%	94.5%
4750 Wilshire Boulevard (3)	143,361	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
9460 Wilshire Boulevard (4)	93,339	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	94.9%
260 Townsend Street	66,682	100.0%	89.5%	89.7%	78.8%	100.0%	100.0%
11600 Wilshire Boulevard	55,919	74.7%	78.5%	84.7%	80.0%	87.6%	87.6%
Lindblade Media Center (5)	32,428	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
1130 Howard Street (6)	21,194	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	100.0%	100.0%
901 N Capitol Street	N/A(7)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2353 Webster Street Parking Garage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot	N/A(8)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
500 West Santa Ana Boulevard (9)	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
211 Main Street (9)	N/A	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	N/A	N/A
200 S College Street (9)	N/A	82.7%	68.3%	66.9%	90.1%	N/A	N/A
980 9th Street (9)	N/A	80.5%	83.4%	64.0%	66.6%	N/A	N/A
1010 8th Street Parking Garage & Retail (9)	N/A	16.3%	9.9%	9.6%	10.7%	N/A	N/A
800 N Capitol Street (9)	N/A	94.8%	93.2%	76.1%	76.1%	N/A	N/A
7083 Hollywood Boulevard (9)	N/A	96.3%	96.3%	97.3%	97.3%	N/A	N/A
370 L Enfant Promenade (9)	N/A	88.7%	89.0%	87.7%	39.1%	N/A	N/A
Total Weighted Average	3,423,807	84.0%	85.1%	86.9%	85.7%	94.2%	94.0%

(1) Historical occupancies for office properties are shown as a percentage of rentable square feet and are based on leases commenced as of the indicated date.

Table of Contents

- (2) 3601 S Congress Avenue consists of ten buildings. The Company is evaluating a portion of this property for potential development of 42,000 additional rentable square feet.
- (3) 4750 Wilshire Boulevard was acquired on April 18, 2014.
- (4) 9460 Wilshire Boulevard was acquired on January 18, 2018.
- (5) Lindblade Media Center was acquired on October 21, 2014, and consists of three buildings.
- (6) 1130 Howard Street was acquired on December 29, 2017.
- (7) 901 N Capitol Street is a 39,696 square foot parcel of land located between 899 and 999 N Capitol Street. We have designed and are entitled to develop a building having 271,233 rentable square feet.
- (8) 2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot is a 44,642 square foot parcel of land currently being used as a surface parking lot. We are entitled to develop a building, which we are in the process of designing, having approximately 425,000 to 800,000 rentable square feet.
- (9) 500 West Santa Ana Boulevard, 211 Main Street, 200 S College Street, 980 9th Street, 1010 8th Street Parking Garage & Retail, 800 N Capitol Street, 7083 Hollywood Boulevard, and 370 L Infant Promenade were sold on November 19, 2015, March 28, 2017, June 8, 2017, June 20, 2017, June 20, 2017, August 31, 2017, September 21, 2017, and October 17, 2017, respectively.

