Digital Realty Trust, Inc. Form 424B3 December 13, 2010 Table of Contents

> Filed Pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) Registration Nos. 333-169752 and 333-169752-01

### **PROSPECTUS**

#### DIGITAL REALTY TRUST, L.P.

### **OFFER TO EXCHANGE**

Up to \$375,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its

4.50% Notes due 2015,

which have been registered under the Securities Act,

for any and all of its outstanding 4.50% Notes due 2015

Guaranteed by Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

The exchange offer expires at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on January 12, 2011, unless extended.

We will exchange all outstanding notes that are validly tendered and not validly withdrawn for an equal principal amount of a new series of notes which are registered under the Securities Act.

The exchange offer is not subject to any conditions other than that it not violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the staff of the SEC.

You may withdraw tenders of outstanding notes at any time before the exchange offer expires.

The exchange of notes will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

We will not receive any proceeds from the exchange offer.

The terms of the new series of notes are substantially identical to the outstanding notes, except for transfer restrictions and registration rights relating to the outstanding notes.

The outstanding notes are, and the new series of notes will be, fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Digital Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, our sole general partner, which has no material assets other than its investment in us.

You may tender outstanding notes only in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

Our affiliates may not participate in the exchange offer.

No public market exists for the outstanding notes. We do not intend to list the new notes on any securities exchange and, therefore, no active public market is anticipated for the new notes.

Each broker-dealer that receives new notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such new notes. The letter of transmittal delivered with this prospectus states that by so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended. This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of new notes received in exchange for outstanding notes where such outstanding notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities.

Please refer to <u>Risk Factors</u> beginning on page 11 of this prospectus for a description of the risks you should consider when evaluating this investment.

We are not making this exchange offer in any state where it is not permitted.

Neither the 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 December 13, 2010.

#### TABLE OF CONTENTS

	PAGE NO.
Prospectus Summary	1
Risk Factors	11
Forward-Looking Statements	32
The Exchange Offer	34
Use of Proceeds	44
Selected Consolidated Financial Data	45
Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations	49
Business and Properties	88
Investment Policies and Policies with Respect to Certain Activities	103
Directors and Executive Officers	107
Executive Compensation	112
Non-Employee Director Compensation	138
Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence	141
Description of Other Indebtedness	145
<u>Description of Notes</u>	151
Description of the Partnership Agreement of Digital Realty Trust, L.P.	166
<u>United States Federal Income Tax Consequences</u>	172
Plan of Distribution	190
<u>Legal Matters</u>	191
<u>Experts</u>	191
Where You Can Find More Information	191
Incorporation by Reference	192
Index to the Consolidated Financial Statements and Schedules	F-1

You should rely only on the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We 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, as well as information that we have previously filed with the 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.

This prospectus incorporates important business and financial information about us that is not included in or delivered with this prospectus, and such information is available without charge to holders of the notes upon written or oral request to Investor Relations, Digital Realty Trust, Inc., 560 Mission Street, Suite 2900, San Francisco, California 94105-2712 (telephone: (415) 738-6500). In order to obtain timely delivery, note holders must request the information no later than five business days prior to the expiration of the exchange offer contemplated by this prospectus, or January 6, 2011.

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account pursuant to the exchange offer will acknowledge by participating in this exchange offer, as a condition to participating in this exchange offer, that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of such exchange notes. By so acknowledging and by delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer will not be deemed to admit that it is an underwriter—within the meaning of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the—Securities Act—). This prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, may be used by a broker-dealer in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for outstanding private notes where such outstanding private notes were acquired by such broker-dealer as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities. We have agreed that for a period of up to one year after the consummation of the exchange offer, we will make this prospectus, as amended or supplemented, available to any broker-dealer that requests it for use in connection with

any such resale. See Plan of Distribution.

#### PROSPECTUS SUMMARY

You should read the following summary together with the more detailed information regarding our company and the financial statements appearing elsewhere in this prospectus or incorporated by reference in this prospectus, including under the caption Risk Factors.

