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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 27, 2015  
TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS:

Please take notice that the annual meeting of shareholders (the "Annual Meeting") of Acadia Realty Trust (the "Company") will be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., EDT time. This year's Annual Meeting will be a completely "virtual meeting" of shareholders. You will be able to attend the Annual Meeting, vote and submit your questions during the Annual Meeting via live webcast by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKR15](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKR15). Prior to the Annual Meeting, you will be able to vote at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) for the purpose of considering and voting upon:

1. The election of six Trustees to hold office until the next annual meeting and until their successors are duly elected and qualified;
2. The ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the Company for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015;

The approval, on an advisory basis, of the compensation of Named Executive Officers as disclosed in the

3. Company's 2015 Proxy Statement in accordance with compensation rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission; and
4. Such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting.

The Board of Trustees of the Company recommends a vote "FOR" proposals 1 through 3. You should carefully review the accompanying Proxy Statement which contains additional information.

The Board of Trustees has fixed the close of business on April 1, 2015 as the record date for the determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting and any adjournment or postponement thereof.

By order of the Board of Trustees

Robert Masters, Secretary  
April 17, 2015

SHAREHOLDERS, WHETHER OR NOT THEY EXPECT TO ATTEND THE VIRTUAL MEETING, ARE REQUESTED TO VOTE THEIR SHARES ELECTRONICALLY VIA THE INTERNET OR BY COMPLETING AND RETURNING THE PROXY CARD, IF YOU REQUESTED PAPER PROXY MATERIALS. VOTING INSTRUCTIONS ARE PROVIDED IN THE NOTICE OF INTERNET AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS, OR, IF YOU REQUESTED PRINTED MATERIALS, THE INSTRUCTIONS ARE PRINTED ON YOUR PROXY CARD AND INCLUDED IN THE ACCOMPANYING PROXY STATEMENT.

ANY PERSON GIVING A PROXY HAS THE POWER TO REVOKE IT AT ANY TIME PRIOR TO THE MEETING, AND SHAREHOLDERS WHO ATTEND THE MEETING MAY WITHDRAW THEIR PROXIES AND VOTE DURING THE MEETING. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOU VOTE YOUR COMMON SHARES. YOUR FAILURE TO PROMPTLY VOTE YOUR SHARES INCREASES THE OPERATING COSTS OF YOUR INVESTMENT.

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO ATTEND THE VIRTUAL MEETING VIA LIVE WEBCAST BY VISITING [WWW.VIRTUALSHAREHOLDERMEETING.COM/AKR15](http://WWW.VIRTUALSHAREHOLDERMEETING.COM/AKR15), BUT YOU SHOULD SUBMIT A

PROXY BY INTERNET MAIL PRIOR TO THE MEETING, WHETHER OR NOT YOU PLAN TO ATTEND.

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ACADIA REALTY TRUST

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PROXY STATEMENT

FOR THE

ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD

May 27, 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies by the Board of Trustees ("Board of Trustees," "Trustees" or "Board") of Acadia Realty Trust (the "Company") for use at the annual meeting of shareholders scheduled to be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., EDT time, via live webcast at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKR15](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKR15), or any postponement or adjournment thereof (the "Annual Meeting"). This Proxy Statement and accompanying form of proxy were first sent to shareholders on or about April 17, 2015.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting to be held on May 27, 2015. This Proxy Statement and the Company's 2014 Annual Report to shareholders are available at [www.acadiarealty.com/proxy](http://www.acadiarealty.com/proxy).

The Company will bear the costs of the solicitation of its proxies in connection with the Annual Meeting, including the costs of retaining a third party that will assist the Company in preparing, assembling and mailing proxy materials and the handling and tabulation of proxies received. In addition to solicitation of proxies by mail, the Company's Board of Trustees, officers and employees may solicit proxies in connection with the Annual Meeting by e-mail, telephone, telegram, personal interviews or otherwise. Trustees, officers and employees will not be paid any additional compensation for soliciting proxies. Arrangements have been made with brokerage firms, custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to forward solicitation materials to the beneficial owners of common shares of beneficial interest, par value \$.001 of the Company, (the "Common Shares") held of record by such persons or firms with their nominees, and in connection therewith, such firms will be reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in forwarding such materials.

All properly executed and unrevoked proxies in the accompanying form that are received in time for the Annual Meeting will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the specification thereon. If no specification is made, signed proxies will be voted "FOR" each of proposals 1 through 3 set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting.

You may revoke your proxy and reclaim your right to vote:

by submitting a later-dated proxy either by Internet or telephone by following the instructions on your proxy or voting card;

electronically during the annual meeting at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKR15](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKR15) when you enter your 12-Digit Control Number;

by submitting a later-dated written proxy to the address shown on your proxy or voting card; or

if you are a holder of record, by (i) delivering by mail to our Corporate Secretary at or prior to the annual meeting an instrument revoking your proxy or (ii) delivering a subsequently dated proxy with respect to the same Common Shares to our Board at or prior to the annual meeting.

Any written notice revoking a proxy should be delivered at or prior to the Annual Meeting to the attention of the Corporate Secretary, Acadia Realty Trust, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 260, White Plains, NY 10605.

The Board of Trustees recommends a vote "FOR" proposals 1 through 3.

#### OUTSTANDING SHARES AND VOTING RIGHTS

The outstanding capital shares of the Company as of April 1, 2015 consisted of 68,732,581 Common Shares. Holders of Common Shares are entitled to one vote for each Common Share registered in their names on the record date. The Board of Trustees has fixed the close of business on April 1, 2015 as the record date for determination of shareholders entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. The presence, in person or by proxy, of the holders of Common Shares entitled to cast at least a majority of the votes of the outstanding Common Shares on April 1, 2015 will constitute a quorum to transact business at the Annual Meeting.

The vote of a majority of the total of votes cast for a nominee and votes against a nominee by holders of Common Shares in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary for the election of a Trustee. There is no cumulative voting in the election of Trustees. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by holders of Common Shares in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present is required for approval of the ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm. The affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast by holders of Common Shares in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting at which a quorum is present is required for the advisory (non-binding) shareholder approval of the Company's executive compensation program for Named Executive Officers.

Proxies marked "Abstain" and which have not voted on a particular proposal are included in determining a quorum for the Annual Meeting. Abstentions are not treated as votes cast in the election of Trustees, in the ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm or in the advisory vote to approve the Company's executive compensation program for Named Executive Officers, and thus are not the equivalent of votes against a nominee, against the ratification of the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm or against the advisory vote to approve the Company's executive compensation program for Named Executive Officers, as the case may be, and will not affect the vote with respect to these matters. A "broker non-vote" occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary voting power with respect to that proposal and has not received instructions with respect to that proposal from the beneficial owner (despite voting on at least one other proposal for which it does have discretionary authority or for which it has received instructions). Broker non-votes, if any, will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the result of the vote, although they will be considered present for the purpose of determining the presence of a quorum.

#### PROPOSAL 1 - ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

There are six nominees for election as Trustees for one-year terms, expiring in 2016 or until their successors are elected. Election of each Trustee requires the approval of the majority of the votes cast by the holders of Common Shares in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting.

The Company's Declaration of Trust provides that the Board of Trustees may be composed of up to a maximum of 15 members. Pursuant to a resolution of the Board, the Board of Trustees currently consists of six Trustees, each of whom serves until the next annual meeting and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualified. As stated elsewhere herein, the enclosed proxy will be voted for the election as Trustee of each nominee whose name is set forth below unless a contrary instruction is given. All of the nominees currently serve as Trustees of the Company. Management believes that all of its nominees are willing and able to serve the Company as Trustees. If any nominee at the time of election is unable or unwilling to serve or is otherwise unavailable for election, and as a consequence thereof, other nominees are designated, the persons named in the enclosed proxy or their substitutes will have the discretion and authority to vote or refrain from voting for other nominees in accordance with their judgment. The Board of Trustees has a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

#### Trustee Independence

With five independent Trustees out of six, the Board has satisfied its objective that a majority of the Board should consist of independent Trustees. The Board of Trustees has affirmatively determined that each of Messrs. Crocker, Kellar, Spitz and Wielansky and Ms. Luscombe is independent under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange. In determining this, the Board of Trustees considered transactions and relationships between each Trustee or any member of his or her immediate family and the Company and its subsidiaries and affiliates. The Board of Trustees has determined that each member of the Audit, Compensation and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees is independent under the criteria for independence set forth in the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

Upon the election of all nominees, the Company will continue to meet the New York Stock Exchange requirement for a majority of independent Trustees serving on the Board of Trustees.

The following is a brief description of the nominees for election as Trustees of the Company:

Nominees for Election as Trustees

Kenneth F. Bernstein, age 53, has been Chief Executive Officer of the Company since January of 2001. He has been President and Trustee of the Company since August 1998, when the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of RD Capital, Inc. ("RDC") and affiliates. From 1990 to August 1998, Mr. Bernstein was the Chief Operating Officer of RDC. In such capacity, he was responsible for overseeing the day-to-day operations of RDC, its management companies, and its affiliated partnerships. Prior to joining RDC, Mr. Bernstein was an associate at the New York law firm of Battle Fowler, LLP, from 1986 to 1990. Mr. Bernstein received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of Vermont and his Juris Doctorate from Boston University School of Law. Mr. Bernstein also serves on the boards of BRT Realty Trust and Golub Capital BDC. Mr. Bernstein is also a member of the National Association of Corporate Directors ("NACD"), International Council of Shopping Centers ("ICSC"), where he is on the



Board of Trustees and has previously served as the co-chair of the Committee on Open-Air Centers, National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT"), Urban Land Institute ("ULI"), and the Real Estate Roundtable. In addition to being a member of the Young Presidents Organization, where he was the founding chairman of the Real Estate Network and currently sits on the Board of Advisors, he also sits on the Department of Real Estate Advisory Board at Baruch College.

We believe Mr. Bernstein's qualifications to sit on the Board include his extensive real estate, management and board experience. Highlights of these qualifications include Mr. Bernstein's:

- service as president and chief executive officer of the Company for the past 14 years;
- extensive network of contacts in the real estate industry and his leadership positions with various industry and business associations;
- five years experience as a real estate attorney;
- eight years experience as the Chief Operating Officer of a private real estate company; and
- three years experience as the Chief Operating Officer of a public real estate company.

Douglas Crocker II, age 75, has been a Trustee of the Company since November 2003. Mr. Crocker has been the managing partner of DC Partners LLC since 2013. He was the Chief Executive Officer of Equity Residential, a multi-family residential real estate investment trust ("REIT"), from December 1992 until his retirement in December of 2002. During Mr. Crocker's tenure, Equity Residential grew from 21,000 apartments with a total market capitalization of \$700 million to a \$17 billion company with over 225,000 apartments. Mr. Crocker was also a former Managing Director of Prudential Securities, and from 1982 to 1992 served as Chief Executive Officer of McKinley Finance Group, a privately held company involved with real estate, banking and corporate finance. From 1979 to 1982, Mr. Crocker was President of American Invesco, the nation's largest condominium conversion company, and from 1969 to 1979 served as Vice President of Arlen Realty and Development Company. He currently sits on the boards of the real estate investment trust Ventas and Associated Estates Realty Corporation. Mr. Crocker is a member of the National Multi-Housing Council. In addition, Mr. Crocker serves as a director of CYS Investments, Inc. and Milton Academy. Mr. Crocker has been a five-time recipient of Commercial Property News' Multifamily Executive of the Year Award, a three-time winner of their REIT Executive of the Year Award, a three-time winner of Realty Stock Review's Outstanding CEO Award, and received NAREIT's 2010 Edward H. Linde Industry Leadership Award. Mr. Crocker is also a member of the NACD.

We believe Mr. Crocker's qualifications to sit on the Board include his extensive CEO, board, financial and real estate experience. Highlights of these qualifications include Mr. Crocker's:

- service as CEO of Equity Residential, a publicly traded REIT, for ten years;
- current service on the boards of directors of another REIT;
- past service on the audit committees of the boards of directors of a number of publicly traded companies; and
- over 40 years of experience in the real estate industry.

Lorrence T. Kellar, age 77, has been a Trustee of the Company since November 2003 and is an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Mr. Kellar was Vice President at Continental Properties, a retail and residential developer from November 2002 until his retirement in November 2009. He is a director of Frisch's Restaurants and Spar Group, Inc. and the recently retired chairman of Multi-Color Corporation. Prior to joining Continental Properties in November of 2002, Mr. Kellar served as Vice President of Real Estate with Kmart Corporation from 1996 to 2002. From 1965 to 1996, Mr. Kellar served with The Kroger Co., the country's largest supermarket company, where his final position was Group Vice President of Finance and Real Estate. Mr. Kellar is also a member of the NACD.

We believe Mr. Kellar's qualifications to sit on the Board include his extensive real estate development, public company board, asset management and mergers and acquisitions experience, as well as financial expertise. Highlights of these qualifications include Mr. Kellar's:

- over 40 years of real estate operating and development experience;
- extensive experience managing financial functions, including general accounting, audit, finance, and treasury;
- qualification as an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined by the SEC;
- service on the boards of directors of eight public companies, including his service as the chair on two of those boards;
- service as chair of both the City of Cincinnati and Kroger pension funds;
- past service as chair of the Bartlett Management Trust mutual fund group; and

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involvement in a number of mergers and acquisitions transactions while with Kroger, U.S. Shoe, BT Office Products International and Multi-Color Corporation.

Wendy Luscombe, age 63, has been a Trustee of the Company since 2004. She is Principal of WKL Consulting, successor to WKL Associates, Inc., a real estate investment manager and consultant founded in 1994. Ms. Luscombe has managed investment portfolios totaling \$5 billion over the last 25 years and has represented foreign investors including UK Prudential and British Coal Pension Funds in their United States real estate investment initiatives. For ten years she was Chief Executive Officer of Pan American Properties, Inc., a public REIT sponsored by British Coal Pension Funds. She was also a member of the Board of Governors of NAREIT. Ms. Luscombe has served on various boards of public companies in both the United States and United Kingdom for over 25 years and is an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined by the SEC. She served as Executive Committee Member and Audit Committee member for the Zweig Fund and Zweig Total Return Fund, public closed-end mutual funds. She was Co-Lead Director of the Zweig Fund and Zweig Total Return Fund from 2005 to 2013. Additionally, she served as Chairman of the Management Oversight Committee for the Deutsche Bank International Real Estate Opportunities Funds 1A and 1B until 2014. In 2012, she was appointed by the State Comptroller of New York to serve on the Real Estate Advisory Committee for the NYS Common Retirement Fund and retired in 2013. She was formerly a Board Member, Chairman of the Investment Committee and member of the Audit Committee for PXRE Group Ltd., a New York Stock Exchange listed reinsurance company. She resigned from her positions with PXRE Group Ltd. in August 2007, when the company merged with Argonaut Group, but was appointed an outside director of PXRE Reinsurance Company, the United States subsidiary of PXRE Group Ltd. which she resigned from in March 2008. She was also a Board Member for Endeavour Real Estate Securities and Amadeus Real Estate Securities, both private REIT mutual funds. From May 2009 to December 2010, Ms. Luscombe served as a Board Member and Audit Committee member during the workout of Feldman Mall Properties, a private REIT. Ms. Luscombe is also a member of the NACD and served as a member of NACD's teaching faculty, a Fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

We believe Ms. Luscombe's qualifications to sit on the Board include her extensive real estate operational background, CEO experience, asset management experience, extensive board service and strong corporate governance background. Highlights of these qualifications include Ms. Luscombe's:

- experience as the CEO of a public equity REIT in the United States for ten years;
- experience as the CEO of a UK urban renewal developer for two years;
- experience as the chief investment officer in the United States for a foreign pension fund and a real estate advisor to a US pension fund;
- experience in a variety of real estate asset types including, among others, regional malls, community shopping centers and mixed use;
- service as an independent director for nearly 30 years, including service on all board committees including audit, compensation, investment and nominating and corporate governance, including chairmanships of committees and service as co-lead director;
- service on the NACD faculty that conducts in-board training;
- experience as one of the first governors of NAREIT;
- successful launch of two successful contested REIT takeovers;
- qualification as an "audit committee financial expert" as that term is defined by the SEC; and
- experience in website management, social media and internet reputation management.

William T. Spitz, age 64, has been a Trustee of the Company since August 2007. Mr. Spitz has served as a Director of Diversified Trust Company, a private wealth management trust company, for 20 years and has served as a Director and Principal since March 2009. Previously, he was Vice Chancellor for Investments and Treasurer of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee from 1985 to July 2007. As Vice Chancellor for Investments at Vanderbilt, Mr. Spitz

was responsible for managing the University's \$3.5 billion endowment. He was also a member of the Senior Management Group of the University, which is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the institution. During his tenure, the Vanderbilt endowment earned returns in the top 10% of a broad universe of endowments for multiple time frames. While at Vanderbilt, Mr. Spitz conducted asset allocation studies and implemented detailed investment objectives and guidelines, developed a comprehensive risk management plan, invested in approximately two hundred limited partnerships in five illiquid assets classes, selected new custodians for both the endowment fund and the University's charitable remainder trusts and implemented a more aggressive approach to working capital management which increased returns by 2% per annum. In addition, Mr. Spitz was also on the faculty of Vanderbilt University as Clinical Professor of Management-Owen Graduate School of Management. He has also held various high-level positions with successful asset management companies and has served on the board of several companies, including Cambium Global Timber Fund, The Common Fund, MassMutual Financial, and the Bradford Fund. He has also served on multiple advisory committees, including Acadia's Opportunity Fund Advisory Boards, on which he served from 2001 to July 2007. Mr. Spitz is a published author and frequent speaker at industry conferences and seminars.