Table of Contents*Office Portfolio-Historical Annualized Rents*

Property	June 30, 2018 Rentable Square Feet	Annualized Rent Per Occupied Square Foot (1)						June 30, 2018
		December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017		
1 Kaiser Plaza	534,423	\$ 37.14	\$ 36.50	\$ 34.24	\$ 37.13	\$ 39.26	\$ 41.07	
2101 Webster Street	471,337	38.10	38.84	36.76	37.64	38.75	41.04	
999 N Capitol Street	315,983	42.26	44.18	44.82	45.19	46.45	46.66	
899 N Capitol Street	314,667	50.22	52.36	50.44	49.49	51.99	52.84	
1901 Harrison Street	280,610	33.20	33.74	34.02	35.49	36.99	45.18	
1333 Broadway	251,155	28.89	30.17	31.07	33.12	35.76	41.08	
830 1st Street	247,337	40.73	42.42	42.53	43.90	43.60	43.60	
2100 Franklin Street	216,828	40.96	37.20	37.65	38.44	39.50	41.45	
11620 Wilshire Boulevard	194,659	35.64	30.50	35.07	38.55	39.28	40.33	
3601 S Congress Avenue (2)	183,885	25.29	27.28	30.21	31.84	33.65	34.69	
4750 Wilshire Boulevard (3)	143,361	N/A	25.45	25.03	25.71	26.17	26.84	
9460 Wilshire Boulevard (4)	93,339	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	93.31	
260 Townsend Street	66,682	32.48	58.02	64.92	68.97	70.80	73.51	
11600 Wilshire Boulevard	55,919	43.97	45.89	49.23	50.62	50.86	52.85	
Lindblade Media Center (5)	32,428	N/A	31.51	39.88	41.60	43.27	43.85	
1130 Howard Street (6)	21,194	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	67.90	68.60	
901 N Capitol Street	N/A(7)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2353 Webster Street Parking Garage	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot	N/A(8)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
500 West Santa Ana Boulevard (9)	N/A	20.17	20.40	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
211 Main Street (9)	N/A	28.78	28.69	28.81	28.80	N/A	N/A	
200 S College Street (9)	N/A	22.20	22.61	23.33	23.60	N/A	N/A	
980 9th Street (9)	N/A	31.36	30.47	29.69	30.23	N/A	N/A	
1010 8th Street Parking Garage & Retail (9)	N/A	7.16	6.81	6.63	7.07	N/A	N/A	
	N/A	46.01	45.19	45.36	45.02	N/A	N/A	

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

800 N Capitol Street (9)											
7083 Hollywood Boulevard (9)	N/A	35.37	35.61	38.35	38.45	N/A	N/A				
370 L Enfant Promenade (9)	N/A	51.41	51.25	51.94	55.80	N/A	N/A				
Total Weighted Average	3,423,807	\$ 36.10	\$ 36.25	\$ 36.75	\$ 36.79	\$ 41.00	\$ 44.54				

(1) Other than as set forth in (6) below, Annualized Rent Per Occupied Square Foot represents annualized gross rent divided by total occupied square feet as of the indicated date. This amount reflects total cash rent before abatements. Where applicable, annualized rent has been grossed up by adding annualized expense reimbursements to base rent.

(2) 3601 S Congress Avenue consists of ten buildings. The Company is evaluating a portion of this property for potential development of 42,000 additional rentable square feet.

(3) 4750 Wilshire Boulevard was acquired on April 18, 2014.

(4) 9460 Wilshire Boulevard was acquired on January 18, 2018.

(5) Lindblade Media Center was acquired on October 21, 2014, and consists of three buildings.

(6) 1130 Howard Street was acquired on December 29, 2017. The annualized rent as of December 31, 2017 for 12,944 rentable square feet of the building is presented using the actual rental income under a signed lease with a different tenant who took possession in March 2018, as the space was occupied by the prior owner and annualized rent under the short-term lease was de minimis.

(7) 901 N Capitol Street is a 39,696 square foot parcel of land located between 899 and 999 N Capitol Street. We have designed and are entitled to develop a building having 271,233 rentable square feet.

Table of Contents

(8) 2 Kaiser Plaza Parking Lot is a 44,642 square foot parcel of land currently being used as a surface parking lot. We are entitled to develop a building, which we are in the process of designing, having approximately 425,000 to 800,000 rentable square feet.

(9) 500 West Santa Ana Boulevard, 211 Main Street, 200 S College Street, 980 9th Street, 1010 8th Street Parking Garage & Retail, 800 N Capitol Street, 7083 Hollywood Boulevard, and 370 L Enfant Promenade were sold on November 19, 2015, March 28, 2017, June 8, 2017, June 20, 2017, June 20, 2017, August 31, 2017, September 21, 2017, and October 17, 2017, respectively.