#### **Explanatory Note**

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

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. is a real estate investment trust, or REIT, and the general partner of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. As of September 30, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. owned an approximate 94.2% common general partnership interest in Digital Realty Trust, L.P. The remaining approximate 5.8% common limited partnership interests are owned by non-affiliated investors and certain directors and officers of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. As of September 30, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. owned all of the preferred limited partnership units of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. As the sole general partner of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has the full, exclusive and complete responsibility for the operating partnership s day-to-day management and control.

There are few differences between our company and our operating partnership, which are reflected in the disclosure included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We believe it is important to understand the differences between our company and our operating partnership in the context of how Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and Digital Realty Trust, L.P. operate as an interrelated consolidated company. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. is a REIT, whose only material asset is its ownership of partnership interests of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. As a result, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. does not conduct business itself, other than acting as the sole general partner of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., issuing public equity from time to time and guaranteeing certain debt of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and its consolidated subsidiaries. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. itself does not issue any indebtedness but guarantees some of the unsecured debt of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., as disclosed in this prospectus. Digital Realty Trust, L.P. holds substantially all the assets of the company and holds the ownership interests in the company s joint ventures. Digital Realty Trust, L.P. conducts the operations of the business and is structured as a partnership with no publicly traded equity. Except for net proceeds from public equity issuances by Digital Realty Trust, Inc., which are generally contributed to Digital Realty Trust, L.P. in exchange for partnership units, Digital Realty Trust, L.P. generates the capital required by the company s business through Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s operations, by Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s direct or indirect incurrence of indebtedness or through the issuance of partnership units.

The presentation of noncontrolling interests in operating partnership, stockholders equity and partners capital are the main areas of difference between the consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and those of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. The common limited partnership interests held by the limited partners in Digital Realty Trust, L.P. are presented as limited partners—capital within partners—capital in Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s financial statements and as noncontrolling interests in operating partnership within equity in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s financial statements. The common and preferred partnership interests held by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. in Digital Realty Trust, L.P. are presented as general partner—s capital within partners—capital in Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s financial statements and as preferred stock, common stock, additional paid-in capital and accumulated dividends in excess of earnings within stockholders—equity in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s financial statements. The differences in the presentations between stockholders—equity and partners—capital result from the differences in the equity issued at the Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and the Digital Realty Trust, L.P. levels.

1

## **Our Company**

#### Overview

We own, acquire, develop, redevelop and manage technology-related real estate. As of September 30, 2010, our portfolio consisted of 95 properties, excluding two properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures, of which 81 are located throughout North America and 14 are located in Europe. Our properties are diversified in major markets where corporate datacenter and technology tenants are concentrated, including the Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York Metro, Northern Virginia, Phoenix, San Francisco and Silicon Valley metropolitan areas in the U.S. and the Amsterdam, Dublin, London and Paris markets in Europe. The portfolio consists of Internet gateway and corporate datacenter properties, technology manufacturing properties and regional or national headquarters of technology companies. Digital Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, operates as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership, is the entity through which Digital Realty Trust, Inc. conducts its business and owns its assets.

As of September 30, 2010, our properties contained a total of approximately 16.4 million net rentable square feet, including approximately 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment. As of September 30, 2010, our portfolio, excluding space held for redevelopment, was approximately 95.0% leased at an average annualized rent per occupied square foot of \$50.04.

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. 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.

2

#### THE EXCHANGE OFFER

### The Exchange Offer

We are offering to exchange the 4.50% Notes due 2015 offered by this prospectus (the exchange notes ) for the outstanding 4.50% Notes due 2015 (the private notes ) that are properly tendered and accepted. You may tender outstanding private notes only in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof. We will issue the exchange notes on or promptly after the exchange offer expires. As of the date of this prospectus, \$375,000,000 principal amount of private notes is outstanding.

#### **Expiration Date**

The exchange offer will expire at 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on January 12, 2011 (the 21st business day following commencement of the exchange offer), unless extended, in which case the expiration date will mean the latest date and time to which we extend the exchange offer.

### Conditions to the Exchange Offer

The exchange offer is not subject to any condition other than that it not violate applicable law or any applicable interpretation of the staff of the SEC. The exchange offer is not conditioned upon any minimum principal amount of private notes being tendered for exchange.

We intend to conduct the exchange offer in accordance with the provisions of the registration rights agreement with respect to the private notes and the applicable requirements of the Securities Act, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ), and the rules and regulations of the SEC.

