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**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

<b>Title Of Securities Being Registered</b>	<b>Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price</b>	<b>Amount Of Registration Fee<sup>(1)</sup></b>
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	\$400,000,000	\$28,520

(1) Calculated in accordance with Rule 457(o), based on the proposed maximum aggregate offering price, and Rule 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Act.

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

**(To Prospectus dated May 1, 2009)**

**\$400,000,000**

**Digital Realty Trust, Inc.**

**Common Stock**

We have entered into equity distribution agreements with Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, or collectively, the Agents, relating to the shares of common stock offered by this prospectus supplement. In accordance with the terms of the equity distribution agreements, we may offer and sell shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$400,000,000 from time to time through the Agents as our sales agents. Sales of the shares, if any, will be made by means of ordinary brokers' transactions at market prices.

We will pay each of the Agents a commission that will not exceed, but may be lower than, 2% of the gross sales price per share of shares sold through it as agent under the applicable equity distribution agreement.

None of the Agents is required to sell any specific number or dollar amount of shares of our common stock but each will use its reasonable efforts, as our agent and subject to the terms of the applicable equity distribution agreement, to sell the shares offered, as instructed by us. The offering of common stock pursuant to the equity distribution agreements will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the sale of shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of \$400,000,000 and (2) the termination of each equity distribution agreement by us or by each of the Agents, as applicable.

Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol **DLR**. The last reported sale price of our common stock on the New York Stock Exchange on December 30, 2009 was \$49.80 per share.

**Investing in our common stock involves risks. See Risk Factors beginning on page S-4.**

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus supplement or the accompanying prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

**Citi**

**BofA Merrill Lynch**

**Credit Suisse**

The date of this prospectus supplement is December 31, 2009.

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You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. We have not, and the underwriters have not, authorized anyone to provide you with different information. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. You should assume that the information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, as well as information that we have previously filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and incorporated by reference, is accurate only as of the date of the applicable document. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since those dates. The descriptions set forth in this prospectus supplement replace and supplement, where inconsistent, the description of the general terms and provisions set forth in the accompanying prospectus.

The distribution of this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the offering of the common stock in certain jurisdictions may be restricted by law. If you possess this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should find out about and observe these restrictions. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not an offer to sell the common stock and are not soliciting an offer to buy the common stock in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale is not permitted or where the person making the offer or sale is not qualified to do so or to any person to whom it is not permitted to make such offer or sale.

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**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT**

This document is in two parts. The first part is this prospectus supplement, which describes the terms of the offer and sale from time to time of shares of our common stock pursuant to the equity distribution agreements and also adds to and updates information contained in the accompanying prospectus as well as the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus. The second part, the accompanying prospectus, gives more general information about securities we may offer from time to time, some of which does not apply to the common stock we are offering. To the extent any inconsistency or conflict exists between the information included in this prospectus supplement and the information included in the accompanying prospectus, the information included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement updates and supersedes the information in the accompanying prospectus. This prospectus supplement incorporates by reference important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus supplement.

It is important for you to read and consider all information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus in making your investment decision. You should also read and consider the information contained in the documents identified under the heading **Where You Can Find More Information**.

Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus supplement to **we**, **us**, **our** or **our company** refer to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. together with our consolidated subsidiaries, including Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership, of which we are the sole general partner and which we refer to in this prospectus supplement as our operating partnership.

**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

We make statements in this prospectus supplement and accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. In particular, statements pertaining to our capital resources, portfolio performance, acquisition and capital expenditure plans and results of operations contain forward-looking statements. Likewise, all of our statements regarding anticipated market conditions, demographics and results of operations are forward-looking statements. You can identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as **believes**, **expects**, **may**, **will**, **should**, **seeks**, **approximately**, **intends**, **plans**, **pro forma**, **estimates** or **anticipates** or the negative of these words and phrases or similar words or phrases which are predictions or indicate future events or trends and discussions which do not relate solely to historical matters. You can also identify forward-looking statements by discussions of strategy, plans or intentions. Forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties and you should not rely on them as predictions of future events. Forward-looking statements depend on assumptions, data or methods which may be incorrect or imprecise and we may not be able to realize them. We do not guarantee that the transactions and events described will happen as described or that they will happen at all.

The following factors, among others, could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those set forth or contemplated in the forward-looking statements:

- the impact of the current deterioration in global economic and market conditions;
- decreases in information technology spending;

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adverse economic or real estate developments in our markets or the industry sectors that we sell to;

our dependence upon significant tenants;

bankruptcy or insolvency of a major tenant or a significant number of smaller tenants;

downturn of local economic conditions in our geographic markets;

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our inability to comply with the rules and regulations applicable to public companies or to manage our growth effectively;

difficulty acquiring or operating properties in foreign jurisdictions;

defaults on or non-renewal of leases by tenants;

increased interest rates and operating costs;

our failure to obtain necessary outside financing;

restrictions on our ability to engage in certain business activities;

risks related to joint venture investments;

decreased rental rates or increased vacancy rates;

inability to successfully develop and lease new properties and space held for redevelopment;

difficulties in identifying properties to acquire and completing acquisitions;

increased competition or available supply of data center space;

our failure to successfully operate acquired properties;

our inability to acquire off-market properties;

delays or unexpected costs in development or redevelopment of properties;

our failure to maintain our status as a REIT;

possible adverse changes to tax laws;

environmental uncertainties and risks related to natural disasters;

financial market fluctuations;



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changes in foreign currency exchange rates;

changes in foreign laws and regulations, including those related to taxation and real estate ownership and operation; and

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

While forward-looking statements reflect our good faith beliefs, they are not guaranties of future performance. We disclaim any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, new information, data or methods, future events or other changes.

The risks included here are not exhaustive, and additional factors could adversely affect our business and financial performance, including factors and risks included in other sections of this prospectus supplement. In addition, we discussed a number of material risks in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. Those risks continue to be relevant to our performance and financial condition. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risk factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such risk factors, nor can we assess the impact of all such risk factors on the business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. For a further discussion of these and other factors that could impact our future results, performance or transactions, see the section entitled "Risk Factors" in this prospectus supplement.

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**PROSPECTUS SUPPLEMENT SUMMARY**

**Digital Realty Trust, Inc.**

We own, acquire, develop, redevelop and manage technology-related real estate. As of September 30, 2009, our portfolio consisted of 78 properties, excluding one property held as an investment in an unconsolidated joint venture, of which 65 are located throughout North America and 13 are located in Europe. Our properties are diversified in major markets where corporate datacenter and technology tenants are concentrated, including the Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York/New Jersey, Northern Virginia, Phoenix, San Francisco and Silicon Valley metropolitan areas in the U.S. and the London, Dublin, Paris and Amsterdam markets in Europe. The portfolio consists of Internet gateway and corporate datacenter properties, technology manufacturing properties and regional or national headquarters of technology companies. We operate as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for federal income tax purposes.

As of September 30, 2009, our properties contained a total of approximately 13.8 million net rentable square feet, including approximately 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment. As of September 30, 2009, our portfolio, excluding space held for redevelopment, was approximately 95.2% leased at an average annualized rent per occupied square foot of \$40.80.

Our principal executive offices are located at 560 Mission Street, Suite 2900, San Francisco, California 94105. Our telephone number is (415) 738-6500. Our website is located at [www.digitalrealtytrust.com](http://www.digitalrealtytrust.com). The information found on, or accessible through, our website is not incorporated into, and does not form a part of, this prospectus supplement or any other report or document we file with or furnish to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC.

**Recent Developments Acquisitions**

On October 30, 2009, we acquired two fully leased datacenter facilities, 1350 Duane Avenue and 3080 Raymond Street; the adjacent buildings are located in Santa Clara, California. The buildings total approximately 185,000 square feet. The purchase price of approximately \$90.5 million includes the assumption of a \$52.8 million loan. The acquisition was financed with borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

On December 17, 2009, we acquired a two-property datacenter portfolio consisting of four buildings located at 21561 and 21571 Beaumeade Circle in Ashburn, Virginia and 45901 and 45905 Nokes Boulevard in Sterling, Virginia, as well as certain vacant real property located at 21551 Beaumeade Circle in Ashburn, Virginia, which we refer to collectively as the Beaumeade/Nokes Property, for a purchase price of approximately \$63.3 million. The Beaumeade/Nokes Property totals approximately 332,000 square feet with the vacant property capable of supporting up to 140,000 square feet of new datacenter development. The acquisition was financed with borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

On December 24, 2009, we entered into definitive purchase and sale agreements with unrelated third parties to acquire a three-property data center portfolio located in Massachusetts and Connecticut, which we refer to as the New England Portfolio. The New England Portfolio comprises a total of approximately 550,290 square feet. The New England Portfolio consists of 55 Middlesex Turnpike, Bedford, Massachusetts and a 100% condominium interest that represents 87.5% of the square footage of 128 First Avenue, Needham, Massachusetts, both located in the Boston metropolitan statistical area, as well as 60-80 Merritt Boulevard, Trumbull, Connecticut. The New England Portfolio has been renovated to modern data center standards in the last four years.