Multifamily Portfolio-Historical Occupancy

Property (1)	Units	Occupancy Rates (2)					June 30, 2018
		December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	
4649 Cole Avenue (3)	334	93.1%	88.9%	93.1%	94.3%	N/A	N/A
4200 Scotland Street	308	91.9%	92.2%	91.2%	93.2%	N/A	N/A
47 E 34th Street	110	100.0%	100.0%	89.1%	85.5%	N/A	N/A
3636 McKinney Avenue	103	97.1%	98.1%	94.2%	92.2%	N/A	N/A
3839 McKinney Avenue (4)	75	94.7%	94.7%	96.0%	86.7%	N/A	N/A
Total Weighted Average	930	94.1%	92.8%	92.4%	92.0%	N/A	N/A

(1) 3636 McKinney Avenue, 3839 McKinney Avenue, 4649 Cole Avenue, 47 E 34th Street, and 4200 Scotland Street were sold on May 30, 2017, May 30, 2017, June 23, 2017, September 26, 2017, and December 15, 2017, respectively.

(2) Historical occupancies for multifamily properties are based on leases commenced as of the indicated date and were calculated using units and not square feet.

(3) 4649 Cole Avenue consisted of fifteen buildings.

(4) 3839 McKinney Avenue consisted of two buildings.

Multifamily Portfolio-Historical Annualized Rents

Property (1)	Units	Monthly Rent Per Occupied Unit (2)					December 31, 2017	June 30, 2018
		December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2016		
4649 Cole Avenue (3)	334	\$ 1,282	\$ 1,366	\$ 1,404	\$ 1,439		N/A	N/A
4200 Scotland Street	308	1,775	1,797	1,768	1,661		N/A	N/A
47 E 34th Street	110	3,880	4,188	4,642	4,947		N/A	N/A
3636 McKinney Avenue	103	1,529	1,647	1,696	1,735		N/A	N/A
3839 McKinney Avenue (4)	75	1,526	1,590	1,597	1,661		N/A	N/A
Total Weighted Average	930	\$ 1,816	\$ 1,919	\$ 1,942	\$ 1,948		N/A	N/A

Table of Contents

(1) 3636 McKinney Avenue, 3839 McKinney Avenue, 4649 Cole Avenue, 47 E 34th Street, and 4200 Scotland Street were sold on May 30, 2017, May 30, 2017, June 23, 2017, September 26, 2017, and December 15, 2017, respectively.

(2) Represents gross monthly base rent under leases commenced divided by occupied units as of the indicated date. This amount reflects total cash rent before concessions.

(3) 4649 Cole Avenue consisted of fifteen buildings.

(4) 3839 McKinney Avenue consisted of two buildings.

Hotel Portfolio-Historical Occupancy Rates as of June 30, 2018

Hotel Location	Franchise	Rooms	Occupancy (%) (1)					June 30, 2018
			December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	
Sacramento, CA	Sheraton	503	75.5%	75.3%	77.5%	78.1%	81.5%	84.1%
Los Angeles, CA								
(2) (3)	Holiday Inn	405	69.0%	89.2%	87.9%	81.1%	N/A	N/A
Oakland, CA (4)	Courtyard	162	79.0%	80.2%	81.9%	74.3%	N/A	N/A
Weighted Average		1,070	75.4%	81.3%	82.1%	78.9%	81.5%	84.1%

(1) Historical occupancies for hotel properties are shown as a percentage of rentable rooms and represent the trailing 12-months occupancy as of December 31st of each historical year, or the trailing 6-months occupancy as of June 30, 2018. For sold properties, occupancy is presented for our period of ownership only.

(2) CIM Urban was the lender to the LAX Holiday Inn and held the first mortgage secured by the property until a subsidiary of CIM Urban submitted the highest bid at a foreclosure auction that took place on October 8, 2013 and subsequently took possession of the LAX Holiday Inn. The 2013 occupancy presented above is for a partial year and represents the occupancy for our period of ownership only.

(3) This property was sold on July 19, 2016.

(4) This property was sold on February 2, 2016.

Hotel Portfolio-Historical Average Daily Rates as of June 30, 2018

Hotel Location	Franchise	Rooms	Average Daily Rate (Price) Per Room/Suite (\$) (1)					June 30, 2018
			December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	
Sacramento, CA	Sheraton	503	\$ 129.48	\$ 140.75	\$ 148.24	\$ 152.89	\$ 157.64	\$ 167.83
Los Angeles, CA (2) (3)	Holiday Inn	405	82.25	93.08	100.46	123.24	N/A	N/A
Oakland, CA (4)	Courtyard	162	131.83	151.27	173.05	169.58	N/A	N/A
Weighted Average		1,070	\$ 124.70	\$ 122.52	\$ 132.61	\$ 144.06	\$ 157.64	\$ 167.83

Table of Contents

(1) Represents trailing 12-months average daily rate as of December 31st of each historical year, or the trailing 6-month average daily rate as of June 30, 2018, calculated by dividing the amount of room revenue by the number of occupied rooms. For sold properties, the average daily rate is presented for our period of ownership only.