### **Procedures for Tendering Private Notes**

If you wish to tender your private notes for the exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer, you must complete and sign a letter of transmittal in accordance with the instructions contained in the letter and forward it by mail, facsimile or hand delivery, together with any other documents required by the letter of transmittal, to the Exchange Agent (as defined below), either with the private notes to be tendered or in compliance with the specified procedures for guaranteed delivery of notes. Certain brokers, dealers, commercial banks, trust companies and other nominees may also effect tenders by book-entry transfer. Holders of private notes registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee are urged to contact such person promptly if they wish to tender private notes pursuant to the exchange offer. See The Exchange Offer Procedures for Tendering.

Letters of transmittal and certificates representing private notes should not be sent to us. Such documents should only be sent to the Exchange Agent. Questions regarding how to tender private notes and requests for information should be directed to the Exchange Agent. See The Exchange Offer Exchange Agent.

You do not have any appraisal or dissenters rights under the indenture in connection with the exchange offer.

Acceptance of the Private Notes and Delivery of the Subject to the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to the exchange offer, we will accept for exchange any and all private notes which are validly tendered in the exchange

offer and not withdrawn before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

Withdrawal Rights You may withdraw the tender of your private notes at any time before 5:00 p.m., New

York City time, on the expiration date, by complying with the procedures for withdrawal described in this prospectus under the heading The Exchange Offer Withdrawal of

Tenders.

**U.S. Federal Tax Considerations**The exchange of notes will not be a taxable event for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

For a discussion of material federal tax considerations relating to the exchange of notes,

see United States Federal Income Tax Consequences.

**Exchange Agent** Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas, the registrar and paying agent for the notes

under the indenture governing the notes, is serving as the exchange agent for the notes

(the Exchange Agent ).

Consequences of Failure to Exchange If you do not exchange your private notes for the exchange notes, you will continue to be

subject to the restrictions on transfer provided in the private notes and in the indenture governing the private notes. In general, the private notes may not be offered or sold, unless registered under the Securities Act, except pursuant to an exemption from, or in a transaction not subject to, the Securities Act and applicable state securities laws. We do

not currently plan to register the resale of the private notes under the Securities Act.

**Registration Rights Agreement** You are entitled to exchange your private notes for the exchange notes with substantially

identical terms. This exchange offer satisfies this right. After the exchange offer is completed, you will no longer be entitled to any exchange or registration rights with

respect to your private notes.

We explain the exchange offer in greater detail beginning on page 34.

4

#### THE EXCHANGE NOTES

The summary below describes the principal terms of the exchange notes. Certain of the terms and conditions described below are subject to important limitations and exceptions. The Description of Notes section of this prospectus contains a more detailed description of the terms and conditions of the exchange notes. For purposes of this section entitled The Exchange Notes and the section entitled Description of Notes, references to we, us, and our refer only to Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and not to its subsidiaries or Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

The form and terms of the exchange notes are the same as the form and terms of the private notes, except that the exchange notes will be registered under the Securities Act and, therefore, the exchange notes will not be subject to the transfer restrictions, registration rights and provisions providing for an increase in the interest rate applicable to the private notes. The exchange notes will evidence the same debt as the private notes, and both the private notes and the exchange notes are governed by the same indenture.

**Issuer of Notes** Digital Realty Trust, L.P.

**Securities Offered** \$375,000,000 principal amount of 4.50% notes due 2015.

Maturity Date July 15, 2015, unless earlier redeemed.

**Interest** 4.50% per year. Interest will be payable semi-annually in arrears on January 15 and July

15 of each year, beginning on January 15, 2010.

**Ranking of Notes**The notes will be our direct, senior unsecured obligations and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness from time to

time outstanding. However, the notes will be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of our existing and future secured indebtedness (to the extent of the collateral securing the same) and to all existing and future liabilities and preferred equity of our subsidiaries, including guarantees by certain of our subsidiaries of indebtedness under our revolving credit facility and the notes issued to Prudential Investment Management, Inc. and certain of its affiliates pursuant to the Note Purchase and Private Shelf Agreement dated July 24, 2008, as amended, which we refer to as the Prudential shelf facility. As of September 30, 2010, we had outstanding \$1.1 billion of senior unsecured indebtedness (exclusive of intercompany debt, trade payables, distributions payable, accrued expenses and committed letters of credit) and our subsidiaries had \$1.1 billion of total indebtedness (exclusive of intercompany debt, guarantees of our debt and trade payables). Except for our subsidiaries that are prohibited from doing so by the terms of secured indebtedness, substantially all of our domestic subsidiaries, together with Digital Realty Trust, Inc., guarantee our obligations under our revolving credit facility and the notes under the

Prudential shelf facility.