We believe Mr. Spitz's qualifications to sit on the Board include his asset management experience as well as real estate development, board, fund, and REIT experience. Highlights of these qualifications include Mr. Spitz's:

- former role as Vice Chancellor for Investments and Treasurer of Vanderbilt University for over 20 years;
- former responsibilities managing Vanderbilt University's multi-billion dollar endowment fund;
- high-level positions with successful asset management companies;
- service on the boards of directors of several companies;
- service on multiple fund advisory committees, including, previously, the Company's fund advisory boards;
- involvement in numerous real estate development projects;
- former position as director of a private REIT;
- past service on the audit committee of MassMutual; and
- qualification as chartered financial analyst.

Lee S. Wielansky, age 63, has been a Trustee of the Company since May 2000 and the Lead Trustee since 2004. Mr. Wielansky has been Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Midland Development Group, Inc., which focuses on the development of retail properties in the mid-west and southeast, since May 2003. From November 2000 to March 2003, Mr. Wielansky served as Chief Executive Officer and President of JDN Development Company, Inc. and a director of JDN Realty Corporation through its merger with Developers Diversified Realty Corporation in 2003. He was also a founding partner and Chief Executive Officer of Midland Development Group, Inc. from 1983 through 1998 when the company sold its assets to Regency Centers Corporation. Mr. Wielansky is a director of Pulaski Bank and is a Director for Isle of Capri Casinos, Inc. Mr. Wielansky is also a member of the NACD.

We believe Mr. Wielansky's qualifications to sit on the Board include his real estate development, public company board, fund, asset management and CEO experience. Highlights of these qualifications include Mr. Wielansky's:

- over 38 years of real estate development experience;
- his role in developing over 150 shopping centers;
- his service as Chairman and CEO of Midland Development Group, Inc., which focuses on the development of retail properties in the mid-west and southeast, since May 2003;
- service on the boards of directors of four public companies, including three current public company directorships;
- service on compensation and audit committees;
- current service on the corporate governance committee for Pulaski Bank;
- current service as the Lead Trustee of the Company, a position he has held since 2004;
- responsibility for the asset management of 100 properties, accounting for over 11 million square feet;
- former position as CEO of JDN Development Company; and
- former position as Senior Vice President and Director of Regency Centers.

#### Vote Required; Recommendation

The election to the Board of Trustees of each of the six nominees will require the approval of a majority of the votes cast by the holders of Common Shares in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting. The Board of Trustees unanimously recommends that the shareholders vote "FOR" the election of each of the six nominees to the Board of Trustees.

#### PROPOSAL 2 - RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees has selected BDO USA, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015 and has directed that the selection of the

independent registered public accounting firm be submitted for ratification by the shareholders at the Annual Meeting.

Shareholder ratification of the selection of BDO USA, LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm is not required by the Company's Declaration of Trust, Bylaws or otherwise. However, the Audit Committee is submitting the selection of BDO USA, LLP to the shareholders for ratification as a matter of what it considers to be good corporate practice. Notwithstanding the ratification of, or failure to, ratify the selection, the Audit Committee of the Board of Trustees in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent accounting firm at any time during the year if the Audit Committee determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its subsidiaries.

Representatives of BDO USA, LLP, the Company's auditors for 2014, are expected to be present at the Annual Meeting and will have the opportunity to make a statement if such representatives desire to do so and will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

Vote Required; Recommendation

The approval of a majority of the votes cast by holders of Common Shares in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting in the ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm is required to ratify the appointment of BDO USA, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. The Board of Trustees unanimously recommends that the shareholders vote "FOR" the ratification of BDO USA, LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015.

PROPOSAL 3 - ADVISORY APPROVAL OF THE COMPANY'S EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

As required under the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010 (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), the Company is seeking a non-binding shareholder vote approving the compensation of Named Executive Officers as disclosed in this Proxy Statement in accordance with SEC rules and as discussed in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis," the compensation tables and any related material. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our Named Executive Officers and the policies and practices described in this Proxy Statement.

The Board and management have thoughtfully designed the Company's executive compensation philosophy, policies and programs tailored with the understanding of the Company's business and the strategic mission of the Company.

The Compensation Committee's executive compensation objectives are as follows:

1. Motivating the Company's Named Executive Officers to create maximum shareholder value.
2. Providing incentives to the Company's Named Executive Officers that reward dedication, hard work and success.
3. Providing a compensation program that ensures "pay for performance."
4. Aligning the interests of the Company's Named Executive Officers and shareholders as closely as possible.
5. Aligning the interests of the Company's Named Executive Officers and the Company's external fund investors as closely as possible.
6. Creating the right mix of long-term incentives to motivate and to retain the Company's Named Executive Officers.
7. Creating an incentive compensation program that can go beyond the Company's Named Executive Officers and be utilized throughout the organization.

Vote Required; Recommendation

Because the shareholder vote is advisory, the results will not be binding upon the Board. However, the Compensation Committee will take the outcome of the vote expressed by its shareholders into consideration for future executive compensation arrangements. The Board of Trustees unanimously recommends that the shareholders vote "FOR" the approval, on an advisory basis, of the Company's executive compensation program for Named Executive Officers as set forth in this Proxy Statement. Unless otherwise indicated by a shareholder on a proxy, shares will be voted "FOR"

the approval of the executive compensation.

The Company currently plans to seek an advisory vote on executive compensation annually. The next advisory vote on executive compensation will occur at the 2016 annual meeting.



## MANAGEMENT

## Trustee Meetings and Attendance

During 2014, the Board of Trustees held four in-person meetings and four telephonic meetings, the Audit Committee held five telephonic meetings, the Compensation Committee held four in-person meetings and had a number of telephonic discussions, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held four telephonic meetings and the Investment/Capital Markets Committee held numerous telephonic discussions to discuss potential transactions. The Board of Trustees believes consistent attendance with a minimum of missed meetings is important in carrying out the responsibilities of being a Trustee. The average attendance in the aggregate of the total number of Board of Trustees and committee meetings was 98%. No Trustee attended fewer than 80% of the aggregate of all meetings of the Board of Trustees and applicable committee meetings.

The Company does not have a formal policy requiring Trustees to be present at Annual Meetings, although the Company does encourage their attendance. All of the Company's Trustees attended the 2014 Annual Meeting.

## Trustees and Executive Officers

The Trustees and executive officers of the Company as of the date of this Proxy Statement are as follows:

Name	Age	Office Held	Year First Became Officer/Trustee	Term Expires
Kenneth F. Bernstein	53	Trustee, Chief Executive Officer and President	1998	2015
Lee S. Wielansky	63	Trustee; Independent Lead Trustee	2000	2015
Douglas Crocker II	75	Trustee	2003	2015
Lorrence T. Kellar	77	Trustee	2003	2015
Wendy Luscombe	63	Trustee	2004	2015
William T. Spitz	63	Trustee	2007	2015
Joel Braun	63	Executive Vice President and Chief Investment Officer	1998	-
Jonathan W. Grisham	57	Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	1998	-
Robert Masters	70	Senior Vice President, Senior Legal Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary	1998	-
Christopher Conlon	55	Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer	2008	-
Joseph M. Napolitano	50	Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer	2007	-
Jason Blacksberg	39	Senior Vice President and General Counsel	2014	-

Biographical information with respect to Messrs. Bernstein, Crocker, Kellar, Spitz and Wielansky and Ms. Luscombe is set forth under "PROPOSAL 1 - ELECTION OF TRUSTEES," above.

Joel Braun, age 63, has been Chief Investment Officer of the Company since August 1998. Mr. Braun was a Senior Vice President of the Company from August 1998 until January 2007 when he was named Executive Vice President. Mr. Braun is responsible for all of the Company's merger and acquisition activities. Previously, Mr. Braun was Vice President of Acquisitions for RD Capital, Inc. Mr. Braun holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Boston University and a Master's Degree in Planning from The Johns Hopkins University.

Jonathan W. Grisham, age 57, Mr. Grisham has been Chief Financial Officer since January 2012. Previously, from February 2005, Mr. Grisham had served as Senior Vice President/Chief Accounting Officer and prior to that was the

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Director of Financial Reporting since the Company's formation. Prior to that, Mr. Grisham served as Controller at Mark Centers Trust and was a Supervisor in the public accounting firm of Aronson & Company in Washington, DC. Mr. Grisham is a Certified Public Accountant and holds a Master's Degree in Finance from Kings College and a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Accounting from George Mason University.

Robert Masters, Esq., age 70, has been a Senior Vice President, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary of the Company since 1998. Mr. Masters served as General Counsel to the Company from 1998 through 2014. He currently serves as Senior Legal Counsel. Prior to that he served as General Counsel of RD Capital, Inc., the Company's predecessor, from 1994 to 1998. Mr. Masters was General Counsel for API Asset Management from 1990 to the time he joined RD Capital, Inc. Previously, Mr. Masters

worked in the banking sector, a private law firm and the Department of Justice. Mr. Masters received his Bachelor of Arts from the City University of New York and his Juris Doctorate from New York University Law School from which he graduated in 1973. Mr. Masters is a member of the New York State Bar.

Christopher Conlon, age 55, as of January 1, 2012, Mr. Conlon was promoted to Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer. Previously, from February 2008, Mr. Conlon served as Senior Vice President - Leasing and Development. From 1992 to 2007, Mr. Conlon was a partner at Ripco Real Estate Corporation where he was responsible for the leasing and development/redevelopment of neighborhood shopping centers, vertical urban retail centers and mixed-use properties with retail components. Mr. Conlon received his Bachelor of Arts from the State University of New York at Stony Brook and his J.D. from St. John's University School of Law.

Joseph M. Napolitano, age 50, has been Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of the Company since April 2007. He is accountable for managing the Company's human resources, property management, information technology, marketing, corporate performance management and business planning functions. Previously, he held the position of Senior Vice President, Director of Operations. Mr. Napolitano has been with the company since January 1995, and has over twenty years of real estate experience. Mr. Napolitano holds a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Adelphi University, and is a Human Capital Strategist (HCS) as certified by the Human Capital Institute, and is a Certified Property Manager (CPM) by the Institute of Real Estate Management.

Jason Blacksberg, age 39, has been Senior Vice President and General Counsel for the Company since May 2014. He is accountable for leading and executing Acadia's legal strategy and affairs. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Blacksberg was Senior Vice President of Investments & Assistant General Counsel at the Trump Organization. Prior to joining Trump, Mr. Blacksberg was an Associate at the law firm of Davis Polk & Wardwell. Mr. Blacksberg began his legal career as a Law Clerk to Chief Judge Marilyn Huff in the U.S. District Court, Southern District of CA. He received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center and his bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

#### Board Leadership Structure

The Board's Lead Trustee and the Company's Chief Executive Officer generally serve as the leadership of the Board. The Company does not have a chairperson of the Board. Mr. Wielansky, an independent Trustee who serves as a member of the Investment/Capital Markets Committee, has been selected by the Board to serve as the Lead Trustee. The duties of the Lead Trustee include, without limitation, the following:

- to chair and facilitate discussions among the independent Trustees;
- to facilitate communication between the independent Trustees, the Chief Executive Officer and management;
- to assist in the planning and preparation of meetings of the independent Trustees and meetings of the Board of Trustees, including the preparation of the agendas for such meetings;
  - to be available to participate in any and all committee meetings, as needed;
  - and
- to act as the spokesperson of the independent Trustees in matters dealing with the press and public when called upon.

The Lead Trustee has final say on the agenda for all Board meetings.

The Chief Executive Officer presides over the regular meetings of the Board of Trustees, calling each meeting to order and leading the Trustees through the agenda items. The Lead Trustee presides over all meetings of the non-management Trustees held in executive session. "Non-management" Trustees are all those who are not Company officers and include Trustees, if any, who are not "independent" by virtue of the existence of a material relationship with the Company (although all of the current non-management trustees are also independent). An executive session is

held in conjunction with each regularly scheduled Board meeting and other executive sessions may be called by the Lead Trustee in his own discretion or at the request of the Board. The Lead Trustee has responsibility for facilitating communication among independent Trustees and between the independent Trustees and management, as well as additional responsibilities that are more fully described in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, which are available on the Company's website at [www.acadiarealty.com](http://www.acadiarealty.com) in the Investors-Corporate Governance section. Please note that the information on the Company's website is not incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement.

Because the Chief Executive Officer is the Trustee most familiar with the Company's business and industry and is the most capable of effectively identifying strategic priorities and leading the discussion regarding the execution of the Company's strategy, discussion at Board meetings is usually led by the Chief Executive Officer. Independent Trustees and management have different perspectives and roles in strategy development. The Company's independent Trustees bring experience, oversight and expertise from outside the Company, while the Chief Executive Officer brings company-specific experience and expertise. The Board

believes that its leadership structure is appropriate because it combines an appropriate balance between independent leadership through the use of a Lead Trustee and strategy development, which results from the Chief Executive Officer leading the discussions on most Board topics.

#### Committees of the Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees has standing Audit, Compensation, Nominating and Corporate Governance and Investment/Capital Markets Committees. The functions of each committee are detailed in its respective committee charter, which are available on the Company's website at [www.acadiarealty.com](http://www.acadiarealty.com) in the "Investors - Corporate Governance" section. Please note that the information on the Company's website is not incorporated by reference in this Proxy Statement.

The Company's current standing committees are as follows:

NAME	AUDIT COMMITTEE	COMPENSATION COMMITTEE	NOMINATING AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	INVESTMENT/ CAPITAL MARKETS COMMITTEE
EMPLOYEE TRUSTEE				
Kenneth F. Bernstein				X <sup>(2)</sup>
NON-EMPLOYEE TRUSTEES				
Lee S. Wielansky				X
Douglas Crocker II		X	X	X <sup>(1)</sup>
Lorrence T. Kellar	X <sup>(1)</sup>	X		
Wendy Luscombe	X		X <sup>(1)</sup>	
William T. Spitz	X	X <sup>(1)</sup>		X

Notes:

(1) Chairman of the committee.

(2) Ex-Officio member of the committee.

#### Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is empowered to engage the Company's independent registered public accounting firm and review the scope and results of the audit. The Audit Committee examines the accounting practices and methods of control and the manner of reporting financial results. These reviews and examinations include meetings with independent auditors, staff accountants and representatives of management. The results of the Audit Committee's examinations and the choice of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm are reported to the full Board of Trustees. The Audit Committee includes no officers or employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries.

The Audit Committee held five telephonic meetings during the last fiscal year.

The Audit Committee Charter requires that the Audit Committee be comprised of at least three members, each of whom is "independent," as defined by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange and at least one of whom is an "audit committee financial expert," as that term is defined by the SEC.

The following Trustees are members of the Audit Committee: Mr. Kellar (Chair), Ms. Luscombe and Mr. Spitz. Mr. Kellar and Ms. Luscombe have served as members of the Audit Committee since the 2004 annual meeting and Mr. Spitz was appointed a member in February 2010. The Board has determined that each of these members meets the independence requirements for members of audit committees prescribed by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. Mr. Kellar serves on the audit committees of one other public company. Ms. Luscombe serves on the audit committees of a complex of closed end mutual funds, the meetings for which are held concurrently. The Board has determined that the participation by Mr. Kellar and Ms. Luscombe on these other audit committees does not impair their ability to serve effectively on the Company's Audit Committee. The Board has determined that Mr. Kellar and Ms. Luscombe are each an "audit committee financial expert," as that term is defined by the SEC. See the biographical information in "PROPOSAL 1 - ELECTION OF TRUSTEES" for their relevant experience.

## Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee is responsible for administering the Amended and Restated 2006 Share Incentive Plan (the "2006 Plan") and recommending to the full Board the compensation of the executive officers of the Company, including the Chief Executive Officer. In addition, the Compensation Committee evaluates the Chief Executive Officer's performance, coordinates and reviews the Company's succession plans related to the Chief Executive Officer and other executive officers and reports the status of such plans to the Board annually.

The Compensation Committee held four in-person meetings and had a number of telephonic discussions during the last fiscal year.

The Compensation Committee Charter requires that the Compensation Committee be comprised of at least two members, with all committee members being "independent" as defined by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

The members of the Compensation Committee during the last fiscal year were Messrs. Spitz (Chair), Kellar and Crocker. Mr. Spitz and Mr. Crocker have served as members since 2007 and Mr. Kellar has served as a member since 2004. The Board of Trustees has determined that each of these members is independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. See "Acadia Realty Trust Compensation Committee Report."

For information relating to the compensation consultant hired by the Compensation Committee, please refer to the discussions under the headings "Specific Elements of Acadia Realty Trust's Executive Compensation Program - A. Base Salaries," "V. Benchmarking" and "VIII. Specific 2013 Decisions and 2014 Changes" in "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" below.

## Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During 2014, none of the Compensation Committee members (i) were officers or employees of the Company or any of its subsidiaries during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014; (ii) are former officers of the Company or any of the Company's subsidiaries or (iii) had any relationship with the Company requiring disclosure under Item 404 of Regulation S-K. In addition, during the last completed fiscal year, none of the Named Executive Officers of the Company served as:

- a member of the compensation committee (or other board committee performing equivalent functions or, in the absence of any such committee, the entire board of directors) of another entity, one of whose executive officers served on the compensation committee (or other board committee performing equivalent functions or, in the absence of any such committee, the entire Board of Trustees) of the Company;

- a director of another entity, one of whose executive officers served on the Compensation Committee of the Company;
- or

- a member of the compensation committee (or other board committee performing equivalent functions or, in the absence of any such committee, the entire board of directors) of another entity, one of whose executive officers served as a Trustee of the Company.

## Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for reviewing the qualifications and performance of the Board of Trustees and recommending nominees for Trustees and Board committees to the Board.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is also responsible for recommending to the Board changes in the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee charter requires the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee to be comprised of at least two members, each of whom is "independent" as defined by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee held four telephonic meetings during the last fiscal year.