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The purchase price, which was determined through negotiations between our operating partnership and the sellers, will be approximately \$375.0 million (subject to adjustment in limited circumstances), to be paid in cash at

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closing. We expect that the purchase price, if payable, will initially be funded with borrowings under our revolving credit facility. The purchase of the New England Portfolio is subject to various closing conditions, including receipt of requisite consents. If the conditions are not satisfied by January 15, 2010, subject to adjournment and extension options, we or the sellers may terminate the purchase and sale agreements without liability, except for damages to property and for willful and material breach and provided the terminating party is not then in default. If we fail to close the purchase as required after the satisfaction or waiver of all closing conditions, we will be liable for actual damages resulting from our failure to pay any portion of the purchase price for the properties. There are no material relationships between us and the sellers.

Consistent with our growth strategy, we actively pursue opportunities for potential acquisitions, with due diligence and negotiations often at different stages of advancement at any particular time.

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**THE OFFERING**

Issuer	Digital Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation
Common Stock Offered	Shares with an aggregate offering price of up to \$400,000,000.
Use of Proceeds	We intend to contribute the net proceeds from this offering to our operating partnership, which will subsequently use the net proceeds from the offering to temporarily repay all or a portion of our borrowings under our revolving credit facility, to acquire additional properties, to fund development and redevelopment opportunities and for general corporate purposes. We intend to reborrow amounts under our revolving credit facility from time to time to acquire additional properties, to fund development and redevelopment opportunities and for general corporate purposes. See Use of Proceeds.
Risk Factors	An investment in our common stock involves various risks, and prospective investors should carefully consider the matters discussed under the caption entitled Risk Factors beginning on page S-4 of this prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement before making a decision to invest in our common stock.
New York Stock Exchange Symbol	DLR
Transfer Agent and Registrar	American Stock Transfer & Trust Company

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**RISK FACTORS**

*In addition to other information contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, you should carefully consider the risks described below and incorporated by reference to our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, in evaluating our company, our properties and our business before making a decision to invest in our common stock. These risks are not the only ones faced by us. Additional risks not presently known or that are currently deemed immaterial could also materially and adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, business and prospects. The trading price of our common stock could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus and the documents incorporated herein and therein by reference also contain forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks faced by us described below and elsewhere in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus, and the documents incorporated herein and therein by reference. Please refer to the section entitled *Forward-Looking Statements* in the prospectus supplement.*

**Risks Related to this Offering**

**Market interest rates and other factors may affect the value of our common stock.**

One of the factors that will influence the price of our common stock will be the dividend yield on our common stock relative to market interest rates. Increases in market interest rates could cause the market price of our common stock to go down. The trading price of the shares of our common stock will also depend on many other factors, which may change from time to time, including:

the market for similar securities;

the attractiveness of REIT securities in comparison to the securities of other companies, taking into account, among other things, the higher tax rates imposed on dividends paid by REITs;

government action or regulation;

general economic conditions or conditions in the financial or real estate markets; and

our financial condition, performance and prospects.

**Our revolving credit facility may limit our ability to pay distributions to our common stockholders.**

Our revolving credit facility prohibits us from distributing to our stockholders more than 95% of our funds from operations (as defined in our revolving credit facility) during any four consecutive fiscal quarters, except as necessary to enable us to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. Consequently, if we do not generate sufficient funds from operations (as defined in our revolving credit facility) during the twelve

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months preceding any dividend payment date for our common stock or preferred stock, we will not be able to pay all or a portion of the accumulated dividends payable to our stockholders on that payment date without causing a default under our revolving credit facility. In the event of a default under our revolving credit facility, we would be unable to borrow under our revolving credit facility and any amounts we have borrowed thereunder could become due and payable.

**The number of shares available for future sale could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.**

We cannot predict whether future issuances of shares of our common stock or the availability of shares for resale in the open market will decrease the market price per share of our common stock. Sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market, or upon exchange of units or our outstanding exchangeable senior debentures or conversion of outstanding convertible preferred stock, or the perception that such sales, exchanges or conversions might occur could materially adversely affect the market price of the shares of our common stock.

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We have granted those persons who received units in the formation transactions related to our initial public offering certain registration rights with respect to the shares of our common stock for which their units may be redeemed or exchanged pursuant to the partnership agreement of our operating partnership. These registration rights required us to file a shelf registration statement covering all such shares of common stock. A shelf registration statement and a related prospectus supplement covering these shares has been filed and is currently effective.

The exchange of units for common stock, the exercise of any options granted to directors, executive officers and other employees under our incentive award plan, the issuance of our common stock in exchange for our outstanding exchangeable senior debentures or upon conversion of our outstanding convertible preferred stock, the issuance of our common stock or units in connection with property, portfolio or business acquisitions and other issuances of our common stock or units could have an adverse effect on the market price of the shares of our common stock, and the existence of units, options, convertible preferred stock and shares of our common stock reserved for issuance as restricted shares of our common stock or upon exchange of units or our outstanding exchangeable senior debentures may materially adversely affect the terms upon which we may be able to obtain additional capital through the sale of equity securities. In addition, future issuances of shares of our common stock may be dilutive to existing stockholders.

### **The market price and trading volume of our common stock may be volatile.**

The market price of our common stock may be volatile. In addition, the trading volume in our common stock may fluctuate and cause significant price variations to occur. If the market price of our common stock declines significantly, you may be unable to resell your shares at or above the public offering price. We cannot assure you that the market price of our common stock will not fluctuate or decline significantly in the future.

Some of the factors that could negatively affect our share price or result in fluctuations in the price or trading volume of our common stock include:

- actual or anticipated variations in our quarterly operating results or dividends;
- changes in our funds from operations or earnings estimates;
- publication of research reports about us, the real estate industry or the technology industry;
- increases in market interest rates that lead purchasers of our shares to demand a higher yield;
- changes in market valuations of similar companies;
- adverse market reaction to any additional debt we incur in the future;
- additions or departures of key management personnel;



actions by institutional stockholders;

speculation in the press or investment community;

general market and economic conditions;

any determination in the future to pay a dividend partially in shares of our own common stock; and

the realization of any of the other risk factors presented or incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement.

**Future offerings of debt, which would be senior to our common stock upon liquidation, and/or preferred equity securities which may be senior to our common stock for purposes of dividend distributions or upon liquidation, may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.**

In the future, we may increase our capital resources by making additional offerings of debt or preferred equity securities, including medium-term notes, trust preferred securities, senior or subordinated notes and preferred stock. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and shares of preferred stock and lenders with

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respect to other borrowings will receive distributions of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock. Holders of our common stock are not entitled to preemptive rights or other protections against dilution. Our series A preferred stock, series B preferred stock, series C convertible preferred stock and series D convertible preferred stock have a preference on liquidating distributions and a preference on dividend payments that could limit our ability to pay a dividend or make another distribution to the holders of our common stock. Because our decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Thus, our stockholders bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the market price of our common stock and diluting their stock holdings in us.

**We may in the future choose to pay dividends in our own stock, in which case you may be required to pay tax in excess of the cash you receive.**

We may in the future elect to distribute taxable dividends that are partially payable in cash and partially payable in our stock. Under recent IRS guidance, up to 90% of any such taxable dividend for 2008 through 2011 could be payable in our stock. Taxable stockholders receiving such dividends will be required to include the full amount of the dividend as ordinary income to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits for United States federal income tax purposes. As a result, a U.S. stockholder may be required to pay tax with respect to such dividends in excess of the cash received. If a U.S. stockholder sells the stock it receives as a dividend in order to pay this tax, the sales proceeds may be less than the amount included in income with respect to the dividend, depending on the market price of our stock at the time of the sale. For more information on the tax consequences of distributions with respect to our common stock, see Supplemental United States Federal Income Tax Considerations. Furthermore, with respect to non-U.S. stockholders, we may be required to withhold U.S. tax with respect to such dividends, including in respect of all or a portion of such dividend that is payable in stock. In addition, if a significant number of our stockholders determine to sell shares of our stock in order to pay taxes owed on dividends, it may put downward pressure on the trading price of our stock.