**Guarantee**The notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. The guarantee will be a senior unsecured obligation of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and will rank

equally in right of payment with other senior unsecured obligations of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. from time to time outstanding. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has no material assets

other than its investment in us.

5

#### **Optional Redemption**

The notes will be redeemable in whole at any time or in part from time to time, at our option, at a redemption price equal to the sum of:

an amount equal to 100% of the principal amount of the notes to be redeemed plus accrued and unpaid interest up to, but not including, the redemption date; and

a make-whole premium.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the notes are redeemed on or after 90 days prior to the maturity date, the redemption price will not include a make-whole premium. See Description of Notes Optional Redemption in this prospectus.

### **Certain Covenants**

The indenture governing the notes contains certain covenants that, among other things, limit our, the guarantor s and our subsidiaries ability to:

consummate a merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets; and

incur secured and unsecured indebtedness.

These covenants are subject to a number of important exceptions and qualifications. See Description of Notes.

### **Further Issuances**

We may from time to time, without notice to or consent of existing noteholders, create and issue additional notes having the same terms and conditions as the exchange notes in all respects, except for the issue date and, under certain circumstances, the issue price and first payment of interest thereon. Additional notes issued in this manner will be consolidated with and will form a single series with the previously outstanding notes, provided, however, that such additional notes may not be fungible with the previously outstanding notes for U.S. federal income tax purposes.

### No Public Market

The exchange notes are a new issue of securities with no established trading market. We do not intend to apply for listing of the exchange notes on any securities exchange or for quotation of the exchange notes on any automated dealer quotation system.

### **Book-Entry Form**

The exchange notes will be issued in book-entry only form and will be represented by one or more permanent global certificates deposited with a custodian for, and registered in the name of a nominee of, DTC, in New York, New York. Beneficial interests in the global certificates representing the exchange notes will be shown on, and transfers will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its direct and indirect participants and such interests may not be exchanged for certificated notes, except in limited circumstances.

#### **Risk Factors**

You should read carefully the Risk Factors beginning on page 11 of this prospectus for certain considerations relevant to an investment in the notes.

6

#### SUMMARY HISTORICAL FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables set forth summary historical consolidated financial and operating data for Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and their respective subsidiaries. You should read the following summary historical financial data in conjunction with the consolidated historical financial statements and notes thereto of each of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and their respective subsidiaries and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, included elsewhere or incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

### Digital Realty Trust, L.P.

The consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009 have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and subsidiaries, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus and which have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report with respect thereto is included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and subsidiaries, not audited by KPMG LLP. The consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2010 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and subsidiaries, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. The results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