Members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee during the last fiscal year were Ms. Luscombe (Chair), who has served since the 2005 annual meeting and Mr. Crocker, who has served since August 2005. The Board of Trustees has determined that both of these members are independent within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider all shareholder recommendations for candidates for the Board of Trustees. All shareholder recommendations should be sent to the Company's Corporate Secretary at Acadia Realty Trust, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 260, White Plains, NY 10605, and should include all information relating to such person that is required to be disclosed in a proxy statement for the election of Trustees or is otherwise required pursuant to Regulation 14A under



the Exchange Act. Shareholders must also include the nominee's written consent to being named in the Proxy Statement as a nominee and to serving as a Trustee if elected. Furthermore, the shareholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner, if any, on whose behalf the nomination is made must include their names and addresses as they appear on the Company's books, as well as the class and number of Common Shares of the Company that they beneficially own. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may identify other candidates, if necessary, through recommendations from directors, management, employees or outside consultants. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will review candidates in the same manner regardless of the source of the recommendation. The Committee received no shareholder recommendations for candidates for the Board of Trustees for this Annual Meeting. Under the Company's Bylaws, if a shareholder wishes to put forward a nominee for Trustee, it must deliver notice of such nominee to the Company's Corporate Secretary not less than 120 days and no more than 150 days prior to the first anniversary date of the proxy statement for the preceding year's annual meeting, provided, however, that in the event that the date of the annual meeting is advanced or delayed by more than 30 days from the anniversary date of the preceding year's annual meeting, notice by the shareholder must be so delivered not earlier than the 150th day prior to such annual meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 120th day prior to such annual meeting or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement of the date of such annual meeting is first made. See "Submission of Shareholder Proposals" below.

#### Trustee Qualifications and Review of Trustee Nominees

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee makes recommendations to the Board of Trustees regarding the size and composition of the Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee annually reviews the composition of the Board as a whole and recommends, if necessary, measures to be taken so that the Board reflects the appropriate balance of knowledge, experience, skills, expertise and diversity of backgrounds, experience and competencies required for the Board as a whole and contains at least the minimum number of independent Trustees required by applicable laws and regulations. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for ensuring that the composition of the Board accurately reflects the needs of the Company to execute its strategic plan and achieve its objectives. In the event the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee determines that additional expertise is needed on the Board, or if there is a vacancy, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee expects to use its network of contacts to compile a list of potential candidates, but may also engage, if it deems appropriate, a professional search firm.

The Company's strategic plan can be summarized in the following broad categories:

- Maintain a strong balance sheet;
- Maintain a strong core portfolio;
- Enhance the Company's external growth platform; and
- Utilize its experienced management team.

In evaluating a Trustee candidate, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee considers factors that are in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders, including the knowledge, experience, integrity and judgment of the candidate; the potential contribution of the candidate to the diversity of backgrounds, experience and competencies required by the Board; the candidate's ability to devote sufficient time and effort to his or her duties as a Trustee; independence and willingness to consider all strategic proposals and oversee the agreed-upon strategic direction of the Company; and any other criteria established by the Board, as well as other core competencies or technical expertise necessary to fill all of the committees of the Board.

Each nominee meets the foregoing criteria and also brings a strong and unique background and set of skills to the Board, giving the Board, as a whole, competence and experience in a wide variety of areas. The skills include:

- General real estate experience;
- Real estate investment experience;
- Asset management experience;
- REIT experience;
- Financial expertise;
- Real estate development experience;
- Public company board service;
- Information technology and social media skills;
- Corporate governance expertise;
- CEO experience;
- Experience in risk management; and
- Experience in mergers and acquisitions.

#### Investment/Capital Markets Committee

The Investment/Capital Markets Committee (the "Investment Committee") has been established for the primary purpose of (i) screening all transactions that are within certain defined pre-approval limits to ensure such transactions are within such limits, (ii) acting as the pricing committee for all equity offerings and (iii) for other investments and capital market transactions, exercising such authority as is given to it from time to time by the Board of Trustees. The Investment Committee has the authority to obtain advice and assistance from outside legal, accounting or other advisors as deemed appropriate to perform its duties and responsibilities.

The Investment Committee held numerous informal telephonic discussions to discuss potential transactions during the last fiscal year.

The Investment Committee charter requires that it be comprised of at least three members, each of whom is "independent" as defined by the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange. The Company's Chief Executive Officer is an ex-officio member of the Investment Committee. Messrs. Crocker (Chair) and Wielansky have served as the members of the Investment Committee since the 2004 Annual Meeting and Mr. Spitz has served since 2007. The Board of Trustees has determined that Messrs. Crocker, Wielansky and Spitz are "independent" within the meaning of the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

#### Communication with Trustees

You may communicate directly with the Board of Trustees by sending correspondence to the Company's Corporate Secretary at Acadia Realty Trust, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 260, White Plains, NY 10605. The sender should indicate in the address whether it is intended for the entire Board, the independent Trustees as a group, or to an individual Trustee. Each communication intended for the Board or independent Trustees received by the Corporate Secretary will be promptly forwarded to the intended recipients in accordance with the sender's instructions.

#### Other Corporate Governance Initiatives

The Company regularly monitors developments in the area of corporate governance and continues to enhance the Company's corporate governance structure based upon a review of new developments and recommended best practices.

The Company's corporate governance materials, including the Company's Corporate Governance Guidelines, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Whistle Blower Policy and standing committee charters may be found on the Company's web site at [www.acadiarealty.com](http://www.acadiarealty.com) in the "Investors - Corporate Governance" section. Copies of these materials are also available to shareholders upon written request to the Company's Corporate Secretary, Acadia Realty Trust, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 260, White Plains, NY 10605.

#### Risk Oversight

The entire Board and each of its committees are involved in overseeing risk associated with the Company. The Board and the Audit Committee monitor the Company's financial and regulatory risk through regular reviews with management and internal and external auditors and other advisors. In its periodic meetings with the internal auditors and the independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee discusses the scope and plan for the internal audit and the audit conducted by the independent registered accounting firm, and includes management in its review of accounting and financial controls and assessment of business risks. The Board and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee monitor the Company's corporate governance policies and procedures by regular review with management and outside advisors. The Board and the Compensation Committee monitor CEO succession

and the Company's compensation policies and related risks by regular reviews with management and the Committee's outside advisors.

The Company is aware of the existence of threats to cyber security, and issues related to cyber security form an integral part of the Board's and the Audit Committee's risk analysis and discussions with management. While the Company attempts to mitigate these risks by employing a number of measures, including a dedicated information technology team, employee training and background checks, comprehensive monitoring of the Company's networks and systems, and maintenance of backup systems and redundancy along with purchasing available insurance coverage, the Company's systems, networks and services remain potentially vulnerable to advanced threats.

As part of its oversight of the Company's executive compensation program, the Compensation Committee considers the impact of the Company's executive compensation program, and the incentives created by the compensation awards that it administers, on the Company's risk profile. In addition, the Company reviews all of its compensation policies and procedures, including the

incentives that they create and factors that may reduce the likelihood of excessive risk taking, to determine whether they present a significant risk to the Company. Based on these reviews, the Company has concluded that its compensation policies and procedures are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

#### SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The Company's authorized capital consists of 100,000,000 Common Shares. As of April 1, 2015, the Company had 68,732,581 Common Shares outstanding, which shares were held by 308 record holders. In addition, as of April 1, 2015, the Company had 3,912,928 units of limited partnership interest outstanding in Acadia Realty Limited Partnership ("OP Units"), a Delaware limited partnership, of which the Company serves as general partner (the "Operating Partnership").

The Company is not aware of any person or any group within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act that is the beneficial owner of more than 5% of any class of the Company's voting securities other than as set forth in the table below. The Company does not know of any arrangements at present, the operation of which may, at a subsequent date, result in a change in control of the Company.

The following table sets forth, as of April 1, 2015, certain information concerning the holdings of each person known to the Company to be a beneficial owner of more than 5% of the Common Shares at April 1, 2015, all Common Shares beneficially owned by each Trustee, each nominee for Trustee, each Named Executive Officer named in the Summary Compensation Table appearing elsewhere herein and by all Trustees and executive officers as a group. Each of the persons named below has sole voting power and sole investment power with respect to the shares set forth opposite his or her name, except as otherwise noted.

Beneficial Owners	Number of Common Shares Beneficially Owned		Percent of Class
<b>5% Beneficial Owners</b>			
The Vanguard Group, Inc. (1)	9,680,608		14.08
FMR LLC (2)	7,896,826		11.49
BlackRock, Inc. (3)	7,186,152		10.46
T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. (4)	6,938,070		10.09
Vanguard Specialized Funds (5)	5,036,585		7.33
<b>Trustees and Executive Officers (6)</b>			
Kenneth F. Bernstein	853,962	(7)	1.24
Joel Braun	113,058	(8)	*
Jonathan W. Grisham	93,574	(9)	*
Robert Masters	121,604	(10)	*
Christopher Conlon	19,520	(11)	*
Douglas Crocker II	28,766	(12)	*
Lorrence T. Kellar	31,926	(13)	*
Wendy Luscombe	28,272	(14)	*
William T. Spitz	30,918	(15)	*
Lee S. Wielansky	37,172	(16)	*
All Executive Officers and Trustees as a Group (12 persons)	1,409,295	(17)	2.05

Notes:

\* Represents less than 1%.

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(1) Other than the information relating to its percentage of ownership of the Company's Common Shares, the beneficial ownership information with respect to The Vanguard Group, Inc. ("The Vanguard Group") is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A (the "Vanguard 13G") filed with the SEC on February 10, 2015 by The Vanguard Group.

According to the Vanguard 13G, Vanguard Fiduciary Trust Company ("VFTC"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, is the beneficial owner of 86,594 Common Shares outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of collective trust accounts. VFTC directs the voting of these shares.

According to the Vanguard 13G, Vanguard Investments Australia, LTD. ("VIA"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of The Vanguard Group, is the beneficial owner of 143,987 Common Shares outstanding of the Company as a result of its serving as investment manager of Australian investment offerings. VFTC directs the voting of these shares.

The principal business office address of The Vanguard Group is 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355. According to the Vanguard 13G, The Vanguard Group's ownership of the Company's Common Shares is as follows:

	Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:			
	Sole Voting Power	Shared Voting Power	Sole Dispositive Power	Shared Dispositive Power
The Vanguard Group	176,276	52,955	9,535,709	144,899

(2) Other than the information relating to its percentage of ownership of the Company's Common Shares, the beneficial ownership information with respect to FMR LLC is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A (the "FMR LLC 13G") filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015 by FMR LLC.

According to the FMR LLC 13G, Fidelity Management & Research Company ("Fidelity"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of FMR LLC, is the beneficial owner of 7,986,826 Common Shares outstanding of the Company as a result of acting as investment adviser to various investment companies.

The principal business office address of FMR LLC is 245 Summer Street, Boston, MA 02210. According to the FMR LLC 13G, the reporting entities ownership of the Company's Common Shares is as follows:

	Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:			
	Sole Voting Power	Shared Voting Power	Sole Dispositive Power	Shared Dispositive Power
FMR LLC	2,004,633	—	7,896,826	—

(3) Other than the information relating to its percentage of ownership of the Company's Common Shares, the beneficial ownership information with respect to Blackrock Inc. is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A (the "Blackrock 13G") filed with the SEC on January 9, 2015 by Blackrock Inc.

The principal business office address of Blackrock, Inc. is 55 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, New York, NY 10022. According to the Blackrock, Inc. 13G, the reporting entities ownership of the Company's Common Shares is as follows:

	Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:			
	Sole Voting Power	Shared Voting Power	Sole Dispositive Power	Shared Dispositive Power

Blackrock, Inc.	7,029,451	—	7,186,152	—
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(4) Other than the information relating to its percentage of ownership of the Company's Common Shares, the beneficial ownership information with respect to T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. ("Price Associates") is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 13, 2015 by T. Rowe Price ("Price Associates 13G").

The principal business office address of Price Associates is 100 E. Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. According to the Price Associates 13G, Price Associates ownership of the Company's Common Shares is as follows:

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:			
Sole Voting Power	Shared Voting Power	Sole Dispositive Power	Shared Dispositive Power

T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc.	1,027,665	—	6,938,070	—
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(5) Other than the information relating to its percentage of ownership of the Company's Common Shares, the beneficial ownership information with respect to Vanguard Specialized Funds - Vanguard REIT Index Fund ("Vanguard REIT Fund") is based solely on a Schedule 13G/A (the "Vanguard REIT Fund 13G") filed with the SEC on February 6, 2015 by Vanguard REIT Funds.

The principal business office address of Vanguard REIT Fund is 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355. According to the Vanguard REIT Fund 13G, Vanguard REIT Fund's ownership of the Company's Common Shares is as follows:

Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:			
Sole Voting Power	Shared Voting Power	Sole Dispositive Power	Shared Dispositive Power

Vanguard Specialized Funds	5,036,585	—	—	—
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- (6 ) The principal business office address of each such person is c/o Acadia Realty Trust, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 260, White Plains, NY 10605.  
The Common Shares beneficially owned by Mr. Bernstein in his individual capacity consist of (i) 143,639 OP Units which are immediately exchangeable into a like number of Common Shares and 333,962 LTIP Units (as
- (7 ) hereinafter defined), (ii) 340,327 Common Shares and (iii) 36,034 vested options issued pursuant to the Share Incentive Plans. The amount reflected does not include 548,235 Restricted LTIP Units (as hereinafter defined), none of which will vest in the next 60 days.  
Represents (i) 104,861 LTIP Units (ii) 2,109 Common Shares and (iii) 6,088 vested options issued pursuant to
- (8 ) the Share Incentive Plans. The amount reflected does not include 107,850 Restricted LTIP Units, none of which will vest in the next 60 days.  
Represents (i) 19,176 Common Shares and (ii) 74,398 LTIP Units issued pursuant to the Share Incentive Plans.
- (9 ) The amount reflected does not include 63,750 Restricted LTIP Units, none of which will vest in the next 60 days.  
Represents (i) 17,386 Common Shares and (ii) 104,218 LTIP Units issued pursuant to the Share Incentive Plans.
- (10 ) The amount reflected does not include 64,853 Restricted LTIP Units, none of which will vest in the next 60 days.  
Represents 19,520 LTIP Units issued pursuant to the Share Incentive Plans. The amount reflected does not
- (11 ) include 91,948 Restricted LTIP Units, none of which will vest in the next 60 days.  
Represents 3,000 vested options issued pursuant to the Share Incentive Plans and 25,766 Common Shares. The
- (12 ) amount reflected does not include 4,696 Restricted Share Units and 1,518 LTIP Units (as hereinafter defined), 3,872 of which will vest in the next 60 days.
- (13 )

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- Represents 31,926 Common Shares. The amount reflected does not include 7,935 Restricted Share Units, 5,593 of which will vest in the next 60 days.
- (14 ) Represents 28,272 Common Shares. The amount reflected does not include 4,696 Restricted Share Units, 2,354 of which will vest in the next 60 days. Of these 28,272 Common Shares, 16,222 have been deferred.
- (15 ) Represents 30,918 Common Shares. The amount reflected does not include 7,733 Restricted Share Units, 5,391 of which will vest in the next 60 days.
- (16 ) Represents 3,000 vested options issued pursuant to the Share Incentive Plans and 34,172 Common Shares. The amount reflected does not include 6,727 Restricted Share Units, 3,269 of which will vest in the next 60 days.
- (17 ) See Notes (7) through (16).

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Discussed and analyzed below are the Company's compensation programs for its executive officers who are included in the Summary Compensation Table on page 30 (collectively, the "Named Executive Officers" or "NEOs").

### I. Executive Summary

The Company is a fully integrated REIT focused on the ownership, acquisition, re-development and management of high-quality retail and urban mixed-use properties located in dense urban and major metropolitan markets and other high barrier to entry markets. The Company currently operates dual platforms that include its core portfolio, which owns and operates assets in dynamic urban and street-retail corridors and a series of discretionary institutional funds that target opportunistic and value-add investments.

The primary goals of the Company's compensation program involve linking executive pay to Company performance, aligning the interests of management with those of the shareholders and retaining key employees. The Company uses total shareholder return, which represents the change in the Company's share price from January 1, 2014 to December 31, 2014 plus dividends declared for that same period, as an important metric in evaluating the Company's annual performance and benefit to its shareholders. In 2014, the Company provided a total shareholder return of 34.5%, maintained its strong financial condition and balance sheet, and completed acquisition and dispositions of properties that were consistent with the Company's high-barrier-to-entry/high density market investment strategy.

For the reasons explained further below, the Compensation Committee concluded that the 2014 performance-based compensation, together with 2014 base salary levels are well aligned with the Company performance for the year and that the linkage between pay and performance is strong.

At the 2014 annual meeting, the Company's shareholders approved, on an advisory basis, the Company's executive compensation plan with a vote of approximately 98.8%. The Compensation Committee reviewed the results of that advisory vote and determined that the Company's shareholders prefer that the Company continue with its current model of executive compensation, which has served, and will serve, as the framework for the compensation decisions made for 2014 and 2015.

### Total Shareholder Return

The Company believes that value creation produced from an investment in real estate should also be assessed over a long-term horizon and its strategy has focused on long-term value creation. Accordingly, the graph below compares the cumulative total return on the Company's Common Shares over the past ten years to the cumulative return of comparable indices assuming a \$100 investment on December 31, 2004 and all dividends being reinvested. A \$100 investment in the Company would have increased to \$303 on December 31, 2014 and would have outperformed an investment in each index over the same period as detailed below.