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

We intend to contribute the net proceeds from this offering to our operating partnership, which will subsequently use the net proceeds from the offering to temporarily repay all or a portion of our borrowings under our revolving credit facility to acquire additional properties, to fund development and redevelopment opportunities and for general corporate purposes. We intend to reborrow amounts under our revolving credit facility from time to time to acquire additional properties, to fund development and redevelopment opportunities and for general corporate purposes. At December 28, 2009, our revolving credit facility had total outstanding borrowings, excluding committed letters of credit, of \$195.5 million bearing interest at LIBOR plus 1.1% per annum, which equaled a rate of 1.34%, and 7.0 million bearing interest at EURIBOR plus 1.1% per annum, which equaled a rate of 1.55%. Our revolving credit facility matures in August 2010, subject to two extension options of one year each. The bank group is obligated to grant extension options provided we give proper notice, we make certain representations and warranties and no default exists under the revolving credit facility. We have used the proceeds of borrowings under our revolving credit facility to fund acquisitions, to fund development and redevelopment activities and for general corporate purposes.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS**

This discussion is a supplement to, and is intended to be read together with, the discussion in the accompanying prospectus under the heading United States Federal Income Tax Considerations. This summary of material federal income tax considerations is for general information only and is not tax advice. The information in this summary is based on current law, including:

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the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the Code;

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current, temporary and proposed Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code;

the legislative history of the Code;

current administrative interpretations and practices of the Internal Revenue Service, or the IRS; and

court decisions;

in each case, as of the date of this prospectus supplement. In addition, the administrative interpretations and practices of the IRS include its practices and policies as expressed in private letter rulings which are not binding on the IRS except with respect to the particular taxpayers that requested and received those rulings. Future legislation, Treasury regulations, administrative interpretations and practices and/or court decisions may adversely affect the tax considerations described in this prospectus supplement. Any such change could apply retroactively.

We have not requested, and do not plan to request, any rulings from the IRS with respect to matters contained in this discussion, and the statements in this prospectus supplement are not binding on the IRS or any court. We can provide no assurance that the tax considerations described in this discussion will not be challenged by the IRS or, if so challenged, would be sustained by a court.

In addition, this summary does not consider the effect of any non-United States, state, local or other tax laws that may be applicable, and does not deal with all aspects of federal income taxation that may affect particular holders of common stock in light of their individual circumstances, or with holders subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws, including:

financial institutions, banks and thrifts;

insurance companies;

tax-exempt organizations;

S corporations;

traders in securities that elect to mark to market;

partnerships, pass-through entities and persons holding our stock through a partnership or other pass-through entity;

stockholders subject to the alternative minimum tax;

regulated investment companies and REITs;

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foreign corporations or partnerships, and persons who are not residents or citizens of the United States;

broker-dealers or dealers in securities or currencies;

United States expatriates;

persons holding our stock as part of a hedge, straddle, conversion, integrated or other risk reduction or constructive sale transaction; or

U.S. stockholders (as defined in accompanying prospectus) whose functional currency is not the United States dollar.

**You are urged to consult your tax advisor regarding the specific tax consequences to you of:**

**The acquisition, ownership and sale or other disposition of our common stock, including the federal, state, local, non-United States and other tax consequences;**

**Our election to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes; and**

**Potential changes in applicable tax laws.**

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**Certain Dividends Paid in Stock**

Recent guidance issued by the IRS extends and clarifies the application of the safe harbor set forth in Revenue Procedure 2009-15, described in the accompanying prospectus under the heading *Taxation of Our Company Annual Distribution Requirements* and *Taxation of Taxable U.S. Stockholders Distributions Generally*. This IRS guidance provides that certain part-stock and part-cash dividends distributed by publicly-traded REITs for calendar years 2008 through 2011 will satisfy the REIT distribution requirements. Under the terms of this guidance, up to 90% of our distributions could be paid in shares of our common stock. If we make such a distribution, taxable stockholders would be required to include the full amount of the dividend (*i.e.*, the cash and the stock portions) as ordinary income (subject to limited exceptions), to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits for United States federal income tax purposes, as described in the accompanying prospectus under the headings *Taxation of Taxable U.S. Stockholders Distributions Generally* and *Taxation of Non-U.S. Stockholders Distributions Generally*. As a result, our stockholders generally would recognize taxable income in excess of the cash received and may be required to pay tax with respect to such dividends in excess of the cash received. If a taxable shareholder sells the stock it receives as a dividend, the sales proceeds may be less than the amount included in income with respect to the dividend, depending on the market price of the stock at the time of the sale. Furthermore, with respect to non-U.S. stockholders (as defined in the accompanying prospectus), we may be required to withhold U.S. tax with respect to such dividends, including in respect of all or a portion of such dividend that is payable in stock.

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**PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION**

We have entered into equity distribution agreements with each of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, or the Agents, under which we may issue and sell shares of common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$400,000,000 from time to time through, at our discretion, any of the Agents, as our sales agents. We refer to such agent selected by us for a sale as the Designated Agent. The equity distribution agreements will be filed as exhibits to a current report on Form 8-K and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. The sales, if any, of common stock made under the equity distribution agreements will be made in at the market offerings as defined in Rule 415 of the Securities Act, including sales made directly on the New York Stock Exchange, the principal trading market for our common stock, or sales made to or through a market maker or through an electronic communications network. As agents, none of the Agents will engage in any transactions that stabilize the price of our common stock.

We will designate the maximum amount of common stock to be sold through the Designated Agent on a daily basis or otherwise as we and such Designated Agent agree and the minimum price per share at which such shares may be sold. Subject to the terms and conditions of the equity distribution agreements, the Designated Agent will use its reasonable efforts to sell on our behalf all of the designated shares of our common stock. We may instruct the Designated Agent not to sell our common stock if the sales cannot be effected at or above the price designated by us in any such instruction. We may suspend the offering of our common stock under any equity distribution agreement by notifying the applicable Agent. Each of the Agents may suspend the offering of our common stock under its respective equity distribution agreement by notifying us of such suspension.

The Designated Agent will provide written confirmation to us following the close of trading on the New York Stock Exchange each day on which shares of our common stock are sold under the equity distribution agreement to which it is a party. Each confirmation will include the number of shares of common stock sold on that day, the gross sales price per share and the compensation payable by us to the Designated Agent in connection with the sales. We will report at least quarterly the number of shares of common stock sold through the Designated Agents under the applicable equity distribution agreements, the proceeds to us (before expenses) and the compensation paid by us to the applicable Designated Agent in connection with the sales of the common stock.

We will pay the Designated Agent a commission that will not exceed, but may be lower than, 2% of the gross sales price per share of our common stock sold through it as our agent under the equity distribution agreement to which it is a party. If shares having an aggregate offering price of at least \$40,000,000 have not been offered or sold under the equity distribution agreements by December 31, 2010 (or such earlier date on which the Company terminates all equity distribution agreements), we have agreed to reimburse the Agents for their reasonable out of pocket expenses, including legal expenses, in connection with the equity distribution agreements, the registration statement and ongoing services in connection with the transactions contemplated thereunder, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 in the aggregate. We estimate that the total expenses of the offering payable by us, excluding commissions and expense reimbursement obligations under the equity distribution agreements, will be approximately \$800,000. The remaining sales proceeds, after deducting any transaction fees imposed by any governmental or self-regulatory organization in connection with the sales, will equal our net proceeds for the sale of the common stock.

Settlement for sales of our common stock will occur on the third business day following the date on which any sales were made in return for payment of the net proceeds to us. There is no arrangement for funds to be received in an escrow, trust or similar arrangement.

The offering of shares of our common stock pursuant to the equity distribution agreements will terminate upon the earlier of (1) the sale of shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of \$400,000,000 pursuant to this offering and (2) the termination of each equity distribution agreement by us or by each of the Agents.