(2) CIM Urban was the lender to the LAX Holiday Inn and held the first mortgage secured by the property until a subsidiary of CIM Urban submitted the highest bid at a foreclosure auction that took place on October 8, 2013 and subsequently took possession of the LAX Holiday Inn. The 2013 average daily rate presented above is for a partial year and represents the rate for our period of ownership only.

(3) This property was sold on July 19, 2016.

(4) This property was sold on February 2, 2016.

Hotel Portfolio-Historical Revenue per Available Room/Suite as of June 30, 2018

Hotel Location	Franchise	Rooms	Revenue Per Available Room/Suite (\$) (1)					June 30, 2018
			December 31, 2013	December 31, 2014	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2017	
Sacramento, CA	Sheraton	503	\$ 97.74	\$ 105.95	\$ 114.83	\$ 119.44	\$ 128.43	\$ 141.10
Los Angeles, CA								
(2) (3)	Holiday Inn	405	56.74	83.06	88.35	99.98	N/A	N/A
Oakland, CA (4)	Courtyard	162	104.13	121.31	141.72	126.00	N/A	N/A
Weighted Average		1,070	\$ 94.06	\$ 99.61	\$ 108.88	\$ 113.73	\$ 128.43	\$ 141.10

(1) Represents trailing 12-month RevPAR as of December 31st of each historical year, or trailing 6-month RevPAR as of June 30, 2018, calculated by dividing the amount of room revenue by the number of available rooms. For sold properties, RevPAR is presented for our period of ownership only.

(2) CIM Urban was the lender to the LAX Holiday Inn and held the first mortgage secured by the property until a subsidiary of CIM Urban submitted the highest bid at a foreclosure auction that took place on October 8, 2013 and subsequently took possession of the LAX Holiday Inn. The 2013 RevPAR presented above is for a partial year and represents the value for our period of ownership only.

(3) This property was sold on July 19, 2016.

(4) This property was sold on February 2, 2016.

Property Indebtedness as of June 30, 2018

Property	Outstanding Principal Balance (in thousands)	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance Due At Maturity Date (in thousands)	Prepayment/ Defeasance
1 Kaiser Plaza	\$ 97,100	4.14%	7/1/2026	\$ 97,100	(1)
2101 Webster Street	83,000	4.14%	7/1/2026	83,000	(1)
2100 Franklin Street	80,000	4.14%	7/1/2026	80,000	(1)
1901 Harrison Street	42,500	4.14%	7/1/2026	42,500	(1)
1333 Broadway	39,500	4.14%	7/1/2026	39,500	(1)
260 Townsend Street	28,200	4.14%	7/1/2026	28,200	(1)
830 1st Street	46,000	4.50%	1/5/2027	42,008	(2)
Total/Weighted Average	\$ 416,300	4.18%		\$ 412,308	

Table of Contents

- (1) Loan is generally not prepayable prior to April 1, 2026.

- (2) Loan is prepayable but is subject to a prepayment fee equal to the greater of (a) one percent (1%) of the principal amount being prepaid multiplied by the quotient of the number of months until maturity divided by the term of the note or (b) the present value of the loan less the principal and accrued interest being prepaid.

Regulatory Matters

Environmental Matters

Environmental laws regulate, and impose liability for, the release of hazardous or toxic substances into the environment. Under some of these laws, an owner or operator of real estate may be liable for costs related to soil or groundwater contamination on or migrating to or from its property. In addition, persons who arrange for the disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances may be liable for the costs of cleaning up contamination at the disposal site.