	Nine Months Ended September 30,						
	2010	2009	2009	2008	Ended December 2007	oer 31, 2006	2005
(Dollars in thousands, except unit and per unit data)	(unau		2007	2000	2007	(unau	
Statement of Operations Data:	(unuu	artea)				(unuu	uiteu)
Operating Revenues:							
Rental	\$ 495,099	\$ 374,477	\$ 510,772	\$ 404,559	\$ 319,603	\$ 221,371	\$ 150,072
Tenant reimbursements	, , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	, , , , , , , ,	, , , , , ,	, ,
	131,630	92,677	125,308	107,503	75,003	50,340	35,720
Other		214	1,062	15,383	641	365	5,829
Total operating revenues	626,729	467,368	637,142	527,445	395,247	272,076	191,621
Operating Expenses:							
Rental property operating and maintenance	181,804	130,152	176,238	151,147	109,225	59,917	39,519
Property taxes	39,499	27,655	36,004	31,102	27,181	26,890	20,189
Insurance	5,749	4,439	6,111	4,988	5,527	3,682	2,653
Depreciation and amortization	187,520	145,926	198,052	172,378	134,419	86,129	55,702
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	42,185	30,802	42,165	38,391	30,786	19,717	12,061
Other	226	689	783	1,084	431	449	1,355
Total operating expenses	456,983	339,663	459,353	399,090	307,569	196,784	131,479
Total operating expenses	150,705	337,003	137,333	377,070	307,307	170,701	131,177
	160.746	107.705	155 500	100.055	07.670	75.202	60.142
Operating income	169,746	127,705	177,789	128,355	87,678	75,292	60,142
Other Income (Expenses):	2.004	2.040	2 172	2.260	4.40	100	
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated joint venture	3,994	2,948	2,172	2,369	449	177	1.07.4
Interest and other income	392	736	753	2,106	2,287	1,270	1,274
Interest expense	(100,801)	(63,991)	(88,442)	(63,621)	(67,054)	(50,598)	(35,381)
Tax expense	(1,593)	(1,061)	(1,038)	(1,109)	(814)	(724)	(554)
Loss from early extinguishment of debt	(2,624)			(182)		(527)	(1,021)
Income from continuing operations	69,114	66,337	91,234	67,918	22,546	24,890	24,460
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations					1,395	314	(103)
Gain on sale of discontinued operations					18,049	18,096	

(1) General and administrative expense includes transactions expense.

7

(Dollars in thousands, except unit and per unit		Nine Mon Septem 2010 (unau	ber 3	30, 2009		2009		Year 2008	End	ed Decembe 2007	er 31,	2006 (unau		2005
data) Net income		69.114		66.337		91.234		67.918		41,990		43,300		24,357
Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated joint ventures		29		(614)		(140)		(335)		41,990		43,300		12
Net income attributable to Digital		69.143		(5.700		01.004		(7.502		41,000		42 215		24.260
Realty Trust, L.P. Preferred units distributions		(29,396)		65,723 (30,303)		91,094 (40,404)		67,583 (38,564)		41,990 (19,330)		43,315 (13,780)		24,369 (10,014)
Costs on redemption of Series A preferred units		(4,203)												
Net income available to common unitholders	\$	35,544	\$	35,420	\$	50,690	\$	29,019	\$	22,660	\$	29,535	\$	14,355
Per Unit Data:														
Basic income per unit available to common unitholders	\$	0.41	\$	0.43	\$	0.62	\$	0.39	\$	0.33	\$	0.47	\$	0.26
Diluted income per unit available to common unitholders	\$	0.40	\$	0.43	\$	0.61	\$	0.38	\$	0.32	\$	0.46	\$	0.26
Cash distribution per common unit	\$	1.49	\$	1.02	\$	1.47	\$	1.26	\$	1.17	\$	1.08	\$	1.00
Weighted average common units outstanding:														
Basic	87	,638,416	8	1,553,114	8	1,715,226	7:	5,160,263	6	8,754,024	6	2,562,820	55	5,525,443
Diluted	89	,365,656	8	2,288,488	8	2,785,746	7	6,766,756	7	0,799,336	6	3,870,029	55	5,760,887

	September		December 31,			
(in thousands)	30, 2010 (unaudited)	2009	2008	2007 (unaudited)	2006 (unaudited)	2005 (unaudited)
Balance Sheet Data:	(unaudited)			(unauditeu)	(unaudited)	(unauditeu)
Net investments in real estate	\$ 4,349,465	\$ 3,157,193	\$ 2,748,220	\$ 2,302,500	\$ 1,736,979	\$ 1,194,106
Total assets	5,170,899	3,745,059	3,281,045	2,809,791	2,185,783	1,529,170
Revolving credit facility	220,565	205,547	138,579	299,731	145,452	181,000
Unsecured senior notes	1,065,817	83,000	58,000			
Mortgages and other secured loans	1,061,163	1,063,663	1,026,594	895,507	804,686	568,067
Exchangeable senior debentures	374,054	432,234	161,901	158,224	154,786	
Total liabilities	3,122,030	2,110,258	1,705,969	1,673,361	1,320,317	880,228
General partner s capital	2,001,059	1,586,942	1,553,424	1,053,788	719,386	384,853
Limited partners capital	57,470	60,875	71,041	74,356	141,890	262,239
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(45,343)	(30,630)	(53,747)	3,358	4,190	1,644
Noncontrolling interests in consolidated joint venture	35,683	17,614	4,358	4,928		206
Total liabilities and capital	\$ 5,170,899	\$ 3,745,059	\$ 3,281,045	\$ 2,809,791	\$ 2,185,783	\$ 1,529,170