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The Agents will act as sales agents on a reasonable efforts basis. In connection with the sale of common stock on our behalf, any of the Agents may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act, and the compensation paid to the Agents may be deemed to be underwriting commissions. We have agreed to provide indemnification and contribution to the Agents against certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.

In the ordinary course of their business, the Agents or their respective affiliates have in the past performed, and may continue to perform, investment banking, broker dealer, financial advisory or other services for us, for which they have received, or may receive, customary fees and expenses. In addition, affiliates of the Agents are lenders under our revolving credit facility and, accordingly, may receive their proportionate share of any proceeds of this offering that are used to repay indebtedness under our revolving credit facility.

The Agents have determined that our common stock is an actively-traded security excepted from the requirements of Rule 101 of Regulation M under the Exchange Act by Rule 101(c)(1) under that Act. If the Agents or we have reason to believe that the exemptive provisions set forth in Rule 101(c)(1) of Regulation M under the Exchange Act are not satisfied, that party will promptly notify the others and sales of common stock under the equity distribution agreements will be suspended until that or other exemptive provisions have been satisfied in the judgment of the Agents and us.

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**LEGAL MATTERS**

Certain legal matters will be passed upon for us by Latham & Watkins LLP, San Francisco and Los Angeles, California, and for the underwriters by Goodwin Procter LLP, Boston, Massachusetts. Venable LLP, Baltimore, Maryland, will issue an opinion to us regarding certain matters of Maryland law, including the validity of the common stock offered hereby.

**EXPERTS**

The consolidated balance sheets of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and the related consolidated statements of operations, equity and comprehensive income (loss), and cash flows of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2008, and related financial statement schedule and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2008 have been incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, the accompanying prospectus and elsewhere in the registration statement of which the accompanying prospectus is a part in reliance upon the report of KPMG LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, incorporated by reference in this prospectus and in the registration statement, and upon the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

The audit report covering the December 31, 2008, 2007 and 2006 consolidated financial statements refers to the retrospective application of Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Staff Position No. APB 14-1, *Accounting for Convertible Debt Instruments That May Be Settled in Cash upon Conversion (Including Partial Cash Settlement)* and FASB No. 160, *Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements, an amendment of ARB No. 51*, which all became effective on January 1, 2009.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E. Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information about the public reference room. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. You can inspect reports and other information we file at the offices of the NYSE, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. In addition, we maintain a website that contains information about us at <http://www.digitalrealtytrust.com>. The information found on, or otherwise accessible through, our website is not incorporated into, and does not form a part of, this prospectus supplement or any other report or document we file with or furnish to the SEC.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3, of which this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus is a part, including exhibits, schedules and amendments filed with, or incorporated by reference in, this registration statement, under the Securities Act, with respect to the securities registered hereby. This prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus do not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. For further information with respect to our company and the securities registered hereby, reference is made to the registration statement, including the exhibits to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus supplement and the accompanying prospectus are not necessarily complete and, where that contract is an exhibit to the registration statement, each statement is qualified in all respects by the exhibit to which the reference relates. Copies of the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement, may be examined at the SEC's public reference room. Copies of all or a portion of the registration statement can be obtained from the SEC's public reference room upon

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payment of prescribed fees. This registration statement is also available to you on the SEC's website.

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**INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE**

The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus supplement. The incorporated documents contain significant information about us, our business and our finances. Any statement contained in a document which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement is automatically updated and superseded if information contained in this prospectus supplement, or information that we later file with the SEC, modifies or replaces this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents we filed with the SEC:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008;

our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 6, 2009 (solely to the extent specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008);

our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q filed with the SEC on May 8, 2009, August 6, 2009 and November 9, 2009;

our Current Reports on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 13, 2009, March 19, 2009, April 13, 2009, April 22, 2009, November 2, 2009, November 19, 2009 and December 31, 2009;

the description of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on October 28, 2004 (file number 001-32336), including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating this description; and

all documents filed by us with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the underlying securities (excluding any portions of such documents that are deemed furnished to the SEC pursuant to applicable rules and regulations).

We will provide to each person to whom this prospectus supplement is delivered a copy of any or all of the information that we have incorporated by reference into this prospectus supplement but not delivered with this prospectus supplement. To receive a free copy of any of the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement, other than exhibits, unless they are specifically incorporated by reference in those documents, call or write to General Counsel, Digital Realty Trust, Inc., 560 Mission Street, Suite 2900, San Francisco, California 94105, telephone: (415) 738-6500.

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PROSPECTUS

## Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

### Common Stock, Preferred Stock, Depositary Shares and Warrants

We may from time to time offer, in one or more series or classes, separately or together, and in amounts, at prices and on terms to be set forth in one or more supplements to this prospectus, the following securities:

shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share;

shares of our preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share;

depositary shares representing entitlement to all rights and preferences of fractions of shares of preferred stock of a specified series and represented by depositary receipts; or

warrants to purchase shares of our common stock or preferred stock or depositary shares.

This prospectus also covers delayed delivery contracts that may be issued by the registrant under which the counterparty may be required to purchase common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares or warrants to purchase common stock or preferred stock. Delayed delivery contracts may be issued together with the specific securities to which they relate. In addition, securities registered hereunder may be sold separately, together or as units with other securities registered hereunder.

We refer to the common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares and warrants registered hereunder collectively as the securities in this prospectus. We will offer our securities in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of the offering of any such security.

The specific terms of each series or class of the securities will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement and will include, as applicable: (i) in the case of our common stock, any public offering price; (ii) in the case of our preferred stock, the specific title and any dividend, liquidation, redemption, conversion, voting and other rights and any public offering price; (iii) in the case of depositary shares, the fractional share of preferred stock represented by each such depositary share; and (iv) in the case of warrants, the duration, offering price, exercise price and detachability. In addition, because we are organized and conduct our operations so as to qualify as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for federal income tax purposes, the specific terms of any securities may include limitations on actual or constructive ownership and restrictions on transfer of the securities, in each case as may be appropriate to preserve the status of our company as a REIT.

The applicable prospectus supplement will also contain information, where applicable, about certain United States federal income tax consequences relating to, and any listing on a securities exchange of, the securities covered by such prospectus supplement.

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The securities may be offered directly by us, through agents designated from time to time by us or to or through underwriters or dealers. These securities also may be resold by securityholders, if so provided in a prospectus supplement hereto. We will provide specific information about any selling securityholders in one or more supplements to this prospectus. If any agents, dealers or underwriters are involved in the sale of any of the securities, their names, and any applicable purchase price, fee, commission or discount arrangement between or among them will be set forth, or will be calculable from the information set forth, in the applicable prospectus supplement. See the sections entitled "Plan of Distribution and About this Prospectus" for more information. No securities may be sold without delivery of this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of such series of securities.

Our common stock currently trades on the New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, under the symbol "DLR".

See **Risk Factors** beginning on page 2 for certain risk factors relevant to an investment in our securities.

**Neither the United States Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or determined if this prospectus is truthful or complete. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.**

The date of this prospectus is May 1, 2009.

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You should rely only on the information contained in this prospectus, in an accompanying prospectus supplement or incorporated by reference herein or therein. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with information or make any representation that is different. If anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation of an offer to buy any securities other than the registered securities to which they relate, and this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not constitute an offer to sell or the solicitation of an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction where, or to any person to whom, it is unlawful to make such an offer or solicitation. You should not assume that the information contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement is correct on any date after the respective dates of the prospectus and such prospectus supplement or supplements, as applicable, even though this prospectus and such prospectus supplement or supplements are delivered or shares are sold pursuant to the prospectus and such prospectus supplement or supplements at a later date. Since the respective dates of the prospectus contained in this registration statement and any accompanying prospectus supplement, our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed. We may only use this prospectus to sell the securities if it is accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

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**OUR COMPANY**

We own, acquire, develop, redevelop and manage technology-related real estate. Our properties are diversified in major markets where corporate datacenter and technology tenants are concentrated, including the Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, Northern Virginia, Phoenix, San Francisco and Silicon Valley metropolitan areas in the U.S. and the London, Dublin, Paris and Amsterdam markets in Europe. Our portfolio consists of Internet gateway and corporate datacenter properties, technology manufacturing properties and regional or national headquarters of technology companies. We operate as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

Our principal executive offices are located at 560 Mission Street, Suite 2900, San Francisco, California 94105. Our telephone number is (415) 738-6500. Our website is located at [www.digitalrealtytrust.com](http://www.digitalrealtytrust.com). The information found on, or accessible through, our website is not incorporated into, and does not form a part of, this prospectus or any other report or document we file with or furnish to the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or the SEC.