These laws often impose liability regardless of whether the person knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of the hazardous or toxic substances that caused the contamination. The presence of, or contamination resulting from, any of these substances, or the failure to properly remediate them, may adversely affect our ability to sell or rent our property, to borrow using the property as collateral or create lender's liability for us. In addition, third parties exposed to hazardous or toxic substances may sue for personal injury damages and/or property damages. For example, some laws impose liability for release of or exposure to asbestos-containing materials. As a result, in connection with our former, current or future ownership, operation, and development of real properties, or our role as a lender for loans secured directly or indirectly by real estate properties, we may be potentially liable for investigation and cleanup costs, penalties and damages under environmental laws.

Although many of our properties have been subjected to preliminary environmental assessments, known as Phase I assessments, by independent environmental consultants that identify certain liabilities, Phase I assessments are limited in scope, and may not include or identify all potential environmental liabilities or risks associated with a property. Unless required by applicable law, we may decide not to further investigate, remedy or ameliorate the liabilities disclosed in the Phase I assessments.

Further, these or other environmental studies may not identify all potential environmental liabilities or accurately assess whether we will incur material environmental liabilities in the future. If we do incur material environmental liabilities in the future, our business, financial condition, results of operations, cash flow or our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations or to maintain our level of distributions on our Common Stock or Series A Preferred Stock could be materially adversely affected.

Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Under the ADA, all public accommodations must meet federal requirements related to access and use by disabled persons. Although we believe that our properties substantially comply with present requirements of the ADA, we have not conducted an audit or investigation of all of our properties to determine our compliance. If one or more of our properties or future properties are not in compliance with the ADA, we might be required to take remedial action which would require us to incur additional costs to bring the property into compliance. We cannot predict the ultimate amount, if any, of the cost of compliance with the ADA.

Competition

We compete with others engaged in the acquisition, origination, development, and operation of real estate and real estate-related assets. Our competitors include REITs, insurance companies, pension funds, private equity funds, sovereign wealth funds, hedge funds, mortgage banks, investment banks, commercial banks, savings and loan associations, specialty finance companies, and private and institutional investors and financial companies that pursue strategies similar to ours. Some of our competitors may be larger than us with greater access to capital and other resources and may have other advantages over us. In addition, some of our competitors may have higher risk tolerances or lower profitability targets than us, which could allow them to pursue new business more aggressively than us. We believe that our relationship with CIM

Table of Contents

Group gives us a competitive advantage that allows us to operate more effectively in the markets in which we conduct our business.

Competitive Advantages

We believe that CIM Group's experienced team and vertically-integrated and multi-disciplinary organization, coupled with its community-focused and disciplined urban real estate philosophy, results in a competitive advantage that benefits us. Additionally, CIM Group's strategy is complemented by a number of other competitive advantages including its prudent use of leverage, underwriting approach, disciplined capital deployment, and strong network of relationships. CIM Group's competitive advantages include:

- **Vertically-Integrated Organization and Team**

CIM Group is managed by its senior management team, which is composed of its three founders, Shaul Kuba, Richard Ressler and Avi Shemesh, and includes 12 other principals. CIM Group is vertically-integrated and organized into 12 functional groups including Compliance; Operations; Human Resources; Legal; Finance & Capital Markets; Onsite Property Management; Real Estate Services; Development; Investments; Portfolio Oversight; Partner & Co-Investor Relations; and Marketing & Communications. CIM Group also has an internal audit team that sits outside these functional groups.

To support CIM Group's organic growth and related platforms, CIM Group has invested substantial time and resources in building a strong and integrated team of approximately 490 experienced professionals. Each of CIM Group's departments is managed by seasoned professionals and CIM Group continues to develop its management team, which represents the next generation of CIM Group's leaders. In addition to developing a core team of principals and senior level management, CIM Group has proactively managed its growth through career development and mentoring at both the mid and junior staffing levels, and has hired ahead of its needs, thus ensuring appropriate management and staffing.