In addition, as shown in the chart below, the Company has consistently provided our stockholders with above market returns, outperforming the Russell 2000, SNL US REIT Retail Shopping Ctr index and MSCI US REIT index over the one-, three-, five- and ten-year periods ending December 31, 2014 as follows:

1-Year		3-Year		5-Year		10-Year	
AKR	34.5%	AKR	76.7%	AKR	127.9%	AKR	202.6%
MSCI REIT	30.4%	SNL Shp Ctr	74.8%	SNL Shp Ctr	120.4%	MSCI REIT	122.2%
SNL Shp Ctr	29.6%	Russell 2000	69.4%	MSCI REIT	119.7%	Russell 2000	111.3%
Russell 2000	4.9%	MSCI REIT	57.3%	Russell 2000	106.0%	SNL Shp Ctr	58.4%

Source: SNL Financial LC

## II. Objectives of Acadia Realty Trust's Executive Compensation Program

The Company's success depends on developing, motivating and retaining executives who have the skills and expertise to lead a fully integrated, self-managed and self-administered equity REIT. In designing its executive compensation program, the Company seeks to give the Board of Trustees, the shareholders, and the management team a clear understanding of how total compensation is determined. The ultimate goals for all parties involved are fairness, transparency, predictability, retention and performance maximization.

The executive compensation program is designed to help the Company achieve the objectives that are reflected in the Compensation Committee's Charter which is available on the Company's website at [www.acadiarealty.com](http://www.acadiarealty.com) in the "Investors - Corporate Governance" section.

The Compensation Committee's executive compensation objectives are as follows:

1. Motivating the Company's Named Executive Officers to create maximum shareholder value.
2. Providing incentives to the Company's Named Executive Officers that reward dedication, hard work and success.
3. Providing a compensation program that ensures "pay for performance."
4. Aligning the interests of the Company's Named Executive Officers and shareholders as closely as possible.
5. Aligning the interests of the Company's Named Executive Officers and the Company's external fund investors as closely as possible.
6. Creating the right mix of long-term incentives to motivate and to retain the Company's Named Executive Officers.
7. Creating an incentive compensation program that can go beyond the Company's Named Executive Officers and be utilized throughout the organization.

The following sections describe the components of the Company's executive compensation program and the process for determining the compensation of the Named Executive Officers. The process includes input from the Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") (except with respect to his own compensation), the Compensation Committee and the Board of Trustees and an objective review of the Company's performance, the individual Named Executive Officer's performance and the performance of the business unit that reports to the individual Named Executive Officers. For a discussion of compensation for the members of the Board of Trustees, see "Board of Trustees Compensation."

### III. Specific Elements of Acadia Realty Trust's Executive Compensation Program

The Company's executive compensation program reflects the Company's desire to have a compensation structure that has sufficient depth to encourage its management team to meet the short-term and long-term objectives described above (see the discussion under "Objectives of Acadia Realty Trust's Executive Compensation Program"), but also sufficient clarity to ensure that the Board of Trustees, shareholders and the management team have an understanding of how total compensation is determined. The Company's executive compensation program's overall guiding principle of "pay for performance" consists of four main elements:

- A. Base salaries that provide a minimal level of compensation;
- B. Discretionary, performance-based incentive compensation;
- C. Post-employment severance and change in control payments; and
- D. Standard employee benefit plans.

#### A. Base Salary

The starting point for the Company's executive compensation program is an annual base salary. The Compensation Committee recommends to the full Board of Trustees the base salaries for the Named Executive Officers as fixed amounts to provide the minimum amount of compensation that a Named Executive Officer will receive in a given year. Base salaries are reviewed annually and adjusted to reflect market data, individual circumstances, such as

promotions, as well as the Company's performance and existing economic conditions.

The Compensation Committee's base salary recommendations for the Named Executive Officers are generally made on a discretionary basis from year to year, with the objective of providing a minimal base salary and placing an emphasis on incentive based compensation. Market data provided by FTI Consulting, Inc. ("FTI Consulting" or the "Compensation Committee Consultant") related to the base salaries of the Company's peer group discussed below (the "Peer Group") is also used by the Compensation Committee to determine base salary recommendations. The Compensation Committee does not believe narrow quantitative measures or formulas are sufficient for determining the Named Executive Officers' compensation.

The Compensation Committee, again in 2014, engaged FTI Consulting as its independent third party consultant to obtain executive compensation information for the Peer Group. The Peer Group compensation information provided by FTI Consulting, at the

direction of the Compensation Committee, for each executive position included, among other things, base salary, annual cash incentive awards, long-term incentive awards and total compensation at the 25th, 50th, and 75th percentiles and the average. FTI Consulting serves only as an advisor to the Compensation Committee by providing data relevant to REIT peers and discussing compensation practices as directed by the Compensation Committee. FTI Consulting also reviews proposed recommendations made to the Compensation Committee by management and provides commentary regarding the reasonableness of such pay programs and pay level adjustments. FTI Consulting has not been retained to provide any other services to the Company.

In assessing the independence of FTI Consulting, the Compensation Committee considered the final rules (the "Final Rules") adopted by the SEC to implement Section 952 of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act (the "Dodd-Frank Act"), which includes provisions pertaining to the engagement and independence of any compensation consultant retained by Compensation Committees. The Compensation Committee has determined FTI Consulting to be independent.

#### B. Performance Incentive Compensation

The Compensation Committee and the Board of Trustees continue to emphasize long-term performance in the form of Restricted Share Units, LTIP Units that are subject to time-based vesting and, in some instances, performance-based vesting ("Restricted LTIP Units") and the Long Term Investment Alignment Program (described below). While the Compensation Committee may also use cash to reward performance, it has done so only on a limited basis. Incentive awards reflect the Compensation Committee's recommendations to the full Board of Trustees as they are based on the Committee's discretionary assessment of corporate, business unit and individual performance of each Named Executive Officer (with the assistance of the CEO for Named Executive Officers other than himself). The Compensation Committee makes incentive compensation recommendations at its January meeting for subsequent approval by the Board of Trustees, with incentive awards being made in the first quarter of each year for the prior year's performance.

In keeping with the long-term and highly technical and cyclical nature of the Company's business, the Compensation Committee places significant emphasis on a long-term approach to executive compensation while balancing the short-term needs of its executives. Incentive awards are discretionary and based on corporate, business unit and individual performance. They are intended to: (i) develop and retain strong management through the inclusion of vesting provisions, (ii) emphasize share ownership, and (iii) create direct alignment with shareholder interests. They may also include certain performance criteria the Compensation Committee deems appropriate and relevant to the Company's business plan to ensure that management is motivated to focus on sustained Company performance. In recent years, the Company has used Restricted Share Units, principally through its Restricted Share Bonus Program (described below) and Restricted LTIP Units as its primary form of long-term incentive compensation. Because the Company's long-term incentive program is designed to motivate the Company's Named Executive Officers, the Company does not consider prior amounts granted in setting future compensation levels.

##### (1) Long Term Incentive Program Units

In 2007, the Compensation Committee recommended and the Board of Trustees approved a program to issue Restricted LTIP Units to the Named Executive Officers as part of a Restricted LTIP Unit program that granted a choice between Restricted LTIP Units and Restricted Share Units for 2007 and 2008. Restricted LTIP Units are similar to Restricted Share Units but unlike Restricted Share Units, provide for a quarterly partnership distribution in a like amount as paid to holders of common partnership units in Acadia Realty Limited Partnership, the Company's operating partnership. The Restricted LTIP Units are convertible into common partnership units and, ultimately, Common Shares upon vesting. Vesting, which is partially subject to the recipient's continued employment with the Company through the applicable vesting dates, typically occurs pro rata over five years from the date of grant. In

addition, the vesting of a certain portion of the Restricted LTIP Units is contingent upon the Company achieving or exceeding certain thresholds in the year such vesting is scheduled to occur. For vesting of this portion of the Restricted LTIP Units, one of the following must occur: (i) the Company must achieve a 7% or greater increase in funds from operations ("FFO"); (ii) FFO growth must be equal to or greater than the top one-third of the Peer Group, as determined by the Compensation Committee; (iii) the Company must achieve an 8% annual total shareholder return; or (iv) the total annual shareholder return must be equal to or greater than the top one-third of the Peer Group. Beginning with grants made in 2015, the portion of the Restricted LTIP Units contingent upon achieving certain thresholds will be measured over a cumulative three-year period, with 60% of the Units earned at the end of the performance period and the remaining 40% vesting ratably over the next two years.

## (2) Restricted Share Units

Restricted Share Units generally carry many of the rights of unrestricted Common Shares, including deferred dividend rights as described below, but may not be transferred, assigned or pledged until the recipient has a vested, non-forfeitable right to these shares. Vesting, which is partially subject to the recipient's continued employment with the Company through the applicable vesting dates typically occurs pro rata over five years from the date of grant. In addition, the vesting of a certain portion of the Restricted



Share Units is contingent upon the Company's shareholder return exceeding certain thresholds in the year such vesting is scheduled to occur. For vesting of this portion of the Restricted Share Units, one of the following must occur: (i) the Company must achieve a 7% or greater increase in FFO; (ii) FFO growth must be equal to or greater than the top one-third of the Peer Group, as determined by the Compensation Committee; (iii) the Company must achieve an 8% annual total shareholder return; or (iv) the total annual shareholder return must be equal to or greater than the top one-third of the Peer Group. Recipients of Restricted Share Units do not receive dividends on those shares until they vest, at which time they receive a lump sum cash payment in lieu of all accumulated dividends that were paid to holders of our Common Shares during the period from the date of grant of the Restricted Share Units to the date the Restricted Share Units vest. Beginning with grants made in 2015, the portion of the Restricted Share Units contingent upon achieving certain thresholds will be measured over a cumulative three-year period, with 60% of the Units earned at the end of the performance period and the remaining 40% vesting ratably over the next two years.

### (3) Share Options

Although the Compensation Committee has the discretion to award options pursuant to the 2006 Plan, it has not done so in the last seven years and has no present intention to do so, which is consistent with industry and marketplace practices that have moved toward Restricted Share Units, Restricted LTIP Units and other incentive based awards or direct ownership based awards.

### (4) Long Term Investment Alignment Program

Overview. In reviewing overall compensation for the Named Executive Officers, the Company continually seeks methods to enhance its "pay for performance" philosophy. In an effort to further ensure that management's investment focus remains on the ultimate success of the investment, in 2009, the Compensation Committee recommended, and the full Board of Trustees approved, the addition of a component of compensation called the Long Term Investment Alignment Program (the "Program"). The Program provides an incentive for high, long-term performance. The Company's current business model aims to create shareholder value by increasing earnings through the profitable management of investment funds and joint ventures. As described herein, the Board of Trustees believes this form of compensation greatly benefits the Company's shareholders.

The Program is designed to accomplish the following:

- Reward management for true, long-term performance and not simply for making investment decisions without consideration of actual value realized;

- Motivate management to deliver superior returns to opportunity fund investors, as well as to the Company through its direct investment, through strategic investments and successful liquidation of Acadia Strategic Opportunity Fund III LLC ("Fund III") and Acadia Strategic Opportunity Fund IV LLC ("Fund IV," and together with Fund III, the "Funds") and thereby increasing shareholder value;

- Provide a retention tool for years to come; and

- Further align the interests of management and shareholders and external investors.

The Program is directly tied to the actual performance of the Funds and is designed as follows: The Company is entitled to a profit participation (the "Promote") of 20% of all cash distributed from the Funds in excess of (i) the return of all invested capital and (ii) the 6% preferred rate of return. Under the Program, after the payment of the preferred return and return of all invested capital, the Company may award up to 25% of its Promote to senior executives, or 5% of each dollar distributed by the Funds after the preferred return has been paid to investors. Each

individual's allocation of the 25% of the Promote is subject to time-based, annual vesting over a five-year period from the grant date with 10% in years one and two, 20% in years three and four and 40% in year five.

If the investors of the Funds do not receive a return of all their invested capital and the 6% preferred return, no Promote will be paid to the Company and senior executives will receive no compensation under the Program. There is no interim profit participation on a transaction by transaction basis and thus a greater emphasis is placed on all investments being carefully selected and managed for the long term. The Program increases the alignment between senior executives and the investors of the Funds. Additionally, it should be noted that the Company is a significant investor in the Funds, with a 20% investment in Fund III and approximately a 23% investment in Fund IV. The long term success of the Funds benefits the Company, and thus shareholders, through both its capital investment and the Promote.

Since 2009, the awards listed below, as a percentage of the potential Promote, were made as a result of the recommendation of the Compensation Committee and approval by the Board of Trustees. In the future, the Compensation Committee and the Board of Trustees may or may not recommend or approve awards to executive officers of additional allocations up to the permitted 25%.

Fund III Awards. The awards shown in the table below are reflective of each Named Executive Officer's role in connection with investments made in Fund III. As of December 31, 2013, the Company had allocated the entire 25% of the Fund III Promote, including an aggregate amount of 5.2694% that was allocated to officers other than the Named Executive Officer's.

Name	2009 Award Percentage	2010 Award Percentage	2011 Award Percentage	2012 Award Percentage	2013 Award Percentage	Total Percentage
Kenneth F. Bernstein	6.2500%	0.8350%	0.8350%	0.8350%	1.4050%	10.1600%
Jonathan W. Grisham	0.6250%	0.1000%	0.1000%	0.1350%	0.2600%	1.2200%
Joel Braun	2.5000%	0.3000%	0.4000%	0.4000%	0.5750%	4.1750%
Christopher Conlon	0.2500%	0.5475%	0.5475%	0.5475%	0.9931%	2.8856%
Robert Masters	0.7500%	0.1350%	0.1350%	0.1350%	0.1350%	1.2900%
Total	10.3750%	1.9175%	2.0175%	2.0525%	3.3681%	19.7306%(1)

Note:

- (1) The total percentage of the Promote allocated may not be directly correlated with the amount of the Fund's invested capital. This provides the Promote recipients with incentive to acquire appropriate assets with the remaining funds in the Fund and to ensure that diligent efforts will be made to achieve stabilization of those assets.

Fund IV Awards. The awards shown in the table below are reflective of each Named Executive Officer's role in connection with investments made in Fund IV. The Company has allocated an additional 1.2750% of the permitted 25% Fund IV Promote allocation to officers other than the Named Executive Officers, with the remaining 20.0500% being unallocated as of the date of this proxy statement. The Board of Trustees may in the future allocate the remaining 20.0500% of the unallocated 25% Promote allocation to one or more of the Named Executive Officers or other officers of the Company.

Name	2014 Award Percentage	2015 Award Percentage	Total Percentage
Kenneth F. Bernstein	0.8750%	0.8750%	1.7500%
Jonathan W. Grisham	0.1625%	0.1625%	0.3250%
Joel Braun	0.4000%	0.4000%	0.8000%
Christopher Conlon	0.4000%	0.4000%	0.8000%
Robert Masters	—%	—%	—%
Total	1.8375%	1.8375%	3.6750% (1)

Note:

- (1) The total percentage of the Promote allocated may not be directly correlated with the amount of the Fund's invested capital. This provides the Promote recipients with incentive to acquire appropriate assets with the remaining funds in the Fund and to ensure that diligent efforts will be made to achieve stabilization of those assets.

As of March 31, 2015, the Company has determined that the awards granted under the program currently have no value.

Roles of the NEOs in the Funds. As Chief Executive Officer of the Company, Mr. Bernstein is the primary decision maker on what investments, if any, the Funds will make. He also sources many of the transactions that become investments through his many contacts in the real estate business. His acumen in investing is one of the reasons behind the Company's success and the independent members of the Board of Trustees believe it is appropriate that he be given the largest grant.

Mr. Braun is the Chief Investment Officer of the Company, specifically charged with running the acquisitions group at the Company, sourcing investments to be reviewed, heading up the due diligence efforts, coordinating the efforts of the Company's team, investigating the asset, being responsible for the investment book describing the asset for approval by the investors in the Funds as well as the Company's Capital Markets and Investments Committee, and negotiating the purchase with the seller. As a result

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of the critical role Mr. Braun plays in acquiring assets for the Funds, the Board of Trustees granted him an allocation which it believes reflects his contribution to the Funds' success.

Mr. Conlon, in addition to holding the title of Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company, supports the acquisition process. Part of the acquisition process involves Mr. Conlon using his expertise to evaluate existing tenants of an asset, the store profitability of the tenants and reviewing and determining the likelihood of replacing tenants at lower, the same or higher rents. In addition, Mr. Conlon's contacts and informal discussions with tenants can shed light on the viability of a location. As a result of the critical role Mr. Conlon plays in the long-term planning and design of the Funds, the Board of Trustees granted him an allocation which it believes reflects his contribution to the Funds' success.

The allocations of the Fund III Promote and the Fund IV Promote made to Messrs. Masters and Grisham are reflective of their respective roles in the acquisition process for the Funds, as well as their ongoing role in the development, management, financing and stabilization of the acquired assets. Their responsibilities extend beyond the acquisition phase and continue until the assets are sold. The allocations reflect the Board of Trustees conclusions as to the relative contribution Messrs. Masters and Grisham have made and will continue to make to each of the Funds.

#### C. Post-employment Severance and Change in Control Payments; Recoupment of Awards

The Company offers post-employment severance and change in control payments to its Named Executive Officers based on the circumstances of termination. See EMPLOYMENT AND SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS WITH NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS - Upon a Change in Control and Termination for the definition of "Change in Control." The Company includes severance and Change in Control payments as an element of its executive compensation structure to support the compensation elements described above. However, the Company's severance and Change in Control payment structure also serves an important retention function by providing for forfeiture of awards in appropriate circumstances, such as in the event of a voluntary termination.