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**RISK FACTORS**

Investment in any securities offered pursuant to this prospectus involves risks. You should carefully consider the risk factors incorporated by reference to our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K and subsequent Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and the other information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, as updated by our subsequent filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Exchange Act, and the risk factors and other information contained in the applicable prospectus supplement before acquiring any of such securities.

**ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS**

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a shelf registration process. Under this process, we may sell common stock, preferred stock, depositary shares and warrants in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement containing specific information about the terms of the applicable offering. Such prospectus supplement may add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. To the extent that this prospectus is used by any securityholder to resell any securities, information with respect to the securityholder and the terms of the securities being offered will be contained in a prospectus supplement. You should read this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement together with additional information described under the heading *Where You Can Find More Information*.

We or any selling securityholders may offer the securities directly, through agents, or to or through underwriters. The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of the plan of distribution and set forth the names of any underwriters involved in the sale of the securities. See *Plan of Distribution* for more information on this topic. No securities may be sold without delivery of a prospectus supplement describing the method and terms of the offering of those securities.

Unless otherwise indicated or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to *we*, *us*, *our* or *our company* refer to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. together with our consolidated subsidiaries, including Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership of which we are the sole general partner and which we refer to in this prospectus as our operating partnership.

**WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION**

We file annual, quarterly and special reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E. Room 1580, Washington, D.C. 20549. Please call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information about the public reference room. The SEC also maintains a web site that contains reports, proxy and information statements and other information regarding registrants that file electronically with the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. You can inspect reports and other information we file at the offices of the NYSE, 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. In addition, we maintain a website that contains information about us at <http://www.digitalrealtytrust.com>. The information found on, or otherwise accessible through, our website is not incorporated into, and does not form a part of, this prospectus or any other report or document we file with or furnish to the SEC.

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3, of which this prospectus is a part, including exhibits, schedules and amendments filed with, or incorporated by reference in, this registration statement, under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the

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Securities Act, with respect to the securities registered hereby. This prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement do not contain all of the information set forth in the registration statement and exhibits and schedules to the registration statement. For further information with respect to our company and the securities registered hereby, reference is made to the registration statement, including the exhibits to the registration statement. Statements contained in this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement as to the contents of any contract or other document referred to in, or incorporated by reference in, this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement are not necessarily complete and, where that contract is an exhibit to the registration statement, each statement is qualified in all respects by the exhibit to which the reference relates. Copies of the registration statement, including the exhibits and schedules to the registration statement, may be examined at the SEC's public reference room. Copies of all or a portion of the registration statement can be obtained from the public reference room of the SEC upon payment of prescribed fees. This registration statement is also available to you on the SEC's website.

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The SEC allows us to incorporate by reference the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus. The incorporated documents contain significant information about us, our business and our finances. Any statement contained in a document which is incorporated by reference in this prospectus is automatically updated and superseded if information contained in this prospectus, or information that we later file with the SEC, modifies or replaces this information. We incorporate by reference the following documents we filed with the SEC:

our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008;

our Definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 6, 2009 (solely to the extent specifically incorporated by reference into our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008);

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on February 13, 2009;

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on March 19, 2009;

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 13, 2009;

our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 22, 2009;

the description of our Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on July 20, 2005 (file number 001-32336), including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating this description;

the description of our Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on February 2, 2005 (file number 001-32336), including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating this description;

the description of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A filed on October 28, 2004 (file number 001-32336), including any amendment or reports filed for the purpose of updating this description; and

all documents filed by us with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, after the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of the underlying securities (excluding any portions of such documents that are deemed furnished to the SEC pursuant to applicable rules and regulations).

We will provide without charge to each person, including any beneficial owner, to whom a prospectus is delivered, on written or oral request of that person, a copy of any or all of the documents we are incorporating by reference into this prospectus, other than exhibits to those documents unless those exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into those documents. A written request should be addressed to Joshua A. Mills, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary, Digital Realty Trust, Inc., 560 Mission Street, Suite 2900, San Francisco, California 94105.



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**FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus, including the documents that we incorporate by reference, contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the safe harbor from civil liability provided for such statements by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (set forth in Section 27A of the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Exchange Act). Also, documents we subsequently file with the SEC and incorporate by reference will contain forward-looking statements. In particular, statements pertaining to our capital resources, portfolio performance and results of operations contain forward-looking statements. Likewise, pro forma financial statements and other pro forma information incorporated by reference and all our statements regarding anticipated growth in our funds from operations and anticipated market conditions, demographics and results of operations are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements involve numerous risks and uncertainties and you should not rely on them as predictions of future events. Forward-looking statements depend on assumptions, data or methods which may be incorrect or imprecise and we may not be able to realize them. We do not guarantee that the transactions and events described will happen as described (or that they will happen at all). You can identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology such as believes, expects, may, will, should, seeks, approximately, intends, plans, pro forma, estimates or anticipates or the negative of these words and phrases or similar phrases. You can also identify forward-looking statements by discussions of strategies, plans or intentions. The following factors, among others, could cause actual results and future events to differ materially from those set forth or contemplated in the forward-looking statements:

the impact of the current deterioration in global economic and market conditions;

adverse economic or real estate developments in our markets or the industry sectors that we sell to;

decreases in information technology spending;

our dependence upon significant tenants;

bankruptcy or insolvency of a major tenant or a significant number of smaller tenants;

downturn of local economic conditions in our geographic markets;

our inability to comply with the rules and regulations applicable to public companies or to manage our growth effectively;

difficulty acquiring or operating properties in foreign jurisdictions;

defaults on or non-renewal of leases by tenants;

increased interest rates and operating costs;

our failure to obtain necessary outside financing;

restrictions on our ability to engage in certain business activities;

risks related to joint venture investments;

decreased rental rates or increased vacancy rates;

inability to successfully develop and lease new properties and space held for redevelopment;

difficulties in identifying properties to acquire and completing acquisitions;

increased competition or available supply of data center space;

our failure to successfully operate acquired properties;

our possible inability to acquire off-market properties;

delays or unexpected costs in development or redevelopment of properties;

our possible failure to maintain our status as a REIT;

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possible adverse changes to tax laws;

environmental uncertainties and risks related to natural disasters;

financial market fluctuations;

changes in foreign currency exchange rates;

changes in foreign laws and regulations, including those related to taxation and real estate ownership and operation; and

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

For a further discussion of these and other factors that could impact our future results, performance or transactions, see the section entitled "Risk Factors," including the risks incorporated therein, from our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, as updated by our subsequent filings, including filings we make after the date of this prospectus.

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**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless we indicate otherwise in the applicable prospectus supplement, we intend to contribute the net proceeds from any sale of the securities pursuant to this prospectus to our operating partnership. Our operating partnership will subsequently use the net proceeds received from us to potentially acquire or develop additional properties and for general corporate purposes, which may include the repayment of existing indebtedness. Pending application of cash proceeds, we may use the net proceeds to temporarily reduce borrowings under our revolving credit facility or we may invest the net proceeds in interest-bearing accounts and short-term, interest-bearing securities which are consistent with our intention to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes. We will not receive any of the proceeds from sales of securities by selling securityholders, if any, pursuant to this prospectus. Further details regarding the use of the net proceeds of a specific series or class of the securities will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.



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**RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERRED DIVIDENDS**

Our ratios of earnings to fixed charges and earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends for the periods indicated are as follows:

**Digital Realty Trust, Inc.**

**Statement of Computation of Ratios**

	<b>The Company Year ended December 31,</b>				<b>The Company and the Predecessor</b>
	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2004</b>
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges	1.65	1.17	1.41	1.68	
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges and preferred stock dividends	1.12		1.12	1.31	

Our ratios of earnings to fixed charges are computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. Our ratios of earnings to fixed charges and preferred dividends are computed by dividing earnings by the sum of fixed charges and preferred dividends. For this purpose, earnings consist of income (loss) from continuing operations before minority interests and fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest expense, capitalized interest and amortization of deferred financing fees, whether expensed or capitalized, and interest within rental expense. Preferred stock dividends consist of the amount of pre-tax earnings required to pay dividends on our series A preferred stock, series B preferred stock, series C preferred stock and series D preferred stock.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges and preferred dividends by \$5.7 million. For the year ended December 31, 2004, earnings were insufficient to cover fixed charges and fixed charges and preferred dividends by \$5.3 million.