CIM Group leverages the deep operating and industry experience of its principals and professionals, as well as their extensive relationships, to source and execute opportunistic, stabilized, and infrastructure acquisitions. Each opportunity is overseen by a dedicated team including an oversight principal (one of Richard Ressler, Avi Shemesh, Shaul Kuba, Charles E. Garner II, our Chief Executive Officer, Kelly Eppich, Jennifer Gandin, John Bruno and Jason Schreiber), a team lead (vice president level and above), associate vice presidents and associates, as necessary, who are responsible for managing the asset from sourcing through underwriting, acquisition, development (if required), asset management, and disposition. As part of this process, the team draws upon CIM Group's extensive in-house expertise in legal matters, finance, development, leasing, and property management. Each dedicated investment team is purposefully staffed with professionals from multiple CIM Group offices, regardless of the location of the asset being evaluated. As a result, all investment professionals work across a variety of Qualified Communities and CIM Group's knowledge base is shared across all of its offices.

- **Community Qualification**

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

Since inception, CIM Group's proven community qualification process has served as the foundation for its strategy. CIM Group targets high barrier to entry markets and submarkets with high population density and applies rigorous research to qualify for potential acquisitions. Since 1994, CIM Group has qualified 114 communities in high barrier to entry markets and has deployed capital in 68 of these Qualified Communities. CIM Group examines the characteristics of a market to determine whether the district justifies the extensive efforts its investment professionals undertake in reviewing and making potential acquisitions in its Qualified Communities. Qualified Communities generally fall into one of two categories: (i) transitional urban districts that have dedicated resources to become vibrant urban communities and (ii) well-established, thriving urban areas (typically major central business districts).

Once a community is qualified, CIM Group believes it continues to differentiate itself through the following business principles: (i) product non-specific CIM Group has extensive experience owning and operating a diverse range of property types, including retail, residential, office, parking, hotel, signage, and mixed-use, which gives CIM Group the ability to execute and capitalize on its urban strategy effectively; (ii) community-based tenancing CIM Group's strategy focuses on the entire community and the best use of assets in that community; owning a significant number of key properties in an area better enables CIM Group to meet the

Table of Contents

needs of national retailers and office tenants and thus optimize the value of these real estate properties; (iii) local market leadership with North American footprint CIM Group maintains local market knowledge and relationships, along with a diversified North American presence, through its 114 Qualified Communities (thus, CIM Group has the flexibility to deploy capital in its Qualified Communities only when the market environment meets CIM Group's underwriting standards); and (iv) deploying capital across the capital stack CIM Group has extensive experience structuring transactions across the capital stack including equity, preferred equity, debt and mezzanine positions, giving it the flexibility to structure transactions in efficient and creative ways.

- **Discipline**

CIM Group's strategy relies on its sound business plan and value creation execution to produce returns, rather than financial engineering. CIM Group's underwriting of its potential acquisitions is performed generally both on a leveraged and unleveraged basis. Additionally, with certain exceptions, CIM Group has generally not utilized recourse or cross-collateralized debt due to its conservative underwriting standards.

CIM Group employs multiple underwriting scenarios when evaluating potential acquisition opportunities. CIM Group generally underwrites potential acquisitions utilizing long-term average exit capitalization rates for similar product types and long-term average interest rates. Where possible, these long-term averages cross multiple market cycles, thereby mitigating the risk of cyclical volatility. CIM Group's long-term average underwriting is based on its belief, reinforced by its experience through multiple market cycles, that over the life of any given fund that it manages, such fund should be able to exit its holdings at long-term historical averages. CIM Group also underwrites a current market case scenario, which generally utilizes current submarket specific exit assumptions and interest rates, in order to reflect anticipated results under current market conditions. CIM Group believes that utilizing multiple underwriting scenarios enables CIM Group to assess potential returns relative to risk within a range of potential outcomes.

Policies with Respect to Certain Activities

The following is a discussion of our policies with respect to certain activities. These policies may be amended or revised from time to time by our Board of Directors without a vote of our stockholders.

Financing Our Operations

We currently have substantial unrestricted cash, and may finance our future activities through one or more of the following methods: (i) offerings of shares of Common Stock, preferred stock, senior unsecured securities, and/or other equity and debt securities; (ii) credit facilities and term loans; (iii) the addition of senior recourse or non-recourse debt using target acquisitions as well as existing assets as collateral; (iv) the sale of existing assets; and/or (v) cash flows from operations. We expect to employ a level of indebtedness comparable to that of other commercial REITs engaged in business strategies similar to our own.