	Nine Months		Year Ei	nber 31,		
	Ended September 30, 2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Other Data:						
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (unaudited)(1)	1.56	1.82	1.58	1.13	1.38	1.68

<sup>(1)</sup> The ratios of earnings to fixed charges are computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. Earnings consist of net income (loss) before noncontrolling interests and fixed charges, and fixed charges consist of interest expense, capitalized interest and amortization of deferred financing fees, whether expensed or capitalized, and interest within rental expense. Earnings and fixed charges exclude 7979 East Tufts Avenue (sold in July 2006), 100 Technology Center Drive

(sold in March 2007) and 4055 Valley View Lane (sold in March 2007).

8

## Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

The consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009 have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and which have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report with respect thereto is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries, audited by KPMG LLP, whose report with respect thereto is not included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2010 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The results for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 2009 2009			Year I 2008	ber 31, 2006	2005		
(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)	(unaud	lited)						
Statement of Operations Data:								
Operating Revenues:								
Rental	\$ 495,099	\$ 374,477	\$ 510,772	\$ 404,559	\$ 319,603	\$ 221,371	\$ 150,072	
Tenant reimbursements	131,630	92,677	125,308	107,503	75,003	50,340	35,720	
Other		214	1,062	15,383	641	365	5,829	
			·	·				
Total operating revenues	626,729	467,368	637,142	527,445	395,247	272,076	191,621	
Operating Expenses:	020,727	407,300	037,142	327,443	373,247	272,070	171,021	
Rental property operating and maintenance	181,804	130,152	176,238	151,147	109,225	59,917	39,519	
Property taxes	39,499	27,655	36,004	31,102	27,181	26,890	20,189	
Insurance	5,749	4,439	6,111	4,988	5,527	3,682	2,653	
Depreciation and amortization	187,520	145,926	198,052	172,378	134,419	86,129	55,702	
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	42,185	30,802	42,165	38,391	30,786	19,717	12,061	
Other	226	689	783	1,084	431	449	1,355	
Other	220	007	703	1,004	731	777	1,333	
Total operating expenses	456,983	339,663	459,353	399,090	307,569	196,784	131,479	
Operating income	169,746	127,705	177,789	128,355	87,678	75,292	60,142	
Other Income (Expenses):								
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated joint venture	3,994	2,948	2,172	2,369	449	177		
Interest and other income	392	736	753	2,106	2,287	1,270	1,274	
Interest expense	(100,801)	(63,991)	(88,442)	(63,621)	(67,054)	(50,598)	(35,381)	
Tax expense	(1,593)	(1,061)	(1,038)	(1,109)	(814)	(724)	(554)	
Loss from early extinguishment of debt	(2,624)	( ),, ,	( ),	(182)	(-)	(527)	(1,021)	
,	( )- /			( - /		( /	( )-	
Income from continuing operations	69,114	66,337	91,234	67,918	22,546	24,890	24,460	
Net income (loss) from discontinued operations	07,114	00,557	71,234	07,710	1,395	314	(103)	
Gain on sale of discontinued operations					18,049	18,096	(103)	
Gain on saic of discontinued operations					10,047	10,070		
AV	60.114	66.227	01 224	67.010	41.000	12 200	24.257	
Net income	69,114	66,337	91,234	67,918	41,990	43,300	24,357	
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(2,041)	(3,062)	(3,572)	(2,664)	(3,753)	(12,570)	(8,256)	
Net income attributable to Digital Realty Trust, Inc.	67,073	63,275	87,662	65,254	38,237	30,730	16,101	
Preferred stock dividends	(29,396)	(30,303)	(40,404)	(38,564)	(19,330)	(13,780)	(10,014)	
Costs on redemption of Series A preferred stock	(4,203)							
Net income available to common stockholders	\$ 33,474	\$ 32,972	\$ 47,258	\$ 26,690	\$ 18,907	\$ 16,950	\$ 6,087	

(1) General and administrative expense includes transactions expense.