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**DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES**

*The following summary of the material terms of our securities sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. This summary does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to our charter documents and bylaws, copies of which we have previously filed with the SEC. See [Where You Can Find More Information](#).*

We may from time to time offer under this prospectus one or more of the following categories of our securities:

shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share;

shares of our preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share;

depository shares representing entitlement to all rights and preferences of fractions of shares of preferred stock of a specified series and represented by depository receipts; or

warrants to purchase shares of our common stock or preferred stock or depository shares.

The terms of any specific offering of our securities, including the terms of any units of a combination of our securities, will be described in a prospectus supplement relating to such offering.

**Description of Common Stock**

**General.** Our charter provides that we may issue up to 125 million shares of our common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, or common stock. As of March 31, 2009, 76,042,511 shares of our common stock were issued and outstanding, excluding:

4,032,511 shares available for future issuance under our incentive award plan;

909,911 shares underlying options granted under our incentive award plan;

874,259 shares issuable upon redemption of outstanding vested long-term incentive units (including class C units) issued under our incentive award plan;

482,002 shares issuable upon redemption of outstanding unvested long-term incentive units issued under our incentive award plan;

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4,581,944 shares issuable upon redemption of outstanding common units;

728,202 shares potentially issuable upon redemption of outstanding unvested class C units;

22,522 restricted shares issued under our incentive award plan; and

3,614,777 shares potentially issuable upon conversion of our series C cumulative convertible preferred stock, using the current conversion rate, 8,215,221 shares potentially issuable upon conversion of our series D cumulative convertible preferred stock, using the current conversion rate and 5,353,883 shares potentially issuable upon exchange of our 4.125% exchangeable senior debentures, using the current conversion rate.

All outstanding shares of our common stock are duly authorized, fully paid and nonassessable. Subject to the preferential rights of any other class or series of stock and to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on transfer of stock, holders of shares of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends on such stock if, as and when authorized by our board of directors out of assets legally available therefor and declared by us and to share ratably in the assets of our company legally available for distribution to our stockholders in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up after payment or establishment of reserves for all known debts and liabilities of our company.

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Subject to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on transfer of stock and except as may be otherwise specified therein with respect to any class or series of common stock, each outstanding share of our common stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors and, except as provided with respect to any other class or series of stock, the holders of such shares will possess the exclusive voting power. There is no cumulative voting in the election of our board of directors, which means that the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our common stock can elect all of the directors then standing for election and the holders of the remaining shares will not be able to elect any directors.

Holders of shares of our common stock have no preference, conversion, exchange, sinking fund or redemption rights, have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any securities of our company and generally have no appraisal rights unless our board of directors determines that appraisal rights apply, with respect to all or any classes or series of stock, to one or more transactions occurring after the date of such determination in connection with which stockholders would otherwise be entitled to exercise appraisal rights. Subject to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on transfer of stock, shares of our common stock will have equal dividend, liquidation and other rights.

Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, or MGCL, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, sell all or substantially all of its assets, engage in a share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business unless the action is approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter unless a lesser percentage (but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter) is set forth in the corporation's charter. Except for certain charter amendments relating to the removal of directors, our charter provides that these actions may be taken if declared advisable by a majority of our board of directors and approved by the vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. However, Maryland law permits a corporation to transfer all or substantially all of its assets without the approval of the stockholders of the corporation to one or more persons if all of the equity interests of the person or persons are owned, directly or indirectly, by the corporation. In addition, operating assets may be held by a corporation's subsidiaries, as in our situation, and these subsidiaries may be able to transfer all or substantially all of such assets without a vote of the parent corporation's stockholders.

Our charter authorizes our board of directors to reclassify any unissued shares of our common stock into other classes or series of stock and to establish the number of shares in each class or series and to set the preferences, conversion and other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications or terms or conditions of redemption for each such class or series.

***Power to Increase Authorized Stock and Issue Additional Shares of Our Common Stock.*** Our board of directors has the power to amend our charter without stockholder approval to increase or decrease the number of authorized shares of common stock, to issue additional authorized but unissued shares of our common stock and to classify or reclassify unissued shares of our common stock and thereafter to cause us to issue such classified or reclassified shares of stock. We believe these powers provide us with increased flexibility in structuring possible future financings and acquisitions and in meeting other needs which might arise. Subject to the limited rights of holders of our series A preferred stock, series B preferred stock, series C preferred stock and series D preferred stock and each other parity class or series of preferred stock, voting together as a single class, to approve certain issuances of senior classes or series of stock, the additional classes or series, as well as the common stock, will be available for issuance without further action by our stockholders, unless stockholder consent is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which our securities may be listed or traded. Although our board of directors does not intend to do so, it could authorize us to issue a class or series that could, depending upon the terms of the particular class or series, delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change of control of our company that might involve a premium price for our stockholders or otherwise be in their best interest.

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***Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer.*** To assist us in complying with certain federal income tax requirements applicable to REITs, we have adopted certain restrictions relating to the ownership and transfer of our common stock. See [Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer](#).

***Transfer Agent and Registrar.*** The transfer agent and registrar for our common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

## **Description of Preferred Stock**

***General.*** Our charter provides that we may issue up to 30 million shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share, or preferred stock. Our charter authorizes our board of directors to amend our charter without stockholder approval to increase the number of authorized shares of preferred stock. As of March 31, 2009, 4,140,000 shares of our series A preferred stock, 2,530,000 shares of our series B preferred stock, 6,999,955 shares of our series C preferred stock and 13,795,500 shares of our series D preferred stock were issued and outstanding. No other shares of preferred stock are currently outstanding.

Our charter authorizes our board of directors to classify any unissued shares of preferred stock and to reclassify any previously classified but unissued shares of any series. Prior to issuance of shares of each series, our board of directors is required by the MGCL and our charter to set, subject to the provisions of our charter regarding the restrictions on transfers of stock, the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms or conditions of redemption for each such series. Thus, our board of directors could authorize the issuance of shares of preferred stock with terms and conditions which could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change of control of our company that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interest.

The specific terms of a particular class or series of preferred stock will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that class or series, including a prospectus supplement providing that preferred stock may be issuable upon the exercise of warrants we issue. The description of preferred stock set forth below and the description of the terms of a particular class or series of preferred stock set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement do not purport to be complete and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the articles supplementary relating to that class or series.

The preferences and other terms of the preferred stock of each class or series will be fixed by the articles supplementary relating to such class or series. A prospectus supplement, relating to each class or series, will specify the terms of the preferred stock, including, where applicable, the following:

- (i) the title and stated value of such preferred stock;
- (ii) the number of shares of such preferred stock offered, the liquidation preference per share and the offering price of such preferred stock;
- (iii) the dividend rate(s), period(s), and/or payment date(s) or method(s) of calculation thereof applicable to such preferred stock;

(iv) whether such preferred stock is cumulative or not and, if cumulative, the date from which dividends on such preferred stock shall accumulate;

(v) the provision for a sinking fund, if any, for such preferred stock;

(vi) the provision for redemption, if applicable, of such preferred stock;

(vii) any listing of such preferred stock on any securities exchange;

(viii) preemptive rights, if any;

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(ix) the terms and conditions, if applicable, upon which such preferred stock will be converted into our common stock, including the conversion price (or manner of calculation thereof);

(x) a discussion of any material United States federal income tax consequences applicable to an investment in such preferred stock;

(xi) any limitations on actual and constructive ownership and restrictions on transfer, in each case as may be appropriate to preserve our status as a REIT;

(xii) the relative ranking and preferences of such preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of our company;

(xiii) any limitations on issuance of any class or series of preferred stock ranking senior to or on a parity with such class or series of preferred stock as to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of our company;

(xiv) any voting rights of such preferred stock; and

(xv) any other specific terms, preferences, rights, limitations or restrictions of such preferred stock.

**Rank.** Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, the preferred stock will, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up of our company, rank: (i) senior to all classes or series of our common stock, and to any other class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking junior to the preferred stock; (ii) on parity with any class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the preferred stock; and (iii) junior to any other class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the preferred stock.