Recent Issuances of Senior Securities

Edgar Filing: CIM Commercial Trust Corp - Form S-4

On November 21, 2017, we received net proceeds of \$207,845,000, after commissions, fees, allocated costs, from the issuance of 808,074 units consisting of an aggregate of 8,080,740 shares of Series L Preferred Stock.

We have an effective registration statement with the SEC with respect to the offer and sale of up to \$900,000,000 of units (collectively, the Series A Preferred Units), with each unit consisting of (i) one share of Series A Preferred Stock and (ii) one Series A Warrant. As of October 3, 2018, we had issued 2,462,104 Series A Preferred Units and received gross proceeds of \$61,552,600.

Other than the issuance of Series M Preferred Stock pursuant to the Exchange Offer and the ongoing offer of Series A Preferred Stock, we have no plans to issue senior securities.

Recent Debt Financing

For a discussion regarding the Company's policies with respect to debt financing, refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources Sources and Uses of Funds in this prospectus.

Table of Contents

Repurchases of Our Securities

In June 2016 we completed a tender offer for 10,000,000 shares of Common Stock at a price of \$21.00 per share of Common Stock; in September 2016, we repurchased in a privately negotiated transaction 3,628,116 shares of our Common Stock at a price of \$22.00 per share from Urban II, an affiliate of CIM Group; in June 2017, we repurchased in a privately negotiated transaction 26,181,818 shares of our Common Stock at a price of \$22.00 per share from Urban II; and in December 2017, we repurchased in a privately negotiated transaction, 14,090,909 shares of our Common Stock at a price of \$22.00 per share from Urban II. Additionally, in April 2017, we declared and paid a special cash dividend of \$0.28 per share of Common Stock, or \$601,000, to the common stockholders that did not participate in the September 2016 private repurchase; in June 2017, we declared and paid a special cash dividend of \$1.98 per share of Common Stock, or \$4,271,000, to the common stockholders that did not participate in the June 2017 private repurchase; and in December 2017, we declared a special cash dividend of \$0.73 per share of Common Stock, or \$1,575,000, to the common stockholders that did not participate in the December 2017 private repurchase, which was paid in January 2018. These special cash dividends allowed common stockholders that did not participate in the September 2016, June 2017 and December 2017 private repurchases to receive the economic benefits of such repurchases.

In the future, we may continue to undertake any of the transactions described above, including with respect to the Potential Return of Capital Event, depending on, among other things, market conditions, our cashflows and the trading price of CMCT's Common Stock relative to the NAV of the Company.

Reports to Stockholders

We are subject to the information reporting requirements of the Exchange Act. Pursuant to these requirements, we file periodic reports, proxy statements and other information, including audited financial statements, with the SEC. We will furnish our stockholders with annual reports containing financial statements audited by our independent registered public accounting firm and make available our quarterly reports containing unaudited financial statements for each of the first three quarters of each fiscal year.

Certain Real Estate Activities

Investments in Real Estate or Interests in Real Estate

Our strategy is to continue to primarily acquire Class A and creative office assets in vibrant and improving urban communities throughout the United States in a manner that will allow us to increase our NAV and cash flows per share of Common Stock. Our strategy is centered around CIM Group's community qualification process. We believe this strategy provides us with a significant competitive advantage when making urban real estate acquisitions. The qualification process generally takes between six months and five years and is a critical component of CIM Group's evaluation. CIM Group examines the characteristics of a market to determine whether the district justifies the extensive efforts CIM Group undertakes in reviewing and making potential acquisitions in its Qualified Communities. Qualified Communities generally fall into one of two categories: (i) transitional urban districts that have dedicated resources to become vibrant urban communities and (ii) well-established, thriving urban areas (typically major central business districts). Qualified Communities are distinct districts which have dedicated resources to become or are currently vibrant communities where people can live, work, shop and be entertained all within walking distance or close proximity to public transportation. These areas also generally have high barriers to entry, high population density, improving demographic trends and a propensity

