

CORPORATE OFFICE PROPERTIES TRUST  
Form 10-Q  
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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549

FORM 10-Q  
(Mark one)

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

For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2015

or

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

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 1-14023 (Corporate Office Properties Trust)  
Commission file number 333-189188 (Corporate Office Properties, L.P.)  
Corporate Office Properties Trust  
Corporate Office Properties, L.P.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Corporate Office Properties Trust Maryland 23-2947217  
(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

Corporate Office Properties, L.P. Delaware 23-2930022  
(State or other jurisdiction of (IRS Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

6711 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 300, Columbia, MD 21046  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (443) 285-5400

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Corporate Office Properties Trust  Yes  No  
Corporate Office Properties, L.P.  Yes  No

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

Corporate Office Properties Trust  Yes  No  
Corporate Office Properties, L.P.  Yes  No



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

Corporate Office Properties Trust

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

Corporate Office Properties, L.P.

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

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

Corporate Office Properties Trust  Yes  No

Corporate Office Properties, L.P.  Yes  No

As of July 17, 2015, 94,528,982 of Corporate Office Properties Trust’s Common Shares of Beneficial Interest, \$0.01 par value, were issued and outstanding.

#### EXPLANATORY NOTE

This report combines the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for the period ended June 30, 2015 of Corporate Office Properties Trust (“COPT”) and subsidiaries (collectively, the “Company”) and Corporate Office Properties, L.P. (“COPLP”) and subsidiaries (collectively, the “Operating Partnership”). Unless stated otherwise or the context otherwise requires, “we,” “our,” and “us” refer collectively to COPT, COPLP and their subsidiaries.

COPT is a real estate investment trust, or REIT, and the sole general partner of COPLP. As of June 30, 2015, COPT owned approximately 96.3% of the outstanding common units and approximately 95.5% of the outstanding preferred units in COPLP; the remaining common and preferred units in COPLP were owned by third parties. As the sole general partner of COPLP, COPT controls COPLP and can cause it to enter into major transactions including acquisitions, dispositions and refinancings and cause changes in its line of business, capital structure and distribution policies.

There are a few differences between the Company and the Operating Partnership which are reflected in this Form 10-Q. We believe it is important to understand the differences between the Company and the Operating Partnership in the context of how the Company and the Operating Partnership operate as an interrelated, consolidated company. COPT is a real estate investment trust, whose only material asset is its ownership of partnership interests of COPLP. As a result, COPT does not conduct business itself, other than acting as the sole general partner of COPLP, issuing public equity from time to time and guaranteeing certain debt of COPLP. COPT itself is not directly obligated under any indebtedness but guarantees some of the debt of COPLP. COPLP owns substantially all of the assets of COPT either directly or through its subsidiaries, conducts almost all of the operations of the business and is structured as a limited partnership with no publicly traded equity. Except for net proceeds from public equity issuances by COPT, which are contributed to COPLP in exchange for partnership units, COPLP generates the capital required by COPT’s business through COPLP’s operations, by COPLP’s direct or indirect incurrence of indebtedness or through the

issuance of partnership units.

Noncontrolling interests and shareholders' equity and partners' capital are the main areas of difference between the consolidated financial statements of COPT and those of COPLP. The common limited partnership interests in COPLP not owned by COPT are accounted for as partners' capital in COPLP's consolidated financial statements and as noncontrolling interests in COPT's consolidated financial statements. COPLP's consolidated financial statements also reflect COPT's noncontrolling interests in certain real estate partnerships, limited liability companies ("LLCs"), business trusts and corporations; the differences between shareholders' equity, partners' capital and noncontrolling interests result from the differences in the equity issued at the COPT and COPLP levels and in COPT's noncontrolling interests in these real estate partnerships, LLCs, business trusts and corporations. The only other significant differences between the consolidated financial statements of COPT and those of COPLP are assets in connection with a non-qualified elective deferred compensation plan

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(comprised primarily of mutual funds and equity securities) and the corresponding liability to the plan's participants that are held directly by COPT.

We believe combining the quarterly reports on Form 10-Q of the Company and the Operating Partnership into this single report results in the following benefits:

- combined reports better reflect how management and the analyst community view the business as a single operating unit;
- combined reports enhance investors' understanding of the Company and the Operating Partnership by enabling them to view the business as a whole and in the same manner as management;
- combined reports are more efficient for the Company and the Operating Partnership and result in savings in time, effort and expense; and
- combined reports are more efficient for investors by reducing duplicative disclosure and providing a single document for their review.

To help investors understand the significant differences between the Company and the Operating Partnership, this report presents the following separate sections for each of the Company and the Operating Partnership:

- consolidated financial statements;
- the following notes to the consolidated financial statements:
  - Note 3, Fair Value Measurements of COPT and subsidiaries and COPLP and subsidiaries; and
  - Note 16, Earnings per Share of COPT and subsidiaries and Earnings per Unit of COPLP and subsidiaries;
- "Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources of COPT"; and
- "Item 2: Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Liquidity and Capital Resources of COPLP."

This report also includes separate sections under Part I, Item 4. Controls and Procedures and separate Exhibit 31 and Exhibit 32 certifications for each of COPT and COPLP to establish that the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer of each entity have made the requisite certifications and that COPT and COPLP are compliant with Rule 13a-15 and Rule 15d-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and 18 U.S.C. §1350.

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## PART I: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. Financial Statements

## Corporate Office Properties Trust and Subsidiaries

## Consolidated Balance Sheets

(in thousands, except share data)

(unaudited)

	June 30, 2015	December 31, 2014
Assets		
Properties, net:		
Operating properties, net	\$2,896,809	\$ 2,751,488
Projects in development or held for future development	521,991	545,426
Total properties, net	3,418,800	3,296,914
Assets held for sale, net	77,013	14,339
Cash and cash equivalents	37,074	6,077
Restricted cash and marketable securities	10,121	9,069
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$1,135 and \$717, respectively)	16,181	26,901
Deferred rent receivable (net of allowance of \$2,203 and \$1,418, respectively)	101,488	95,910
Intangible assets on real estate acquisitions, net	81,728	43,854
Deferred leasing and financing costs, net	67,613	64,797
Investing receivables	45,766	52,147
Prepaid expenses and other assets, net	55,137	60,249
Total assets	\$3,910,921	\$ 3,670,257
Liabilities and equity		
Liabilities:		
Debt, net	\$2,130,170	\$ 1,920,057
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	155,989	123,035
Rents received in advance and security deposits	27,371	31,011
Dividends and distributions payable	30,178	29,862
Deferred revenue associated with operating leases	15,179	13,031
Interest rate derivatives	3,121	1,855
Other liabilities	11,866	12,105
Total liabilities	2,373,874	2,130,956
Commitments and contingencies (Note 17)		
Redeemable noncontrolling interest	19,414	18,417
Equity:		
Corporate Office Properties Trust's shareholders' equity:		
Preferred Shares of beneficial interest at liquidation preference (\$0.01 par value; 25,000,000 shares authorized; issued and outstanding of 7,431,667 at June 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014)	199,083	199,083
Common Shares of beneficial interest (\$0.01 par value; 125,000,000 shares authorized, shares issued and outstanding of 94,529,618 at June 30, 2015 and 93,255,284 at December 31, 2014)	946	933
Additional paid-in capital	2,000,775	1,969,968
Cumulative distributions in excess of net income	(747,234	) (717,264 )
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		