#### D. Standard Employee Benefit Plans

The Company provides a variety of medical, dental, life, disability and accidental death and dismemberment insurance policies that are generally available to all of its full-time employees. The Company also provides a contributory 401(k) savings plan to employees of the Company (the "401(k) Plan"), which provides for matching contributions of 50% up to the first 6% of the participant's base salary contributed to the 401(k) Plan. The All Other Compensation Table summarizes the matching contributions that the Company made to the Named Executive Officers under the 401(k) Plan for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2014, 2013 and 2012. In addition, due to the nature of the travel obligations of the Named Executive Officers, including visiting current and potential properties, the Company previously provided automobile allowances for its Named Executive Officers for the year ended December 31, 2012. The costs of these benefits constitute only a small percentage of each of the Company's Named Executive Officer's total compensation. None of the Named Executive Officers received an automobile allowance in the years ended December 31, 2014 or 2013.

In 2003, the Company instituted the Acadia Realty Trust Employee Share Purchase Plan (the "Share Purchase Plan", and collectively with the 2006 Plan, "Share Incentive Plans"). The Share Purchase Plan allows eligible employees of the Company to purchase, through payroll deductions, Common Shares in the Company at a 15% discount to the closing price of the Company's Common Shares on either the first day or the last day of the quarter, whichever is lower. The Share Purchase Plan is designed to retain and motivate the employees of the Company and its designated affiliates by encouraging them to acquire ownership in the Company. The Company has reserved 100,000 Common Shares for issuance under the Share Purchase Plan. The Share Purchase Plan is intended to be an "employee stock purchase plan" within the meaning of Section 423 of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended,

which allows an employee to defer recognition of taxes when purchasing Common Shares under such a plan. During 2014, 2013 and 2012, 4,668, 3,678 and 3,829 Common Shares, respectively, were purchased by employees under the Share Purchase Plan. As of the date hereof, no Named Executive Officer participates in the Share Purchase Plan.

#### IV. Method for Determining Executive Compensation

In evaluating executive compensation, the Compensation Committee considers an annual report and recommendations from the Company's CEO for the Company's Named Executive Officers and other senior officers (excluding the CEO himself). In addition, the Compensation Committee Consultant advises the Compensation Committee on executive compensation. The Compensation Committee is responsible for recommending the CEO's compensation to the independent Trustees. The CEO does not participate in approving his own compensation. The Compensation Committee continually focuses on attaining the right balance between company size, complexity of the business model and performance, and considers Peer Group data provided by the Compensation Committee Consultant and surveys with respect to other publicly-traded REITs of comparable size to the Company (see below for further information). The Compensation Committee uses the Peer Group data to compare the companies' executive compensation

programs as a whole and the total compensation of individual executives. The Compensation Committee does not identify a particular level of competitiveness with other companies, but tries to attain a range and a target of compensation for each position that is competitive in the marketplace.

The Company's size can impact management's scope of responsibility and, thus, should be a component of the compensation analysis, but absolute and relative performance is also a critical component, as well as the sophisticated nature of the Company's business. The Compensation Committee also takes into account the complicated fund structure and the value-added nature of the Company's business when comparing executive compensation with companies of similar market capitalization but with less of a growth and redevelopment focus.

#### V. How the Elements of Executive Compensation Interact and Affect Each Other

The Company believes the four main elements of its executive compensation structure - base salaries that provide a minimal level of compensation, performance incentive compensation, post-employment severance and Change in Control payments and standard employee benefits - are well aligned with the Company's seven overall executive compensation objectives listed above under "-Objectives of Acadia Realty Trust's Executive Compensation Program." The Company believes that a well-proportioned mix of reliable compensation in the form of a base salary with compensation intended to provide incentives and rewards for dedication, hard work, and success in the form of performance incentive compensation will produce a high level of performance for the Company and will promote the Company's "pay for performance" philosophy.

Overall, the Company's Compensation Committee has endeavored to structure the total compensation of the Company's Named Executive Officers in a manner that is competitive in the REIT industry, while emphasizing performance-based compensation more heavily than base salaries. In this way, the Company's Named Executive Officers receive compensation that is as closely aligned as feasible with the interests of the Company's shareholders. Further, the Company's executive compensation structure advances the Company's overall objectives by (i) maximizing retention, (ii) increasing motivation and (iii) aligning the Named Executive Officer with overall shareholder interests.

#### VI. Benchmarking

In 2014, the Compensation Committee Consultant prepared a Peer Group analysis to determine the range of base salary, annual cash bonus and long-term compensation awards paid to executives in similar positions to the Company. In 2014, the Peer Group constituents were determined based on the following methodology:

• The Peer Group should be comprised solely of retail REITs, including shopping centers and freestanding and regional malls.

• All companies within the Peer Group must be within one-third and three times the size of the Company in terms of implied equity market capitalization.

The Peer Group was adjusted in 2014 to include Kite Realty Group Trust and Rouse Properties, Inc. Also, Cedar Realty Trust, DDR Corp., Federal Realty Investment Trust and Realty Income Corporation were removed due to being outside of the size parameters.

The Peer Group analysis was based on information disclosed in 2014 proxy statements, which reported fiscal year 2013 compensation and is the most recent publicly available data. The Peer Group data is used as a tool to ensure that the Company's compensation philosophy is consistent with current market practices and there is an appropriate link between performance and pay. Additionally, the Compensation Committee Consultant reviewed compensation structures and anticipated year over year adjustments in the private real estate environment but did not consider actual

compensation levels.

Compensation of the Named Executive Officers was not directly targeted at any specific levels of compensation of the Company's Peer Group. The Compensation Committee and the Board considers the competitive information provided to it by the Compensation Committee Consultant. Based on the compensation review completed in 2014, which, as noted above, included actual 2013 compensation of the Company's Peer Group, Messrs. Braun and Conlon's annual compensation was slightly below the 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. Mr. Bernstein's annual compensation was very slightly above that 50<sup>th</sup> percentile. Mr. Grisham's annual compensation is below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile, which the Compensation Committee Consultant has recognized as appropriate given his relative limited tenure in the role as compared to more experienced Chief Financial Officers ("CFOs") within the Peer Group.

2014 Peer Group. Listed below are the 14 publicly-traded REITs in the 2014 Peer Group, with equity market capitalizations ranging from approximately \$790 million to \$5.4 billion with a median equity market capitalization of approximately \$2.5 billion as compared to the Company's equity market capitalization of approximately \$1.9 billion at the time the Peer Group data was

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compiled on October 27, 2014. The Peer Group generally includes shopping center REITs but also includes select retail REITs, including freestanding and regional malls.

CBL and Associates Properties, Inc.  
Equity One, Inc.  
Excel Trust, Inc.  
Glimcher Realty Trust  
Kite Realty Group Trust  
National Retail Properties, Inc.  
Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust  
Ramco-Gershenson Properties  
Regency Centers Corporation  
Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.  
Rouse Properties, Inc.  
Spirit Realty Capital, Inc.  
Tanger Factory Outlet Centers, Inc.  
Weingarten Realty Investors

## VII. Timing of Equity Grants and Share Ownership Policy

The Company does not in any way time its share awards to the release of material non-public information. The CEO meets with the Compensation Committee in January or February of each year and recommends the share awards for the Named Executive Officers other than himself to be granted for the prior year. The Compensation Committee reviews the recommendations and then recommends the awards to the full Board of Trustees for approval. The awards are granted in the first quarter of the current year. There is no consequence for selling vested shares but the Company does encourage Named Executive Officers and Trustees to hold and has approved guidelines for share ownership for Named Executive Officers and Trustees.

The Board of Trustees has instituted a share ownership policy ("SOP"), containing guidelines for Named Executive Officers and Trustees to own at all times a certain level of the Company's Common Shares (which includes LTIP Units as well). This policy further aligns Named Executive Officers and Trustees' interests with those of shareholders. The SOP has the additional purpose of helping the Company's Named Executive Officers build wealth that they may use as a source of supplemental retirement income. Although not mandatory, the recommended targets are as follows:

- Ten times salary plus cash bonus for the Chief Executive Officer
- Four times salary plus cash bonus for the Chief Investment Officer
- Three times salary plus cash bonus for other Named Executive Officers
- Three times total annual fees for non-employee Trustees

As of the date hereof, all Named Executive Officers, including the CEO and non-employee Trustees, met the recommended targets.

The other provisions of the policy are:

•Common Shares, Restricted Share Units, LTIP Units, Restricted LTIP Units and OP Units count toward the standard.  
•Options do not count toward the standard.

•Newly Named Executive Officers and Trustees have five years to reach the standard that applies to them.

Named Executive Officers and Trustees are encouraged to achieve and maintain the target level of ownership until they leave the Company or Board, as applicable.

The policy constitutes a set of guidelines. As such, it does not set forth any penalties for non-compliance. The treatment of non-compliance is left to the discretion of the Board, in collaboration with the CEO and the Compensation Committee.

In addition, the Company has a corporate governance policy in place that prohibits Trustees and certain executive officers from engaging in the following activities with respect to Company securities: (i) short sales, (ii) purchases or sales of derivative securities of the Company or any derivative securities that provide the economic equivalent, (iii) maintaining a margin account secured by shares of the Company and (iv) pledges as collateral for a loan.

## VIII. Impact of Accounting and Tax Treatment

## Accounting Treatment

Cash-based compensation, including salary and bonus, are generally charged as an expense in the period in which the amounts are earned by the NEO. The Company expenses the cost of share-based compensation, including Restricted Share Units and Restricted LTIP Units, in its financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 718, "Compensation - Stock Compensation" ("ASC Topic 718"). In accordance with ASC Topic 718, the grant date fair value of equity awards is amortized ratably into expense over the vesting period.

## Tax Treatment

The Compensation Committee has reviewed the Company's compensation policies in light of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, as amended, which generally limits deductions for compensation paid to certain executive officers to \$1,000,000 per annum (although certain performance based compensation is not subject to that limit), and determined that the compensation levels of the Company's CEO, Chief Investment Officer ("CIO") and Chief Operating Officer ("COO") (but no other Named Executive Officers) could be affected by such provisions. The Compensation Committee intends to continue to review the application of Section 162(m) to the Company with respect to any future compensation programs considered by the Company. In view of its overall executive compensation structure, the Compensation Committee has determined that it is appropriate for the CEO, CIO and COO to have the potential to receive compensation that is not deductible under Section 162(m).

## IX. Relationship of Compensation Policies and Practices to Risk Management

The Compensation Committee has considered the risks arising from the Company's compensation policies and practices for its employees, and does not believe those risks are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

## X. Specific 2014 Decisions and 2015 Changes

## Salary

Working with market data supplied by FTI Consulting, the Compensation Committee reviewed the base salaries of the Named Executive Officers for 2014 and 2015. Consistent with the Company's philosophy to offer competitive salaries to its key executives and Mr. Bernstein's solid performance in 2014, the Compensation Committee recommended and the Board of Trustees determined that Mr. Bernstein's annual salary will increase to \$582,700 for 2015. In addition, in order to keep base salaries competitive with those of its competitors, the Compensation Committee recommended and the Board of Trustees determined that the 2015 base salaries of the other Named Executive Officers will increase as follows:

Name	Base Salary		
	2014 Base Salary	2015 Base Salary	Percentage Increase Over 2014
Kenneth F. Bernstein	\$568,500	\$582,700	2.50%
Jonathan W. Grisham	351,800	360,600	2.50%
Joel Braun	394,100	404,000	2.50%
Christopher Conlon	372,600	381,900	2.50%

Robert Masters	319,500	327,500	2.50%
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#### Performance and Time-Based Incentive Awards

The compensation process begins with the creation of a bonus pool for Named Executive Officers (and other Senior Vice Presidents) as a group. This pool is then adjusted upwards or downwards based on the results of the objective and subjective metrics discussed below. The Board of Trustees, after consultation with the Compensation Committee, FTI Consulting and management, determined at the beginning of 2014 that the pool for 2014 would be approximately \$6.4 million if all metrics hit "Target" performance. If all metrics hit "Outperform," the pool would increase to approximately \$7.6 million and if all metrics hit "Threshold," the pool would decrease to approximately \$5.1 million. If all metrics did not meet the "Threshold" performance, there would be no bonus pool. Based on a combination of the results of the Company's performance metrics and individual/business unit performance metrics discussed below, the total bonus pool for 2014 was \$7.1 million (not including rounding and the effect of using ASC Topic 718),

reflecting that there was a mix of metrics achieved by the group between "Target" and "Outperform".

Bonus allocations for individual Named Executive Officers are based upon two separate categories of metrics: Company performance (70% of the overall determination) and individual/business unit performance (30% of the overall determination). The Board of Trustees, after consultation with the Compensation Committee, FTI Consulting and management, established the 2014 Company performance hurdles presented below.

#### A. Company Performance Metrics

##### Objective Metrics

The objective metrics, representing 40% of the bonus allocation, chosen for determining Company performance and the actual Company results are as follows (the percentages appearing in the "Bonus Allocation" column represent the percentage of total bonus allocated to that particular Company performance metric):

Objective Measurement	Bonus Allocation	Minimal	Threshold	Target	Outperform	Actual 2014 Results	Bonus Level Achieved
Funds From Operations ("FFO") Growth (1):	10%						
Absolute \$1.30 - \$1.40		\$1.30 - \$1.324	\$1.325 - \$1.349	\$1.35 - \$1.374	\$1.375 +	\$1.35 (AKR) (4)	Target
Relative vs. peer group		0% - 24%	25% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%	N/A(3)	
Net Operating Income ("NOI") Growth (Same Store) (2):	10%						
Absolute +4% to +5%		+4-+4.24	+4.25-+4.49	+4.50+4.74	+4.75+	5.2% (AKR)	Outperform
Relative vs. peer group		0% - 24%	25% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% - 100%	N/A(3)	
Total Shareholder Return: 20%							
Absolute		0% - 2.49%	2.5% - 4.99%	5.0% - 7.4%	7.5% +	34.5%	Outperform
Relative vs. peer group		Bottom 24%	25% - 49%	50% - 74%	75% +	N/A (3)	

##### Notes:

(1) See table below for a reconciliation of Net Income (GAAP) to FFO.

(2) NOI excludes various items included in operating income (GAAP) that are not indicative of the operating performance of a store. NOI is calculated by starting with operating income and (i) adding back general and administrative, depreciation and amortization, abandonment of project costs, reserve for notes receivable; and (ii) deducting management fee income; interest income; other income; lease termination income; and straight line rent and other adjustments.

(3) Each objective measurement is met if either one of the two performance standards (i.e. "Absolute" or "Relative") for each measurement is achieved. "Relative" performance of Peer Group was not applicable as the Company met the "Absolute" standards for each objective measurement.

(4) Reported FFO was \$1.26. For purposes of compensation, the Compensation Committee adjusted this result for \$0.09 of acquisition related costs.

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RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS	For the Year Ended December 31, 2014
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)	
Net income attributable to Common Shareholders	\$71,064
Depreciation of real estate and amortization of leasing costs (net of noncontrolling interests' share)	38,020
Gain on disposition of properties (net of noncontrolling interests' share)	(33,438 )
Income attributable to noncontrolling interests' in Operating Partnership	3,203
Distributions - Preferred OP Units	33
Funds from operations	78,882
Funds from operations per share - Diluted	
Weighted average Common Shares and OP Units	62,420
Funds from operations, per share	\$1.26

### Subjective Metrics

The other measure of Company performance, representing 30% of the bonus allocation, is subjective and includes the following aspects of executing the Company's strategic plan:

- Maintain a high-quality core portfolio of retail assets
- Maintain a healthy balance sheet with strong liquidity
- Maintain a disciplined growth strategy that enables opportunistic investing

With regard to the subjective Company metrics, the Compensation Committee and the full Board of Trustees evaluated the Company's performance with respect thereto to determine if it performed at a minimal, threshold, target or outperform level. The Compensation Committee and the full Board of Trustees agreed that the Company's performance on the subjective metrics met the "Target" level based on the following results for 2014:

- Same store net operating income increase of 5.2%, which compares favorably to our peer group average of 3.3%
- Including square footage leased, but not yet occupied, solid occupancy of the core portfolio of 95.9%
- Debt to market capitalization of 21%
- Fixed-charge coverage of 3.5:1
- 100% fixed rate debt on the Company's core portfolio at an average rate of 4.8%
- Including the Company's share of Fund debt 89% is fixed at average rate of 4.7%

### Individual/Business Unit Performance Metrics

With regard to the individual/business unit performance metrics, representing 30% of the bonus allocation, each Named Executive Officer had four goals that were established at the beginning of the year. These goals were different for each Named Executive Officer based on the different Company disciplines for which each of the Named Executive Officers was responsible and, while some could be objectively measured, overall they were more subjective in nature than the Company performance metrics. For example, some of the objective measures were as follows:

- Chief Financial Officer - ensure sufficient capital is available to execute the Company's growth plans
- Chief Investment Officer - invest opportunity fund (the "Funds") dollars within the Funds' investment period
- Chief Operating Officer - improve overall occupancy, same store lease spreads and property operating metrics

With respect to the subjective measures, each of the Named Executive Officers (other than the CEO) was judged on whether there was strong leadership of their departments. Other examples of the more subjective measures were as

follows:

• Chief Executive Officer - ensuring the Company's long-term financial stability by raising new sources of capital and by preserving and expanding the Company's liquidity position

• Chief Executive Officer - stewardship at the top of the organization and success in interfacing with major institutional investors and joint venture partners

• Chief Financial Officer - source both equity and debt capital at the lowest cost possible

• Senior Legal Counsel - interface with joint venture partners; provide support in structuring investment transactions

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With regard to the subjective individual/business unit metrics, the Compensation Committee and the full Board of Trustees evaluated the Named Executive Officers' performance to determine if they performed at a minimal, threshold, target or outperform level. The Compensation Committee and the full Board of Trustees agreed that the majority of the Named Executive Officers' performance met the "Outperform" level for the subjective individual/business unit metrics.