for growth. CIM Group believes that a vast majority of the risks associated with acquiring real assets are mitigated by accumulating local market knowledge of the community where the asset is located. CIM Group typically spends significant time and resources qualifying targeted communities prior to making any acquisitions. Since 1994, CIM Group has qualified 114 communities and has deployed capital in 68 of these Qualified Communities. Although we may not deploy capital exclusively in Qualified Communities, it is expected that most of our assets will be identified through this systematic process. Following the Potential Recapitalization, while we would remain principally focused on Class A and creative office assets in vibrant and improving urban communities throughout the United States (including improving and developing such assets, we may also participate more actively in other CIM Group urban real estate strategies and product types described above in order to broaden our participation in CIM Group's platform of \$29.1 billion of Assets Owned and Operated⁽⁴⁾ and capabilities for the benefit of all classes of stockholders. This may include investing in other urban product types directly, side-by-side with one or more funds of CIM Group, or through direct deployment of capital in a CIM Group real estate fund or deploying capital in or originating loans that are secured directly or indirectly by properties primarily located in Qualified Communities that meet our strategy. Such loans may include limited and/or non-recourse junior (mezzanine, B-note or 2nd lien) and senior acquisition, bridge or repositioning loans.

(4) See note 1 in Prospectus Summary CIM Commercial Trust Corporation Company Overview in this prospectus.

Table of Contents

As a matter of prudent asset management, we also regularly evaluate each asset within our portfolio as well as our strategies. Such review may result in dispositions when an asset no longer fits our overall objectives or strategies or when our view of the market value of such asset is equal to or exceeds its intrinsic value.

In addition to the business through the SBA 7(a) Program, we are a national lender that primarily originates loans to small businesses. We sell the portion of the loan that is guaranteed by the SBA to third parties. We identify loan origination opportunities through personal contacts, internet referrals, attendance at trade shows and meetings, direct mailings, advertisements in trade publications and other marketing methods. We also generate loans through referrals from real estate and loan brokers, franchise representatives, existing borrowers, lawyers and accountants.

Other than as described above, we have no current plan to, and did not at any time during the past three years, purchase debt or equity securities of other REITs, other entities engaged in real estate activities or securities of other issuers. However, subject to the percentage of ownership limitations and the income and asset tests necessary for REIT qualification, we may make such purchases in the future, including for the purpose of exercising control over such entities. We also have not engaged in trading or underwriting of securities, and do not intend to do so as of the date of this prospectus.

During the prior three years, we did not, and have no existing plans to, offer our Common Stock or other securities in exchange for property, but we may engage such activity in the future.

While we seek to provide periodic distributions and achieve long-term capital appreciation through increases in the value of our assets, we have not established a specific policy regarding the relative priority of these objectives.

Subject to the limitations described in *Risk Factors* in this prospectus, we believe that our insurance policy specifications and insured limits are appropriate and adequate given the relative risk of loss and the cost of the coverage.

At December 31, 2017, the Company had a total of \$23,836,000 in future obligations under leases to fund tenant improvements and other future construction obligations. At December 31, 2017, \$11,103,000 was funded to reserve accounts included in restricted cash on our consolidated balance sheet for these tenant improvement obligations in connection with the mortgage loan agreements entered into in June 2016. Aside from these contractual obligations, as of the date of this prospectus, the Company has no current active plans for major renovation, improvement or development of the Company's properties, other than ongoing repair and maintenance. However, following the Potential Recapitalization, the Company would evaluate redeveloping its parking garage in Northern California, expanding the square footage of the Company's office property in Texas and developing the Company's development site in each of Northern California and Washington, D.C.

Investments in Real Estate Mortgages

See *Investment in Real Estate or Interests in Real Estate* above.

Investments in Securities of or Interests in Persons Primarily Engaged in Real Estate Activities and Investments in Other Securities

See Investment in Real Estate or Interests in Real Estate above.

Table of Contents

SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following is a summary of our selected financial data as of and for the six-month period ended June 30, 2018 and 2017 and each of the five years in the period ended December 31, 2017. You should read the following financial data in conjunction with the information set forth under Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto included in this prospectus for the the six months ended June 30, 2018 and the years ended December 31, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Six Months Ended		Year Ended December 31,				
June 30,						
2018	2017	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
			(in thousands, e			