9

		Vine Mon Septem 010	ber 30		2	2009		Year 2008		d Decembe 2007	,	2006	2	2005
(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)		(unau	dited)											
Per Share Data:														
Basic income per share available to	¢	0.41	ď	0.44	¢	0.62	¢	0.20	¢	0.21	¢	0.47	¢	0.25
common stockholders	\$	0.41	\$	0.44	\$	0.62	\$	0.39	\$	0.31	\$	0.47	\$	0.25
Diluted income per share available to														
common stockholders	\$	0.40	\$	0.43	\$	0.61	\$	0.38	\$	0.30	\$	0.45	\$	0.25
Cash dividend per common share	\$	1.49	\$	1.02	\$	1.47	\$	1.26	\$	1.17	\$	1.08	\$	1.00
Weighted average common shares														
outstanding:														
Basic	82,1	111,128	75	,714,757	75	,950,370	68	,829,267	60	,527,625	36.	,134,983	23,	986,288
Diluted	84,1	137,205	76	,450,131	77	,020,890	70	,435,760	62	,572,937	37.	,442,192	24,	221,732

	September					
(in thousands)	30, 2010 (unaudited)	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Balance Sheet Data:						
Net investments in real estate	\$ 4,349,465	\$ 3,157,193	\$ 2,748,220	\$ 2,302,500	\$ 1,736,979	\$ 1,194,106
Total assets	5,170,899	3,745,059	3,281,045	2,809,791	2,185,783	1,529,170
Revolving credit facility	220,565	205,547	138,579	299,731	145,452	181,000
Unsecured senior notes	1,065,817	83,000	58,000			
Mortgages and other secured loans	1,061,163	1,063,663	1,026,594	895,507	804,686	568,067
Exchangeable senior debentures	374,054	432,234	161,901	158,224	154,786	
Total liabilities	3,122,030	2,110,258	1,705,969	1,673,361	1,320,317	880,228
Total stockholders equity	1,959,469	1,558,995	1,503,921	1,057,167	723,576	386,497
Noncontrolling interests in operating partnership	53,717	58,192	66,797	74,335	141,890	262,239
Noncontrolling interests in consolidated joint ventures	35,683	17,614	4,358	4,928		206
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 5,170,899	\$ 3,745,059	\$ 3,281,045	\$ 2,809,791	\$ 2,185,783	\$ 1,529,170

	Nine Months					
	Ended September 30, 2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Other Data:						
Ratio of earnings to fixed charges (unaudited) <sup>(1)</sup>	1.56	1.82	1.58	1.13	1.38	1.68

<sup>(1)</sup> The ratios of earnings to fixed charges are computed by dividing earnings by fixed charges. Earnings consist of net income (loss) before noncontrolling interests and fixed charges, and fixed charges consist of interest expense, capitalized interest and amortization of deferred financing fees, whether expensed or capitalized, and interest within rental expense. Earnings and fixed charges exclude 7979 East Tufts Avenue (sold in July 2006), 100 Technology Center Drive (sold in March 2007) and 4055 Valley View Lane (sold in March 2007).

#### RISK FACTORS

In addition to other information contained in this prospectus, you should carefully consider the risks described below and incorporated by reference to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s General Form for Registration of Securities on Form 10 filed with the SEC on September 3, 2010, as amended, and other subsequent filings of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and Digital Realty Trust, L.P. under the Exchange Act, in evaluating our company, our properties and our business before making a decision to exchange your private notes for the exchange notes in the exchange offer. 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 the private notes and exchange notes could decline due to any of these risks, and you may lose all or part of your investment. This prospectus and the documents incorporated herein 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 and the documents incorporated herein by reference. Please refer to the section entitled Forward-Looking Statements.

## **Risks Related to Our Business and Operations**

# Global economic conditions could adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition.

Recent U.S., European and other international market and economic conditions have been unprecedented and challenging. Significantly tighter credit conditions and recession in all markets in which we own properties and conduct our operations persisted throughout 2009 and such markets have not fully recovered. Continued concerns about the systemic impact of potential wide-spread and long-term recession, energy costs, geopolitical issues, the availability and cost of credit, global financial and mortgage markets, corporate and consumer debt levels and declining residential and commercial real estate markets have contributed to increased market volatility and diminished expectations for the U.S., European and other economies. These conditions, combined with volatile oil prices, declining business and consumer confidence and increased unemployment, continue to contribute to substantial global volatility.