#### 2014 Bonuses Based on Performance Metrics

On March 5, 2015, the Board of Trustees approved an annual bonus payable in the form of time-based Restricted LTIP Units, 2014 long-term incentive awards payable in the form of time-based and performance-based Restricted LTIP Units and an additional award as follows:

Name	Annual Bonus	2014 Long-term Incentive Awards (3)		LTIP Unit Award (1) (3)	Additional Award (3)
		Time-Based	Performance-Based	Time-Based	Time-Based
Kenneth F. Bernstein	(1 )	\$ 600,391	\$ 600,425	\$ 2,401,667	\$—
Jonathan W. Grisham	(1 )	110,768	110,802	443,139	—
Joel Braun	(1 )	189,989	189,989	760,026	—
Christopher Conlon	\$ 200,000 (2)	126,081	126,081	246,105	—
Robert Masters	(1 )	92,391	92,391	369,532	363,168

#### Notes:

(1) NEO annual bonus was received in LTIP Units. The number of LTIP Units granted in connection with this portion of the LTIP Unit award were at a 25% discount as discussed below.

(2) Mr. Conlon converted 50% of the cash bonus to LTIP Units. The number of LTIP Units granted in connection with this portion of the LTIP Unit award were at a 25% discount as discussed below.

(3) Calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718. The valuation of the awards detailed above is based on the Company's closing Common Share price of \$34.03 on the day preceding the Grant Date. Reference is made to Footnote 1 of the Summary Compensation Table for a discussion of ASC Topic 718.

In recommending these awards to the Board, the Compensation Committee considered all the factors detailed above. The Compensation Committee also considered compensation studies provided by FTI Consulting and surveys with respect to other comparable publicly-traded real estate investment trusts regarding executive compensation and performance benchmarks.

2014 long-term incentive awards and LTIP Unit awards to executives

The total 2014 long-term incentive awards and LTIP Unit awards approved by the Board to certain executive officers, including the Named Executive Officers, were allocated 83% as time-based awards and 17% as performance-based awards. These time-based and performance-based awards consist of non-vested Restricted LTIP Units. 38% of these awards were in the form of 2014 long-term incentive awards, the number for which was determined based on the trailing 20-day average price of the Company's Common Shares from the date of grant of \$35.14. The other 62% of these awards were in the form of Restricted LTIP Units awards, the number for which was determined by using a 25% discount to the trailing 20-day average price of the Company's Common Shares. The time-based portion of the Restricted LTIP Units will vest in five equal annual installments commencing on January 6, 2016 provided that the executive continues to be employed by the Company through the applicable vesting date. The performance-based portion of the Restricted LTIP Unit awards will also be subject to the Company achieving certain benchmarks established by the Board. Long-term incentive awards are intended to develop and retain strong management through share ownership and incentive awards that recognize future performance. These ownership opportunities and awards also provide a retention benefit by vesting over future periods.

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table lists the annual compensation for the fiscal years 2014, 2013 and 2012 awarded to the Named Executive Officers. Compensation included in the table relating to bonus and stock awards reflect amounts granted with respect to the periods reflected.

For information relating to the elements of compensation discussed in the Summary Compensation Table, please refer the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" above.

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Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$ (1))	Option Awards (\$ (1))	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$ (3))	Total (\$ (4))
Kenneth F. Bernstein Chief Executive Officer and President (Principal Executive Officer)	2014	\$568,500	\$1,672,946	(2)\$4,661,506	\$—	—	—	\$ 7,878	\$6,910,830
	2013	\$554,590	\$1,507,866	(2)\$1,507,946	\$—	—	—	\$ 7,728	\$3,578,130
	2012	\$500,000	\$1,345,727	(2)\$1,345,466	\$—	—	—	\$ 20,120	\$3,211,313
Jonathan W. Grisham Chief Financial Officer and Senior Vice President (Principal Financial Officer)	2014	\$351,800	\$315,120	(2)\$315,120	\$—	—	—	\$ 7,878	\$989,918
	2013	\$343,200	\$232,204	(2)\$433,293	\$—	—	—	\$ 7,728	\$1,016,425
	2012	\$256,500	\$141,707	(2)\$251,095	\$—	—	—	\$ 34,578	\$683,880
Joel Braun Chief Investment Officer and Executive Vice President	2014	\$394,100	\$540,221	(2)\$540,195	\$—	—	—	\$ 7,878	\$1,482,394
	2013	\$384,500	\$493,382	(2)\$493,383	\$—	—	—	\$ 7,728	\$1,378,993
	2012	\$327,800	\$435,315	(2)\$174,946	\$—	—	—	\$ 80,703	\$1,018,764
Christopher Conlon Chief Operating Officer and Executive Vice President	2014	\$372,600	\$558,291	(2)\$865,241	\$—	—	—	\$ 5,667	\$1,801,799
	2013	\$363,500	\$327,523	(2)\$327,522	\$—	—	—	\$ 3,903	\$1,022,448
	2012	\$283,300	\$227,346	(2)\$76,103	\$—	—	—	\$ 31,785	\$618,534

Robert Masters	2014	\$319,500	\$262,810	(2)	\$262,810	\$—	—	—	\$7,878	\$852,998
Senior Vice President,	2013	\$311,700	\$237,068	(2)	\$237,015	\$—	—	—	\$7,728	\$793,511
Senior Legal Counsel, Chief Compliance Officer and Secretary	2012	\$256,800	\$205,947	(2)	\$206,232	\$—	—	—	\$34,578	\$703,557

## Notes:

(1) Pursuant to SEC rules, the amounts disclosed in these columns reflect the grant date fair value of each Restricted Share and Restricted LTIP Unit award calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718. The Grant Date fair values of performance-based awards were calculated based on the maximum outcome of performance at the time of the grant. The values were calculated using the Common Share price at date of grant times the number of Restricted Share Units and Restricted LTIP Units awarded. For further information as to the Company's Restricted Share and Restricted LTIP Unit awards issued to employees, see Note 15 (Share Incentive Plan) to the Consolidated Financial Statements in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on February 20, 2015.

(2) Cash bonus was received in the form of Restricted LTIP Units. The number of Restricted LTIP Units granted in connection with this portion of the LTIP Unit award were at a 25% discount as discussed above. In the case of Mr. Conlon, the amounts include a \$200,000 cash bonus earned during 2014 but paid during 2015.

(3) Detail reflected in the All Other Compensation Table.

(4) Actual total compensation earned by the Named Executive Officers, after giving effect to share and option awards in the year they were earned rather than in the year they were granted were as follows:

	2014	2013	2012
Mr. Bernstein	\$4,178,862	\$3,908,208	\$3,535,906
Mr. Grisham	\$1,024,386	\$981,168	\$956,575
Mr. Braun	\$1,541,983	\$1,472,644	\$1,395,268
Mr. Conlon	\$1,076,534	\$1,590,935	\$970,104
Mr. Masters	\$1,244,861	\$845,048	\$765,461

## ALL OTHER COMPENSATION TABLE

	Kenneth F. Bernstein			Jonathan W. Grisham			Joel Braun		
	2014	2013	2012	2014	2013	2012	2014	2013	2012
Perquisites and other personal benefits, unless the aggregate amount is less than \$10,000 (1)	\$—	\$—	\$12,542	\$—	\$—	\$27,000	\$—	\$—	\$27,000
Annual Company contributions or allocations to vested and unvested defined contribution plans (2)	7,800	7,650	7,500	7,800	7,650	7,500	7,800	7,650	7,500
The dollar value of insurance premiums paid by the Company on life insurance policies for the benefit of the Named Executive Officer	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78	78
The dollar value of any dividends or other earnings paid on stock or option awards when the dividends or earnings were not factored into the grant date fair value (3)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	46,125
Total Other Compensation	\$7,878	\$7,728	\$20,120	\$7,878	\$7,728	\$34,578	\$7,878	\$7,728	\$80,703



## ALL OTHER COMPENSATION TABLE (continued)

	Christopher Conlon			Robert Masters		
	2014	2013	2012	2014	2013	2012
Perquisites and other personal benefits, unless the aggregate amount is less than \$10,000 (1)	\$—	\$—	\$27,000	\$—	\$—	\$27,000
Annual Company contributions or allocations to vested and unvested defined contribution plans (2)	5,589	3,825	4,707	7,800	7,650	7,500
The dollar value of insurance premiums paid by the Company on life insurance policies for the benefit of the Named Executive Officer	78	78	78	78	78	78
The dollar value of any dividends or other earnings paid on stock or option awards when the dividends or earnings were not factored into the grant date fair value (3)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total Other Compensation	\$5,667	\$3,903	\$31,785	\$7,878	\$7,728	\$34,578

## Notes:

(1) Represents automobile allowances.

(2) Represents contributions made by the Company to the account of the Named Executive Officer under a 401(k) Plan.

(3) The amounts include cumulative dividends on unvested Restricted Share Units which were paid to all Named Executive Officer's upon the vesting of those Restricted Share Units in January 2014, 2013 and 2012, respectively.

## GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS

Pursuant to the Company's Share Incentive Plans, the Company granted annual bonus unit awards and long-term incentive awards to the Named Executive Officers on February 28, 2014. The annual bonus unit awards consisted of time-based non-vested Restricted LTIP Units. The total long-term incentive awards consisted of non-vested Restricted LTIP Units which were allocated 50% as time-based awards and 50% as performance-based awards. For the 50% performance-based award, one of the following must occur: (i) the Company must achieve a 7% or greater increase in funds from operation ("FFO"); (ii) FFO growth must be equal to or greater than the top one-third of the Peer Group, as determined by the Compensation Committee; (iii) the Company must achieve a 8% annual total shareholder return; or (iv) the total annual shareholder return must be equal to or greater than the top one-third of the Peer Group.

The following table provides a summary of all grants awarded to the Named Executive Officers during 2014:

Name	Grant Date	Estimated Future Payouts Under Performance-Based Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards			Estimated Future Payouts Under Performance-Based Equity Incentive Plan Awards			All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stock or Units	Number of Securities Underlying Options	Exercise or Base Price of Option Awards	Grant Date of Stock and Option Awards	Fair Value of Stock and Option Awards
		Threshold	Target	Maximum	Threshold	Target	Maximum					
		(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(#)	(#) (1)	(#)	(#) (2)	(#)	(\$/Sh)	(\$/Sh) (3)	
Kenneth F. Bernstein	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	21,236	—	21,236	—	—	\$1,115,315	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	84,942	—	—	2,230,577	
	3/31/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	114,198	(4)	—	2,988,562	
						21,236		220,376			\$6,334,454	
Jonathan W. Grisham	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	4,000	—	4,000	—	—	\$210,080	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	16,000	—	—	420,160	
						4,000		20,000			\$630,240	
Joel Braun	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	6,857	—	6,857	—	—	\$360,130	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	27,429	—	—	720,286	
						6,857		34,286			\$1,080,416	
Christopher Conlon	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	4,548	—	4,548	—	—	\$238,861	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	19,305	—	—	506,949	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	18,192	—	—	477,722	
						4,548		42,045			\$1,223,532	
Robert Masters	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	3,336	—	3,336	—	—	\$175,207	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—	—	—	—	13,344	—	—	350,413	



3,336

16,680

\$525,620

Notes:

(1) Represents the performance-based portion of the 2013 awards which will be earned over 5 years with 20% earned each year subject to the Company meeting certain performance thresholds. The holders of these Restricted LTIP Units are entitled to receive distributions in an amount equal to the per share dividend paid to holders of Common Shares.

(2) The Restricted LTIP Units vest over 5 years with 20% vesting on January 6, 2015 and 20% on each anniversary thereof. The holders of these Restricted LTIP Units are entitled to receive distributions in an amount equal to the per share dividend paid to holders of Common Shares.

(3) Calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718. The Grant Date fair values of performance-based awards were calculated based on the probable outcome of performance at the time of the grant. The values were calculated using the Common Share price at the date prior to the grant date times the number of Restricted LTIP Units awarded. The per share fair value of each grant was \$26.26.

(4) Represents a one-time award granted to Mr. Bernstein in connection with his amended and restated employment agreement dated March 31, 2014. The values were calculated using the Common Share price at the date prior to the grant date times the number of Restricted LTIP Units awarded. The per share fair value of each grant was \$26.17.

OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Equity Incentive Plan Awards:		Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units That Have Not Vested	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Equity Incentive Plan Awards:	
				Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options					Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested	Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Rights That Have Not Vested
		(#)	(#)	(#)	(\$)			(#) (9)	(\$) (1) (10)	(#) (1) (11)	(\$) (1) (11)
Kenneth F. Bernstein	1/6/2006	36,034	—	—	\$20.65	1/5/2016	—	—	—	—	\$—
	1/31/2008	—	—	—				12,974	(2) 415,557	—	—
	1/31/2008	—	—	—				8,984	(2) 287,758	8,984	287,758
	3/1/2010	—	—	—				14,133	(4) 452,680	—	—
	3/1/2010	—	—	—				5,300	(4) 169,759	5,300	169,759
	3/3/2011	—	—	—				33,596	(5) 1,076,080	—	—
	3/3/2011	—	—	—				8,399	(5) 269,020	8,400	269,052
	3/3/2011	—	—	—				89,237	(5) 2,858,261	—	—
	3/15/2012	—	—	—				12,250	(6) 392,368	12,249	392,335

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3/15/2012—	—	—	48,999	(6)	1,569,438	—	—
2/22/2013—	—	—	15,043	(7)	481,827	15,044	481,859
2/22/2013—	—	—	60,174	(7)	1,927,373	—	—
2/28/2014—	—	—	21,236	(8)	680,189	21,236	680,189
2/28/2014—	—	—	84,942	(8)	2,720,692	—	—
3/31/2014—	—	—	114,198	(9)	3,657,762	—	—
36,034	—	—	529,465		\$ 16,958,764	71,213	\$ 2,280,952

Jonathan

W. 1/6/2006 1,491 — — \$20.65 1/5/2016 — \$— — \$—

Grisham

1/31/2008—	—	—	256	(3)	8,200	—	—
1/31/2008—	—	—	380	(3)	12,171	380	12,171
3/1/2010 —	—	—	883	(4)	28,282	—	—
3/1/2010 —	—	—	663	(4)	21,236	662	21,204

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	3/3/2011	—	—			3,892	(5) 124,661	—	—	
	3/3/2011	—	—			977	(5) 31,293	977	31,293	
	3/15/2012	—	—			5,160	(6) 165,275	—	—	
	3/15/2012	—	—			2,784	(6) 89,172	2,784	89,172	
	2/22/2013	—	—			9,266	(7) 296,790	—	—	
	2/22/2013	—	—			6,018	(7) 192,757	—	—	
	2/22/2013	—	—			2,317	(7) 74,214	2,317	74,214	
	2/28/2014	—	—			4,000	(8) 128,120	4,000	128,120	
	2/28/2014	—	—			16,000	(8) 512,480	—	—	
	1,491	—	—			52,596	\$1,684,651	11,120	\$356,174	
Joel Braun	1/6/2006	6,088	—	—	\$20.65	1/5/2016	—	\$—	—	\$—
	1/31/2008	—	—	—		1,629	(3) 52,177	—	—	
	1/31/2008	—	—	—		1,131	(3) 36,226	1,129	36,162	
	3/1/2010	—	—	—		2,528	(4) 80,972	—	—	
	3/1/2010	—	—	—		1,896	(4) 60,729	1,896	60,729	
	3/3/2011	—	—	—		10,891	(5) 348,839	—	—	
	3/3/2011	—	—	—		2,730	(5) 87,442	2,730	87,442	
	3/15/2012	—	—	—		7,925	(6) 253,838	—	—	
	3/15/2012	—	—	—		835	(6) 26,745	—	—	
	3/15/2012	—	—	—		3,954	(6) 126,647	3,953	126,615	
	2/22/2013	—	—	—		4,923	(7) 157,684	4,922	157,652	
	2/22/2013	—	—	—		19,689	(7) 630,639	—	—	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—		6,857	(8) 219,630	6,857	219,630	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—		27,429	(8) 878,551	—	—	
	6,088	—	—			92,417	\$2,960,119	21,487	\$688,230	
Christopher Conlon	3/1/2010	—	—	—		393	(4) \$12,588	—	\$—	
	3/1/2010	—	—	—		491	(4) 15,727	491	15,727	
	3/3/2011	—	—	—		1,428	(5) 45,739	1,428	45,739	
	3/3/2011	—	—	—		18,373	(5) 588,487	—	—	
	3/15/2012	—	—	—		4,139	(6) 132,572	—	—	
	3/15/2012	—	—	—		2,075	(6) 66,462	2,075	66,462	
	2/22/2013	—	—	—		13,070	(7) 418,632	—	—	
	2/22/2013	—	—	—		3,268	(7) 104,674	3,268	104,674	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—		4,548	(8) 145,672	4,548	145,672	
	2/28/2014	—	—	—		37,497	(8) 1,201,029	—	—	
	—	—	—			85,282	\$2,731,582	11,810	\$378,274	
Robert Masters	1/31/2008	—	—	—		689	(3) \$22,069	—	\$—	
	1/31/2008	—	—	—		478	(3) 15,310	478	15,310	
	3/1/2010	—	—	—		2,241	(4) 71,779	—	—	
	3/1/2010	—	—	—		841	(4) 26,937	840	26,905	

3/1/2010	—	—	4,685	(4)	150,061	—	—
3/3/2011	—	—	4,984	(5)	159,638	—	—
3/3/2011	—	—	1,239	(5)	39,685	1,239	39,685
3/15/2012	—	—	7,498	(6)	240,161	—	—
3/15/2012	—	—	1,880	(6)	60,216	1,880	60,216
2/22/2013	—	—	9,460	(7)	303,004	—	—
2/22/2013	—	—	2,365	(7)	75,751	2,365	75,751
2/28/2014	—	—	3,336	(8)	106,852	3,336	106,852
2/28/2014	—	—	13,344	(8)	427,408	—	—
	—	—	53,040		\$ 1,698,871	10,138	\$ 324,719

## Notes:

- (1) Market value computed by multiplying the closing market price of the Company's Common Shares of \$32.03 as of December 31, 2014 by the number of Restricted Share Units or Restricted LTIP Units that have not vested.
- (2) Restricted LTIP Units vest over ten years with the last vesting on January 6, 2018.
- (3) Restricted LTIP Units vest over seven years with the last vesting on January 6, 2015.
- (4) Restricted LTIP Units vest over five years with the last vesting on January 6, 2015.
- (5) Restricted LTIP Units vest over five years with the last vesting on January 6, 2016.
- (6) Restricted LTIP Units vest over five years with the last vesting on January 6, 2017.
- (7) Restricted LTIP Units vest over five years with the last vesting on January 6, 2018.
- (8) Restricted LTIP Units vest over five years with the last vesting on January 6, 2019.
- (9) Restricted LTIP Units vest over five years with the last vesting on March 31, 2019.
- (10) Represents the time-based portion of the awards.
- (11) Represents the performance-based portion of the awards.

## OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED

The Option Exercises and Stock Vested Table provides a summary of all values realized by the Named Executive Officers upon the exercise of options and similar instruments or the vesting of Restricted Share Units or Restricted LTIP Units during the last fiscal year.

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Name	Grant Date	Exercise/Vesting Date	Option Awards		Stock Awards	
			Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$) (1)
Kenneth F. Bernstein	1/3/2005	5/8/2014	19,866	\$219,122	—	\$—
	1/31/2008	1/6/2014	—	—	7,733	194,949
	3/5/2009	1/6/2014	—	—	14,134	356,318
	3/1/2010	1/6/2014	—	—	24,733	623,519
	3/3/2011	1/6/2014	—	—	30,447	767,569
	3/15/2012	1/6/2014	—	—	24,498	617,595
	2/22/2013	1/6/2014	—	—	22,564	568,838
			19,866	\$219,122	124,109	\$3,128,788
Jonathan W. Grisham	1/3/2005	6/9/2014	2,384	\$28,536	—	\$—
	1/31/2008	1/6/2014	—	—	1,016	25,613
	3/5/2009	1/6/2014	—	—	3,638	91,714
	3/1/2010	1/6/2014	—	—	2,207	55,638
	3/3/2011	1/6/2014	—	—	2,922	73,664
	3/15/2012	1/6/2014	—	—	3,576	90,151
	2/22/2013	1/6/2014	—	—	4,979	125,521
			2,384	\$28,536	18,338	\$462,301
Joel Braun	1/3/2005	12/8/2014	7,152	\$110,498	—	\$—
	1/31/2008	1/6/2014	—	—	3,888	98,016
	3/5/2009	1/6/2014	—	—	5,024	126,655
	3/1/2010	1/6/2014	—	—	6,320	159,327
	3/3/2011	1/6/2014	—	—	8,176	206,117
	3/15/2012	1/6/2014	—	—	5,557	140,092
	2/22/2013	1/6/2014	—	—	7,382	186,100
			7,152	\$110,498	36,347	\$916,307
Christopher Conlon	3/5/2009	1/6/2014	—	\$—	2,106	\$53,092
	3/1/2010	1/6/2014	—	—	1,372	34,588
	3/3/2011	1/6/2014	—	—	1,428	36,000
	3/15/2012	1/6/2014	—	—	2,762	69,630
	2/22/2013	1/6/2014	—	—	4,900	123,529
			—	\$—	12,568	\$316,839
Robert Masters	1/31/2008	1/6/2014	—	\$—	1,643	\$41,420
	3/5/2009	1/6/2014	—	—	2,202	55,512
	3/1/2010	1/6/2014	—	—	8,605	216,932
	3/3/2011	1/6/2014	—	—	3,732	94,084
	3/15/2012	1/6/2014	—	—	3,752	94,588
			—	—	3,546	89,395

— \$— 23,480 \$591,931

Note:

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(1) Value based on the market value of the Company's common shares on the vesting date. The closing price of the Company's common shares was \$25.21 on January 6, 2014.

## EMPLOYMENT AND SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS WITH NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Company has entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Bernstein and severance agreements with each of the other Named Executive Officers.

### Kenneth F. Bernstein Amended and Restated Employment Agreement

On March 31, 2014, the Company entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with Kenneth F. Bernstein, extending Mr. Bernstein's position as President and Chief Executive Officer for a minimum of three years and which is renewable for successive yearly periods. A new feature of the agreement is that Mr. Bernstein is now subject to a 15 month post-termination non-compete and non-poaching provision if his employment terminates under certain circumstances. Mr. Bernstein's base salary was \$568,500 and is subject to an annual review and adjustment by the Board of Trustees, based on recommendations of the Compensation Committee. In connection with the amendment and restatement of the employment agreement, the Company issued Mr. Bernstein an award of full-value shares with a fair value of \$3,000,000, subject to vesting in equal installments over five years.

Each year during the term of Mr. Bernstein's employment, the full Board of Trustees (excluding Mr. Bernstein), at the Compensation Committee's recommendation, considers Mr. Bernstein for an incentive bonus (to be determined by the Compensation Committee and recommended for approval to the full Board of Trustees) and discretionary bonuses payable in cash, Restricted Share Units, options, Restricted LTIP Units, or any combination thereof, as the Board of Trustees and the Compensation Committee may approve. Mr. Bernstein is also entitled to participate in all benefit plans, health insurance, disability, retirement and incentive compensation plans generally available to the Company's executives.

### Severance Agreements for Named Executive Officers Other than Mr. Bernstein

The Company has entered into severance agreements with each of the Named Executive Officers other than Mr. Bernstein. These agreements provide for certain termination or severance payments to be made by the Company to a Named Executive Officer in the event of his termination of employment as the result of his Death, Disability, discharge for Cause or Without Cause, resignation or a termination by the Named Executive Officer for Good Reason (the terms, "Death," "Disability," "Cause," "Without Cause" and "Good Reason" each defined below). If the Named Executive Officer's employment is terminated either because he is discharged without Cause or due to a termination by the Named Executive Officer for Good Reason, the Company will be required to make a lump sum payment equal to among other things, unpaid salary and bonus, severance and pro rata bonus, each paid in accordance with the terms and conditions of such agreements. These payments will be reduced to the extent that they would otherwise be considered parachute payments within the meaning of Section 280G of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

### Termination and Definitions For Cause

The Company has the right to terminate a Named Executive Officer's employment for "Cause" upon the Named Executive Officer's: (A) deliberate misrepresentation in connection with, or willful failure to cooperate with, a bona fide internal investigation or an investigation by regulatory or law enforcement authorities, after being instructed by the Company to cooperate, or the willful destruction or failure to preserve documents or other materials known to be relevant to such investigation or the willful inducement of others to fail to cooperate or to produce documents or other materials; (B) failure to perform his duties hereunder (other than any such failure resulting from Named Executive



Officer's incapacity due to physical or mental illness) which failure continues for a period of three business days after written demand for corrective action is delivered by the Company specifically identifying the manner in which the Company believes the Named Executive Officer has not performed his duties; (C) conduct by the Named Executive Officer constituting a material act of willful misconduct in connection with the performance of his duties, including, without limitation, misappropriation of funds or property of the Company other than the occasional, customary and de minimis use of the Company's property for personal purposes; (D) material violation of a Company policy; (E) disparagement of the Company, its officers, Trustees, employees or partners; (F) soliciting any existing employee of the Company above the level of an administrative assistant to work at another company; or (G) the commission by the Named Executive Officer of a felony or misdemeanor involving moral turpitude, deceit, dishonesty or fraud.

#### Death

A Named Executive Officer's employment will terminate upon their death.

#### Disability

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The Company has the right to terminate a Named Executive Officer's employment due to "Disability" in the event that there is a determination by the Company that the Named Executive Officer has become physically or mentally incapable of performing his duties under the agreement and such Disability has disabled the Named Executive Officer for a cumulative period of 180 days within a twelve-month period.

#### Good Reason

A Named Executive Officer has the right to terminate his employment for "Good Reason," which is defined to mean: (A) upon the occurrence of any material breach of the agreement by the Company which includes but not be limited to: a material, adverse alteration in the nature of Named Executive Officer's duties, responsibilities or authority; (B) upon a reduction in Named Executive Officer's annual base salary or a material reduction in other benefits (except for bonuses or similar discretionary payments) as in effect at the time in question, or a failure to pay such amounts when due which is not cured by the Company within ten days after written notice of such default by the Named Executive Officer; (C) if the Company relocates the Named Executive Officer's office requiring the Named Executive Officer to increase his commuting time by more than one hour; or (D) the Company's failure to provide benefits comparable to those provided the Named Executive Officer as of the effective date, other than any such failure which affects all comparably situated officers, then the Named Executive Officer will have the right to terminate his employment, which termination will be deemed for Good Reason.

#### Without Cause

The Company has the right to terminate a Named Executive Officer's employment without Cause.

#### Upon a Change of Control and Termination

The Named Executive Officers may be entitled to benefits upon a Change of Control and termination of their employment as discussed below.

"Change of Control" has the meaning as set forth in the 2006 Plan.

#### SPECIFIC CIRCUMSTANCES THAT WOULD TRIGGER PAYMENTS UNDER THE EMPLOYEE AND SEVERANCE AGREEMENTS AND POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE OF CONTROL

The specific circumstances that would trigger payments and amount of compensation that would be paid by the Company under Mr. Bernstein's employment agreement and the other Named Executive Officers' severance agreements are as follows:

#### Compensation upon Termination of Employment by the Company for Cause or Voluntarily By the Named Executive Officer

In the event the Company terminates a Named Executive Officer's employment for Cause, or a Named Executive Officer voluntarily terminates his employment, the Company will pay that Named Executive Officer any unpaid annual base salary at the rate then in effect accrued through and including the date of termination and any accrued vacation pay. In addition, in such event, the Named Executive Officer will be entitled to exercise any options which, as of the date of termination, have vested and are exercisable in accordance with the terms of the applicable option grant agreement or plan. All options and all Restricted Share Units granted to the executive which have not vested on the date of termination will automatically terminate.



Compensation under Mr. Bernstein's Employment Agreement upon Termination of Employment upon Death, Disability, Without Cause or for Good Reason or Change of Control and Termination of Employment

In the event of termination by the Company of Mr. Bernstein's employment as a result of his Death, Disability, Without Cause or by Mr. Bernstein for Good Reason, subject to the execution of a release of claims by Mr. Bernstein (other than in the case of death), the Company is obligated to pay or provide to Mr. Bernstein, his estate or personal representative, the following: (i) any unpaid accrued salary through and including the date of termination; plus (ii) an amount equal to three times his current salary; (iii) an additional amount equal to three times the average of the cash value of the bonuses (whether awarded as cash incentive bonuses or in Restricted Share Units or Restricted LTIP Units, the value of the latter to be calculated as of the date of the award) awarded to Mr. Bernstein for each of the last two years immediately preceding the year in which Mr. Bernstein's employment is terminated; (iv) a further amount computed at an annualized rate equal to the average of the cash incentive bonuses awarded to Mr. Bernstein for each of the last two years, pro-rated for the year of termination; (v) reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to date of termination; (vi) all incentive compensation payments whether share based or otherwise that are subject to a vesting schedule including Restricted Share Units, Restricted LTIP Units and options shall immediately vest as of the date of the termination; and (vii) continuation of health coverage for two years with the exception of termination upon death. Following a Change of Control together with either a termination Without Cause or by Mr. Bernstein for Good Reason within 12 months thereafter, the Company will be obligated to make the payments described above.

Compensation upon Termination of Employment upon Death, Disability, Without Cause or By Other Named Executive Officers for Good Reason or Change of Control and Termination of Employment

In the event of termination by the Company of the employment of a Named Executive Officer as a result of the Named Executive Officer's Death, Disability, Termination Without Cause or by such Named Executive Officer for Good Reason, the Company is obligated to pay or to provide such Named Executive Officer, the following: (i) any unpaid accrued salary through and including the date of termination; (ii) an amount equal to one year's salary at the then current annual base; (iii) reimbursement of expenses incurred prior to date of termination; (iv) a pro rata portion of such Named Executive Officer's bonus (based upon the average of the last two years' bonuses); and (v) all incentive compensation payments whether share based or otherwise that are subject to a vesting schedule including Restricted Share Units, Restricted LTIP Units and options will immediately vest as of the date of the termination.

Following a Change of Control together with either Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason, the Company is obligated to pay or provide to the Named Executive Officer the full benefits described above. In addition, Messrs. Grisham, Braun, Masters and Conlon will be entitled to receive an amount equal to six months' base salary and the Company will continue the base salary and medical benefits of said Named Executive Officer for a period not to exceed the earlier of (a) six months from the date of such termination or (b) the date when such Named Executive Officer becomes reemployed.

Acceleration of Vesting and Forfeiture of Awards under Share Incentive Plans

In addition to the termination payments discussed above, the Share Incentive Plans provide for accelerated vesting of awards in certain circumstances involving a Change in Control of the Company. These plans also provide for forfeiture of awards in certain circumstances, such as in the event of a termination for cause.

POTENTIAL PAYMENTS TO NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS UPON TERMINATION

The following table estimates the potential payments and benefits to the Named Executive Officers upon termination of employment and Change in Control, assuming the event occurred on December 31, 2014. These estimates do not reflect the actual amounts that would be paid to such persons, which would only be known at the time they become

eligible for payment and would only be payable if the specified event occurs.

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## POTENTIAL PAYMENTS UPON TERMINATION OR CHANGE IN CONTROL

Name	Cash Severance (\$ (1))	Bonus Severance (\$)	Options Awards (\$)	Stock Awards (\$ (4) (5))	Other Benefits (\$ (6))
<b>Kenneth F. Bernstein</b>					
For Cause or Voluntary Resignation	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$—
Death	1,705,500	11,197,107	(2)—	19,239,716	—
Disability	1,705,500	11,197,107	(2)—	19,239,716	35,282
Good Reason	1,705,500	11,197,107	(2)—	19,239,716	35,282
Without Cause	1,705,500	11,197,107	(2)—	19,239,716	35,282
Change in Control and Termination	1,705,500	11,197,107	(2)—	19,239,716	35,282
<b>Jonathan W. Grisham</b>					
For Cause or Voluntary Resignation	—	—	—	—	—
Death	351,800	647,869	(3)—	2,040,823	—
Disability	351,800	647,869	(3)—	2,040,823	—
Good Reason	351,800	647,869	(3)—	2,040,823	—
Without Cause	351,800	647,869	(3)—	2,040,823	—
Change in Control and Termination	527,700	647,869	(3)—	2,040,823	—
<b>Joel Braun</b>					
For Cause or Voluntary Resignation	—	—	—	—	—
Death	394,100	1,033,591	(3)—	3,648,345	—
Disability	394,100	1,033,591	(3)—	3,648,345	—
Good Reason	394,100	1,033,591	(3)—	3,648,345	—
Without Cause	394,100	1,033,591	(3)—	3,648,345	—
Change in Control and Termination	591,150	1,033,591	(3)—	3,648,345	—
<b>Christopher Conlon</b>					
For Cause or Voluntary Resignation	—	—	—	—	—
Death	372,600	939,289	(3)—	3,109,857	—
Disability	372,600	939,289	(3)—	3,109,857	—
Good Reason	372,600	939,289	(3)—	3,109,857	—
Without Cause	372,600	939,289	(3)—	3,109,857	—
Change in Control and Termination	558,900	939,289	(3)—	3,109,857	—
<b>Robert Masters</b>					
For Cause or Voluntary Resignation	—	—	—	—	—
Death	319,500	499,852	(3)—	2,023,591	—

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Disability	319,500	499,852	(3)—	2,023,591	—
Good Reason	319,500	499,852	(3)—	2,023,591	—
Without Cause	319,500	499,852	(3)—	2,023,591	—
Change in Control and Termination	479,250	499,852	(3)—	2,023,591	—

Notes:

- (1) Reflects three years of severance salary for Mr. Bernstein and one year of severance salary for the other NEOs. In the case of a Change in Control and termination, the other NEOs employed by the Company receive one and one half years severance salary.
- (2) Reflects three years of severance bonuses and one year of cash bonus for Mr. Bernstein.
- (3) Reflects one year of severance bonuses for the other NEOs.
- (4) Reflects the payment upon the immediate vesting of all Restricted Share Units and Restricted LTIP Units.
- (5) Restricted Share payments based on the number of shares times \$32.03, the closing price of the Company's Common Shares on December 31, 2014.
- (6) Represents health coverage for Mr. Bernstein.

#### BOARD OF TRUSTEES COMPENSATION

Each Trustee who is not also an officer and full-time employee of the Company or the Operating Partnership receives an annual Trustee fee in the amount of \$130,000, comprised of \$65,000 cash and \$65,000 of Restricted Share Units or Restricted LTIP Units. In addition, Committee chairs receive an annual fee of \$10,000, with the exception of the Audit Committee chair who receives an annual fee of \$15,000. In addition to the other Trustee fees, the Lead Trustee receives an annual Lead Trustee fee of \$75,000, comprised of \$37,500 cash and \$37,500 of Restricted Share Units. These Restricted Share Units or Restricted LTIP Units vest over three years with 33% vesting on each of the next three anniversaries of the grant date. Trustees have the option to convert all or part of any cash payment due to them under the Trust Compensation Plan to Common Shares with a vesting period of one year at a 10% discount to the preceding 20-day average share price from the date of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders. No dividends are paid on Restricted Share Units until they vest.