**Conversion Rights.** The terms and conditions, if any, upon which any shares of any class or series of preferred stock are convertible into our common stock will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement relating thereto. Such terms will include the number of shares of our common stock into which the shares of preferred stock are convertible, the conversion price (or manner of calculation thereof), the conversion period, provisions as to whether conversion will be at the option of the holders of such class or series of preferred stock, the events requiring an adjustment of the conversion price and provisions affecting conversion in the event of the redemption of such class or series of preferred stock.

**Power to Increase Authorized Stock and Issue Additional Shares of Our Preferred Stock.** Our board of directors has the power to amend our charter without stockholder approval to increase the number of authorized shares of preferred stock, to issue additional authorized but unissued shares of our preferred stock and to classify or reclassify unissued shares of our preferred stock and thereafter to cause us to issue such classified or reclassified shares of stock. Subject to the limited rights of holders of our series A preferred stock, series B preferred stock, series C preferred stock and series D preferred stock and each other parity class or series of preferred stock, voting together as a single class, to approve certain issuances of senior classes or series of stock, the additional classes or series will be available for issuance without further action by our stockholders, unless stockholder consent is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on

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which our securities may be listed or traded. Although our board of directors does not intend to do so, it could authorize us to issue a class or series that could, depending upon the terms of the particular class or series, delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change of control of our company that might involve a premium price for our stockholders or otherwise be in their best interest.

***Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer.*** To assist us in complying with certain federal income tax requirements applicable to REITs, we have adopted certain restrictions relating to the ownership and transfer of our series A preferred stock, series B preferred stock, series C preferred stock and series D preferred stock. We expect to adopt similar restrictions with respect to any class or series offered pursuant to this prospectus under the articles supplementary for each such class or series. The applicable prospectus supplement will specify any additional ownership limitation relating to such class or series. See [Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer](#).



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### **8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock**

**General.** Our board of directors and a duly authorized committee thereof approved articles supplementary, a copy of which we have previously filed with the SEC and which we incorporate by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, creating the series A preferred stock as a series of our preferred stock, designated as the 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The series A preferred stock is validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The series A preferred stock is currently listed on the NYSE as DLR Pr A .

**Ranking.** The series A preferred stock ranks, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up:

senior to all classes or series of our common stock, and to any other class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking junior to the series A preferred stock;

on parity with any class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the series A preferred stock, including our series B preferred stock, series C preferred stock and series D preferred stock; and

junior to any other class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the series A preferred stock.

**Dividend Rate and Payment Date.** Investors are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends on the series A preferred stock from and including the date of original issue, payable quarterly in arrears on or about the last calendar day of March, June, September and December of each year, commencing March 31, 2005, at the rate of 8.50% per annum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share (equivalent to an annual amount of \$2.125 per share). Dividends on the series A preferred stock will accrue whether or not we have earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends and whether or not such dividends are authorized or declared.

**Liquidation Preference.** If we liquidate, dissolve or wind-up, holders of the series A preferred stock will have the right to receive \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) up to but excluding the date of payment, before any payment is made to holders of our common stock and any other class or series of stock ranking junior to the series A preferred stock as to liquidation rights. The rights of holders of series A preferred stock to receive their liquidation preference will be subject to the proportionate rights of any other class or series of our stock ranking on parity with the series A preferred stock as to liquidation.

**Optional Redemption.** We may not redeem the series A preferred stock prior to February 9, 2010, except in limited circumstances to preserve our status as a REIT. On and after February 9, 2010, the series A preferred stock will be redeemable at our option, in whole or in part at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends up to but excluding the redemption date. Any partial redemption will be on a pro rata basis.

**No Maturity, Sinking Fund or Mandatory Redemption.** The series A preferred stock has no maturity date and we are not required to redeem the series A preferred stock at any time. Accordingly, the series A preferred stock will remain outstanding indefinitely, unless we decide, at our option, to exercise our redemption right. The series A preferred stock is not subject to any sinking fund.

***Voting Rights.*** Holders of series A preferred stock generally have no voting rights. However, if we are in arrears on dividends on the series A preferred stock for six or more quarterly periods, whether or not consecutive, holders of the series A preferred stock (voting together as a class with the holders of all other classes or series of parity preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable) will be entitled to

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vote at our next annual meeting and each subsequent annual meeting of stockholders for the election of two additional directors to serve on our board of directors until all unpaid dividends with respect to the series A preferred stock and any other class or series of parity preferred stock have been paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set aside for payment. In addition, we may not make certain material and adverse changes to the terms of the series A preferred stock without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of series A preferred stock and the holders of all other shares of any class or series ranking on parity with the series A preferred stock that are entitled to similar voting rights (voting together as a single class).

**Conversion.** The series A preferred stock is not convertible into or exchangeable for any of our other property or securities.

**Transfer Agent and Registrar.** The transfer agent and registrar for our series A preferred stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

### **7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock**

**General.** Our board of directors and a duly authorized committee thereof approved articles supplementary, a copy of which we have previously filed with the SEC and which we incorporate by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, creating the series B preferred stock as a series of our preferred stock, designated as the 7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock. The series B preferred stock is validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

The series B preferred stock is currently listed on the NYSE as DLR Pr B .

**Ranking.** The series B preferred stock ranks, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up:

senior to all classes or series of our common stock, and to any other class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking junior to the series B preferred stock;

on parity with any class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the series B preferred stock, including our series A preferred stock, series C preferred stock and series D preferred stock; and

junior to any other class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the series B preferred stock.

**Dividend Rate and Payment Date.** Investors are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends on the series B preferred stock from and including the date of original issue, payable quarterly in arrears on or about the last calendar day of March, June, September and December of each year, commencing September 30, 2005, at the rate of 7.875% per annum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share (equivalent to an annual amount of \$1.96875 per share). Dividends on the series B preferred stock will accrue whether or not we have earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends and whether or not such dividends are authorized or declared.

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**Liquidation Preference.** If we liquidate, dissolve or wind-up, holders of the series B preferred stock will have the right to receive \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) up to but excluding the date of payment, before any payment is made to holders of our common stock and any other class or series of stock ranking junior to the series B preferred stock as to liquidation rights. The rights of holders of series B preferred stock to receive their liquidation preference will be subject to the proportionate rights of any other class or series of our stock ranking on parity with the series B preferred stock as to liquidation.

**Optional Redemption.** We may not redeem the series B preferred stock prior to July 26, 2010, except in limited circumstances to preserve our status as a REIT. On and after July 26, 2010, the series B preferred stock

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will be redeemable at our option, in whole or in part at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends up to but excluding the redemption date. Any partial redemption will be on a pro rata basis.

***No Maturity, Sinking Fund or Mandatory Redemption.*** The series B preferred stock has no maturity date and we are not required to redeem the series B preferred stock at any time. Accordingly, the series B preferred stock will remain outstanding indefinitely, unless we decide, at our option, to exercise our redemption right. The series B preferred stock is not subject to any sinking fund.

***Voting Rights.*** Holders of series B preferred stock generally have no voting rights. However, if we are in arrears on dividends on the series B preferred stock for six or more quarterly periods, whether or not consecutive, holders of the series B preferred stock (voting together as a class with the holders of all other classes or series of parity preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable) will be entitled to vote at our next annual meeting and each subsequent annual meeting of stockholders for the election of two additional directors to serve on our board of directors until all unpaid dividends with respect to the series B preferred stock and any other class or series of parity preferred stock have been paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set aside for payment. In addition, we may not make certain material and adverse changes to the terms of the series B preferred stock without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of series B preferred stock and the holders of all other shares of any class or series ranking on parity with the series B preferred stock that are entitled to similar voting rights (voting together as a single class).

***Conversion.*** The series B preferred stock is not convertible into or exchangeable for any of our other property or securities.

***Transfer Agent and Registrar.*** The transfer agent and registrar for our series B preferred stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

### **4.375% Series C Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock**

***General.*** Our board of directors and a duly authorized committee thereof approved articles supplementary, a copy of which we have previously filed with the SEC and which we incorporate by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, creating the series C preferred stock as a series of our preferred stock, designated as the 4.375% Series C Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock. The series C preferred stock is validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

***Ranking.*** The series C preferred stock ranks, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up:

senior to all classes or series of our common stock, and to any other class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking junior to the series C preferred stock;

on parity with any class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the series C preferred stock, including our series A preferred stock, series B preferred stock and series D preferred stock; and

junior to any other class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the series C preferred stock.