Trustees who are officers and full-time employees of the Company or its subsidiaries receive no separate compensation for service as a Trustee or Committee member. Additionally, members of the Board of Trustees are reimbursed for travel and lodging expenses associated with attending meetings of the Board and committees of the Board.

Pursuant to the Company's 2006 Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Deferred Compensation Plan"), Trustees may elect to defer receipt of their annual trustee fees and Common Share Awards. Each Trustee participating in the Deferred Compensation Plan has an account, which the administrator credits with a number of Common Shares having a fair market value (as of the date of the credit) equal to the amount of the participant's compensation that the Trustee has elected to defer and would otherwise have been paid in cash or other property to the Trustee during the preceding month. The Deferred Compensation Plan generally allows the Trustees to defer receipt of their compensation and, therefore, defer paying tax on that compensation. To defer eligible compensation for any given calendar year, a Trustee must make a written election at least 30 days before the calendar year begins. The Company will credit each Trustee's deferred compensation account with additional Common Shares that (i) have a fair market value, when credited, equal to the product of any per Common Share cash dividend paid during the prior quarter and the number of Common Shares credited to the Trustee's account and (ii) equitably adjust the Trustee's account for any share dividends that would have been paid during the prior month with respect to the Common Shares credited to the Trustee's account on the last day of the prior quarter. Generally, a Trustee's account will be paid to the Trustee upon



his or her separation of service from the Company and will be paid to his or her beneficiaries in the event of his or her death, in each case based on the timeframe for distributions specified in the Trustee's deferral election form. Under certain circumstances, the Board may permit a Trustee to withdraw a limited number of Common Shares from his or her account if the Trustee suffers a Hardship (as defined in the Deferred Compensation Plan).

For 2014, Ms. Luscombe elected to defer payment of her Trustee fees that are payable in Common Shares. No other Trustee elected to defer compensation for 2014.

See the Board of Trustees Compensation Table below for a summary of the compensation paid to the members of the Board of Trustees during 2014.

## TRUSTEE COMPENSATION

Name	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)(2)	Option Awards (\$)(3)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation Earnings (\$)	All Other Compensation (\$)(8)	Total (\$)
Lee S. Wielansky (1)	\$ 102,500	\$ 102,500	(3) \$—	\$—	\$—	\$ 7,132	\$ 212,132
Lorrence T. Kellar	—	153,888	(4) —	—	—	6,882	160,770
Douglas Crocker II	37,500	106,666	(5) —	—	—	6,710	150,876
Wendy Luscombe	75,000	65,000	(6) —	—	—	4,130	(6) 144,130
William T. Spitz	—	148,334	(7) —	—	—	6,710	155,044

## Notes:

(1) Mr. Wielansky is the Independent Lead Trustee.

(2) Reflects 2,369 restricted Common Share or LTIP units granted in 2014 to each Trustee. The Restricted Share Units or Restricted LTIP Units vest over three years with 33% vesting on each of the next three anniversaries of the grant date. The grant date per share fair value for the grants was \$27.71.

(3) Mr. Wielansky received 50% or \$37,500 of his Lead Trustee Fees in Restricted Share Units. These Restricted Share Units vest over three years.

(4) Mr. Kellar elected to receive his Annual Retainer of \$65,000 and Chairperson fee of \$15,000 in Restricted Share Units. These Restricted Share Units were issued at a 10% discount and vest over one year.

(5) Mr. Crocker elected to receive 50% of his Annual Retainer of \$65,000 and Chairperson fee of \$10,000 in Restricted LTIP Units. These Restricted LTIP Units were issued at a 10% discount and vest over one year.

(6) Ms. Luscombe has deferred the Restricted Share portion of her 2014 trustee fee of \$65,000 and dividends of \$4,130.

(7) Mr. Spitz elected to receive his Annual Retainer of \$65,000 and Chairperson fee of \$10,000 in Restricted Share Units. These Restricted Share Units were issued at a 10% discount and vest over one year.

(8) Reflects cumulative dividends on unvested Restricted Share Units which vested in May 2014.



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As of December 31, 2014, each independent Trustee had the following outstanding options and Restricted Share Unit awards:

OUTSTANDING TRUSTEE EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END

Trustee	Grant Date	Option Awards			Option Exercise Price	Option Expiration Date	Stock Awards		Equity Incentive Plan Awards	Equity Incentive Plan Awards
		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unearned Options (#)			Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#) (2)	Market Value of Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$) (1)		
Lee S. Wielansky	5/15/2006	3,000	—		\$ 22.40	5/15/2016	—	\$—		
	5/16/2012	—	—				1,056	(3) 33,824		
	5/16/2013	—	—				1,936	(4) 62,010		
	6/4/2014	—	—				3,735	(5) 119,632		
	<b>Total</b>		<b>3,000</b>	<b>—</b>			<b>6,727</b>	<b>\$215,466</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$—</b>
Lorraine T. Kellar	5/16/2012	—	—				801	(3) \$25,656		
	5/16/2013	—	—				1,526	(4) 48,878		
	6/4/2014	—	—				2,369	(5) 75,879		
	6/4/2014	—	—				3,239	(6) 103,745		
	<b>Total</b>		<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>			<b>7,935</b>	<b>\$254,158</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$—</b>
Douglas Crocker II	5/15/2006	3,000	—		\$ 22.40	5/15/2016	—	—		
	5/16/2012	—	—				801	(3) 25,656		
	5/16/2013	—	—				1,526	(4) 48,878		
	6/4/2014	—	—				2,369	(5) 75,879		
	6/4/2014	—	—				1,518	(5) 50,543		
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,000</b>	<b>—</b>			<b>6,214</b>	<b>\$200,956</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>\$—</b>	

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Wendy Luscombe	5/16/2012	—	—	801	(3)	\$25,656		
	5/16/2013	—	—	1,525	(4)	48,846		
	6/4/2014	—	—	2,369	(5)	75,879		
Total		—	—	4,695		\$150,381	—	\$—
William T. Spitz	5/16/2012	—	—	801	(3)	\$25,656		
	5/16/2013	—	—	1,526	(4)	48,878		

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6/4/2014	—	—	2,369	(5)	75,879		
6/4/2014	—	—	3,037	(6)	97,275		
Total	—	—	7,733		\$247,688	—	\$—

Notes:

(1) Market value computed by multiplying the closing market price of the Company's Common Shares of \$32.03 as of December 31, 2014 by the number of Shares or Units that have not vested.

(2) Represents time-based awards only.

(3) Restricted Share Units vest over three years with the last vesting on May 10, 2015.

(4) Restricted Share Units vest over three years with the last vesting on May 16, 2016.

(5) Restricted Share Units and Restricted LTIP Units vest over three years with the last vesting on June 4, 2017.

(6) Restricted Share Units vest on June 4, 2015.

ACADIA REALTY TRUST  
COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT (1)

Executive Summary

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with management, and based on this review and discussion, has recommended to the Board of Trustees that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K and the Company's Proxy Statement. The members of the Compensation Committee for the 2014 fiscal year were Messrs. Spitz, Kellar, and Crocker.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

William T. Spitz, Chairman

Lorrence T. Kellar

Douglas Crocker II

Note:

(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of the Company's previous or future filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, as amended, that might incorporate by reference this Proxy Statement or future filings made by the Company under those statutes, the Compensation Committee Report is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any of those prior filings or into any future filings made by the Company under those statutes.

AUDIT COMMITTEE INFORMATION

Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Compensation

Audit Fees

The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by BDO USA, LLP for the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements as included in the Company's Form 10-K, for rendering an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting and for reviews of the consolidated financial statements as included in the Company's Forms 10-Q, were \$1,064,691 and \$960,867 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In addition to the fees above, aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by BDO USA, LLP for audits performed in connection with financial statements of acquired properties prepared in accordance with Section 3-14 of Regulation S-X and equity transactions aggregated \$215,070 and \$148,143 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### Audit Related Fees

There were no audit related fees that were not included in "Audit Fees," above, for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

#### Tax Fees

The aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered by BDO USA, LLP for tax preparation and compliance were \$221,295 and \$204,723 for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

#### Policy on Pre-Approval of Independent Auditor Services

The Audit Committee is responsible for approving the engagement of BDO USA, LLP to perform audit and non-audit services on behalf of the Company or any of its subsidiaries before BDO USA, LLP provides those services. The Audit Committee has approved services other than the audit of the Company's year-end financial statements as follows: (i) audit services in connection with financial statements of acquired properties prepared in accordance with Section 3-14 of Regulation S-X at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 per quarter; (ii) non-audit services in connection with equity issuances at a cost not to exceed \$100,000 per quarter; and (iii) other non-audit services in an amount not to exceed \$100,000 per annum. Non-audit services in excess of these limits require the approval of the full Audit Committee. All audit fees were approved by the Audit Committee and all other fees were approved pursuant to the pre-approval policy discussed above.

#### REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (1)

The Audit Committee presently consists of the following members of the Company's Board of Trustees: Mr. Kellar, Mr. Spitz and Ms. Luscombe, all of whom meet the independence requirements for audit committee members under the listing standards of the New York Stock Exchange.

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the audited financial statements of the Company for the year ended December 31, 2014 with the Company's management. The Audit Committee has discussed with BDO USA, LLP, the Company's independent auditors, the matters required to be discussed by Public Company Accounting Oversight Board Auditing Standard No. 16 (Communication with Audit Committees).

The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from BDO USA, LLP required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent accountant's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence and has discussed with BDO USA, LLP, its independence.

Based on the Audit Committee's review and discussions noted above, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Trustees that the Company's audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014 for filing with the SEC.

#### Audit Committee

Lorrence T. Kellar, Chairman

Wendy Luscombe

William T. Spitz

Note:



(1) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in any of the Company's previous or future filings under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, as amended, that might incorporate by reference this Proxy Statement or future filings made by the Company under those statutes, the Audit Committee Report is not deemed filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any of those prior filings or into any future filings made by the Company under those statutes. The Board of Trustees has previously adopted an Audit Committee Charter that may be found on the Company's website at [www.acadiarealty.com](http://www.acadiarealty.com).

## CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

Although the Company does not believe it is a conflict of interest or a related party transaction, the Company notes that it earned property management, construction development, legal and leasing fees from its investments in unconsolidated partnerships totaling \$201,796 for the years ended December 31, 2014.

### Review and Approval of Related Person Transactions.

The Company reviews all relationships and transactions in which the Company and the Company's Trustees and Named Executive Officers or their immediate family members are participants to determine whether such persons have a direct or indirect material interest. The Company's legal staff is primarily responsible for the development and implementation of processes and controls to obtain information from the Trustees and Named Executive Officers with respect to related person transactions and for then determining, based on the facts and circumstances, whether the Company or a related person has a direct or indirect material interest in the transaction. In addition, pursuant to its charter, the Audit Committee reviews and approves all related party transactions, which we interpret to include any transaction that is required to be disclosed under SEC rules. The Company does not have any written standards for approving related party transactions. However, the Audit Committee only approves a related party transaction if it believes the transaction is in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders.

## ANNUAL REPORT TO SHAREHOLDERS

A copy of the Company's Annual Report to Shareholders is being provided to each shareholder of the Company along with this Proxy Statement. Upon written request of any record or beneficial owner of Common Shares of the Company whose proxy was solicited in connection with the Annual Meeting, the Company will furnish such owner, without charge, a copy of its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014. A request for a copy of such Annual Report on Form 10-K should be made in writing, addressed to Acadia Realty Trust, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 260, White Plains, NY 10605, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

## OTHER MATTERS

As of the date of this Proxy Statement, the Board of Trustees does not know of any matters to be presented at the Annual Meeting other than those specifically set forth in the Notice of Annual Meeting. If other proper matters, however, should come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment thereof, the persons named in the enclosed proxy intend to vote the shares represented by them in accordance with their best judgment in respect to any such matters.

## SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's Named Executive Officers, certain other officers and Trustees and persons who own more than 10% of the Common Shares (collectively, the Reporting Persons) to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the Securities and Exchange Commission and to furnish the Company with copies of these reports. As a practical matter, the Company assists its officers and Trustees by monitoring transactions and completing and filing Section 16 reports on their behalf.

## SUBMISSION OF SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

Pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Exchange Act, some shareholder proposals may be eligible for inclusion in the Company's 2016 proxy statement and form of proxy. In accordance with Rule 14a-8, these proposals must be received

by the Company no later than 5:00 PM EST on December 18, 2015. All such proposals must be submitted in writing to the Corporate Secretary of the Company at the following address: Acadia Realty Trust, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 260, White Plains, NY 10605, Attention: Corporate Secretary.

In addition, if you desire to bring business (including Trustee nominations) before the Company's 2016 annual meeting, other than proposals presented under Rule 14a-8, you must provide written notice to the Corporate Secretary at the address noted in the preceding paragraph between November 18, 2015 and December 18, 2015; provided, however, if the date of the 2016 annual meeting is advanced or delayed by more than 30 days from May 27, 2016 (the anniversary of the date of the Annual Meeting), notice by a shareholder must be delivered not earlier than the 150th day prior to 2016 annual meeting and not later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on the later of the 120th day prior to the 2016 annual meeting or the tenth day following the day on which public announcement of the date of 2016 annual meeting is first made. You are also advised to review the Company's Bylaws, which contain additional requirements about advance notice of shareholder proposals and Trustee nominations.

#### DELIVERY OF DOCUMENTS TO SHAREHOLDERS SHARING AN ADDRESS

The Company has adopted a procedure called "householding," which has been approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Under this procedure, the Company is delivering only one copy of its Annual Report and Proxy Statement to multiple shareholders who share the same mailing address and have the same last name, unless the Company has received contrary instructions from an affected shareholder. This procedure reduces the Company's printing costs, mailing costs and fees. Shareholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards.

The Company will deliver promptly, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of the Annual Report and Proxy Statement to any shareholder at a shared address to which a single copy of the Annual Report or the Proxy Statement was delivered. A shareholder who wishes to receive a separate copy of the Proxy Statement and Annual Report, now or in the future, should submit a request in writing to Acadia Realty Trust, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite 260, White Plains, NY 10605, Attention: Corporate Secretary. You may also call (914) 288-8100 to request a copy of the Proxy Statement and Annual Report. You may also access the Company's Annual Report and Proxy statement at [www.acadiarealty.com/proxy](http://www.acadiarealty.com/proxy).

If you are a shareholder of record and would like to revoke your householding consent and receive multiple copies of the Annual Report or Proxy Statement in the future, or if you currently receive multiple copies of these documents and would like only to receive a single copy, please contact the Company at the address listed in the preceding paragraph.

A number of brokerage firms have instituted householding. If you hold your shares in "street name," please contact your bank, broker or other holder of record to request information about householding.

By order of the Board of Trustees,

Robert Masters, Secretary  
ACADIA REALTY TRUST  
1311 MAMARONECK AVENUE  
SUITE 260  
WHITE PLAINS, NY 10605

VOTE BY MAIL

Mark, sign, and date your proxy card and return it in the postage-paid envelope we have provided or return it to Acadia Realty Trust, c/o Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc., 51 Mercedes Way, Edgewood, NY 11717.

TO VOTE, MARK BLOCKS BELOW IN BLUE OR BLACK INK AS FOLLOWS:

KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS

DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

ACADIA REALTY TRUST

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE "FOR" ALL THE NOMINEES, AND "FOR" PROPOSALS 2 AND 3.

Vote On Trustees

1. Election of Trustees Nominees:	For	Against	Abstain
1a. Kenneth F. Bernstein	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1b. Douglas Crocker II	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1c. Lorrence T. Kellar	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1d. Wendy Luscombe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1e. William T. Spitz	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
1f. Lee S. Wielansky	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

Vote On Proposals

	For	Against	Abstain
2. THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF BDO USA, LLP AS THE INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR THE COMPANY FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2015.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
3. THE APPROVAL, ON AN ADVISORY BASIS, OF THE COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AS DISCLOSED IN THE COMPANY'S 2015 PROXY STATEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH COMPENSATION RULES OF THE SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
4. TO TRANSACT SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING.			

For address changes and/or comments, please check this box and write them on the back where indicated.

Please sign exactly as name appears on the certificate or certificates representing shares to be voted by this proxy, as shown on the label above. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, Trustee, or guardian, please give full

title as such. If a corporation, please sign full corporation name by president or other authorized officer. If a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person(s).

Signature [PLEASE SIGN  
WITHIN BOX]      Date

Signature (Joint  
Owners)      Date

ACADIA REALTY TRUST  
PROXY FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS  
May 27, 2015

This Proxy is Solicited on  
Behalf of the Board of Trustees

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Kenneth F. Bernstein and Robert Masters, Esq., or either one of them, as proxies, with full power of substitution, to vote all Common Shares of beneficial interest of Acadia Realty Trust (the "Company") which the undersigned would be entitled to vote if personally present at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of the Company to be held via live webcast at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKR15](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/AKR15) at 1:00 p.m. EDT, May 27, 2015 or at any adjournments or postponements thereof.

This proxy will be voted as specified by the undersigned. If no choice is specified, the proxy will be voted according to the Board of Trustees recommendations indicated on the reverse side, and according to the discretion of the proxy holders for any other matters that may properly come before the meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be Held on May 27, 2015: This Proxy Statement and the Company's 2014 Annual Report to shareholders are available at [www.acadiarealty.com/proxy](http://www.acadiarealty.com/proxy)

Address Changes and/or  
Comments:

(If you noted any Comments above, please mark corresponding box on the reverse side.)

(Continued and to be signed on reverse side.)