***Dividend Rate and Payment Date.*** Investors are entitled to receive cumulative cash dividends on the series C preferred stock from and including the date of original issue, payable quarterly in arrears on or about the last calendar day of March, June, September and December of each year, commencing June 30, 2007, at the rate of 4.375% per annum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share (equivalent to an annual amount of \$1.09375 per share). Dividends on the series C preferred stock will accrue whether or not we have earnings, whether or not there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends and whether or not such dividends are authorized or declared.

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**Liquidation Preference.** If we liquidate, dissolve or wind-up, holders of the series C preferred stock will have the right to receive \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends (whether or not earned or declared) up to but excluding the date of payment, before any payment is made to holders of our common stock and any other class or series of stock ranking junior to the series C preferred stock as to liquidation rights. The rights of holders of series C preferred stock to receive their liquidation preference will be subject to the proportionate rights of any other class or series of our stock ranking on parity with the series C preferred stock as to liquidation.

**Optional Redemption.** We may not redeem the series C preferred stock except in limited circumstances to preserve our status as a REIT. Any partial redemption will be on a pro rata basis.

**No Maturity, Sinking Fund or Mandatory Redemption.** The series C preferred stock has no maturity date and is not subject to any sinking fund and we are not required to redeem the series C preferred stock at any time.

**Voting Rights.** Holders of shares of the series C preferred stock will generally have no voting rights. However, if we are in arrears on dividends on the series C preferred stock for six or more quarterly periods, whether or not consecutive, holders of shares of the series C preferred stock (voting together as a class with the holders of all other classes or series of preferred stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable) will be entitled to vote at a special meeting called by at least 10% of such holders or at our next annual meeting and each subsequent annual meeting of stockholders, for the election of two additional directors to serve on our board of directors until all unpaid dividends with respect to the series C preferred stock and any other class or series of parity preferred stock have been paid or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set aside for payment. In addition, we may not make certain material and adverse changes to the terms of the series C preferred stock without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least two-thirds of the outstanding shares of the series C preferred stock together with the holders of all other shares of any class or series of preferred stock ranking on parity with the series C preferred stock that are entitled to similar voting rights (voting together as a single class).

**Conversion.** Holders may convert their shares of the series C preferred stock into shares of our common stock subject to certain conditions. The conversion rate will initially be 0.5164 shares of common stock per \$25.00 liquidation preference, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$48.41 per share of common stock (subject to adjustment in certain events). On or after April 10, 2012, we may, at our option, cause some or all of the series C preferred stock to be automatically converted into shares of common stock at the then-applicable conversion rate if (1) the closing sales price of our common stock equals or exceeds 130% of the then applicable conversion price of the series C preferred stock for at least 20 trading days in a period of 30 consecutive trading days and (2) on or prior to the effective date of the conversion, we have either declared and paid, or declared and set apart for payment, any unpaid dividends that are in arrears on the series C preferred stock.

If holders of shares of the series C preferred stock elect to convert their shares of the series C preferred stock in connection with a fundamental change that occurs on or prior to April 10, 2014, we will increase the conversion rate for shares of the series C preferred stock surrendered for conversion by a number of additional shares determined based on the stock price at the time of such fundamental change and the effective date of such fundamental change, as set forth in the articles supplementary.

On or prior to April 10, 2014, in the event of a fundamental change when the applicable price of our common stock described in the articles supplementary is less than \$40.34 per share, then holders of shares of the series C preferred stock will have a special right to convert some or all of their series C preferred stock on the fundamental change conversion date (as defined in the articles supplementary) into a number of shares of our common stock per \$25.00 liquidation preference equal to such liquidation preference, plus an amount equal to accrued and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the fundamental change conversion date, divided by 98% of the market price (as defined in the articles supplementary) of our common stock. In the event that holders of shares of the series C preferred stock exercise the special conversion right, we have the right to repurchase for





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cash all or any part of the series C preferred stock as to which the conversion right was exercised at a repurchase price equal to 100% of the liquidation preference of the series C preferred stock to be repurchased plus an amount equal to accrued and unpaid dividends to, but not including, the fundamental change conversion date. If we elect to exercise our repurchase right, holders of shares of the series C preferred stock will not have the special conversion right described above.

**Transfer Agent and Registrar.** The transfer agent and registrar for our series C preferred stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company.

**5.500% Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock**

**General.** Our board of directors and a duly authorized committee thereof approved articles supplementary, a copy of which we have previously filed with the SEC and which we incorporate by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, creating the series D preferred stock as a series of our preferred stock, designated as the 5.500% Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock. The series D preferred stock is validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

**Ranking.** The series D preferred stock ranks, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, dissolution or winding-up:

senior to all classes or series of our common stock, and to any other class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking junior to the series D preferred stock;

on parity with any class or series of our stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the series D preferred stock, including our series A preferred stock, series B preferred stock and series C preferred stock; and

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EXHIBIT A

JOINT FILING AGREEMENT

In accordance with Rule 13d-1(k) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the undersigned hereby agree to the joint filing with each other of the attached statement on Schedule 13G and to all amendments to such statement and that such statement and all amendments to such statement are made on behalf of each of them.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this agreement on  
February 2, 2009.

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Franklin Resources, Inc.

Charles B. Johnson

Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.

By: /s/ROBERT C. ROSSELOT

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Robert C. Rosselot

Assistant Secretary of Franklin Resources, Inc.

Attorney-in-Fact for Charles B. Johnson pursuant to Power of Attorney attached to this  
Schedule 13G

Attorney-in-Fact for Rupert H. Johnson, Jr. pursuant to Power of Attorney attached to this  
Schedule 13G

Franklin Advisory Services, LLC

By: /s/STEVEN J. GRAY

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Steven J. Gray

Secretary of Franklin Advisory Services, LLC

EXHIBIT B

LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR  
SECTION 13 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Robert Rosselot and Maria Gray, each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Schedules 13D and 13G (including any amendments thereto or any related documentation) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and Franklin Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Reporting Entity"), as considered necessary or advisable under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act"); and
- (2) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Reporting Entity nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act or (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements; and
- (4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 13 of the Exchange Act.

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The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 30th day of April, 2007

/s/Charles B. Johnson

Signature

Charles B. Johnson

Print Name

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LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY  
FOR  
SECTION 13 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Robert Rosselot and Maria Gray, each acting individually, as the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-in-fact, with full power and authority as hereinafter described on behalf of and in the name, place and stead of the undersigned to:

- (1) prepare, execute, acknowledge, deliver and file Schedules 13D and 13G (including any amendments thereto or any related documentation) with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, any national securities exchanges and Franklin Resources, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Reporting Entity"), as considered necessary or advisable under Section 13 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time (the "Exchange Act"); and
- (2) perform any and all other acts which in the discretion of such attorney-in-fact are necessary or desirable for and on behalf of the undersigned in connection with the foregoing.

The undersigned acknowledges that:

- (1) this Limited Power of Attorney authorizes, but does not require, each such attorney-in-fact to act in their discretion on information provided to such attorney-in-fact without independent verification of such information;
- (2) any documents prepared and/or executed by either such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Limited Power of Attorney will be in such form and will contain such information and disclosure as such attorney-in-fact, in his or her discretion, deems necessary or desirable;
- (3) neither the Reporting Entity nor either of such attorneys-in-fact assumes (i) any liability for the undersigned's responsibility to comply with the requirements of the Exchange Act or (ii) any liability of the undersigned for any failure to comply with such requirements; and
- (4) this Limited Power of Attorney does not relieve the undersigned from responsibility for compliance with the undersigned's obligations under the Exchange Act, including without limitation the reporting requirements under Section 13 of the Exchange Act.

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The undersigned hereby gives and grants each of the foregoing attorneys-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform all and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or appropriate to be done in and about the foregoing matters as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if present, hereby ratifying all that each such attorney-in-fact of, for and on behalf of the undersigned, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this Limited Power of Attorney.

This Limited Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to each such attorney-in-fact.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Limited Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 25th day of April, 2007

/s/ Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.  
Signature

Rupert H. Johnson, Jr.  
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Footnote to Schedule 13G

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