As a result of these conditions, general economic conditions and the cost and availability of capital have been and may continue to be adversely affected in all markets in which we own properties and conduct our operations. Concern about the stability of the markets generally and the strength of counterparties specifically has led many lenders and institutional investors to reduce, and in some cases, cease, to provide credit to businesses and consumers. Continued turbulence in the U.S., European and other international markets and economics may adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition, and the liquidity and financial condition of our tenants. If these market and economic conditions continue, they may limit our ability, and the ability of our tenants, to replace or renew maturing liabilities on a timely basis, access the capital markets to meet liquidity and capital expenditure requirements and may result in adverse effects on our, and our tenants , financial condition and results of operations.

In addition, our access to funds under our revolving credit facility depends on the ability of the lenders that are parties to such facilities to meet their funding commitments to us. We cannot assure you that continuing long-term disruptions in the global economy and the continuation of tighter credit conditions among, and potential failures or nationalizations of, third party financial institutions as a result of such disruptions will not have an adverse effect on our lenders. If our lenders are not able to meet their funding commitments to us, our business, results of operation, cash flows and financial condition could be adversely affected.

If we do not have sufficient cash flow to continue operating our business and are unable to borrow additional funds, access our revolving credit facility or raise equity or debt capital, we may need to find alternative ways to increase our liquidity. Such alternatives may include, without limitation, curtailing

11

development or redevelopment activity, disposing of one or more of our properties possibly on disadvantageous terms or entering into or renewing leases on less favorable terms than we otherwise would.

### Our growth depends on external sources of capital which are outside of our control.

In order for Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to maintain its qualification as a REIT, it is required under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, which we refer to as the Code, to annually distribute at least 90% of its net taxable income, determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and excluding any net capital gain. In addition, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will be subject to income tax at regular corporate rates to the extent that it distributes less than 100% of its net taxable income, including any net capital gains. Digital Realty Trust, L.P. is required to make distributions to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. that will enable the latter to satisfy this distribution requirement and avoid tax liability. Because of these distribution requirements, we may not be able to fund future capital needs, including any necessary acquisition or redevelopment financing, from operating cash flow. Consequently, we rely on third-party sources to fund our capital needs. We may not be able to obtain equity or debt financing on favorable terms or at all. Any additional debt we incur will increase our leverage. Our access to third-party sources of capital depends on a number of factors, including general market conditions, the market s perception of our business prospects and growth potential, our current and expected future earnings, funds from operations and growth thereof, our cash flow and cash distributions, and the market price per share of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock.

We cannot assure you that we will be able to obtain debt financing at all or on terms favorable or acceptable to us. Further, equity markets have experienced high volatility recently and we cannot assure you that we will be able to raise capital through the sale of equity securities at all or on favorable terms. Sales of equity on unfavorable terms could result in substantial dilution to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stockholders and Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s unitholders. In addition, we may be forced to dispose of one or more of our properties, possibly on disadvantageous terms.

If we cannot obtain capital from third-party sources, we may not be able to acquire or develop properties when strategic opportunities exist, satisfy our debt service obligations, pay cash dividends to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders or make distributions to Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s unitholders.

## Declining real estate valuations and impairment charges could adversely affect our earnings and financial condition.

We review the carrying value of our properties when circumstances, such as adverse market conditions (including conditions resulting from the recent global economic recession), indicate potential impairment may exist. We base our review on an estimate of the future cash flows (excluding interest charges) expected to result from the real estate investment s use and eventual disposition. We consider factors such as future operating income, trends and prospects, as well as the effects of leasing demand, competition and other factors. If our evaluation indicates that we may be unable to recover the carrying value of a real estate investment, an impairment loss is recorded to the extent that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value of the property. These losses have a direct impact on our net income because recording an impairment loss results in an immediate negative adjustment to net income. The evaluation of anticipated cash flows is highly subjective and is based in part on assumptions regarding future occupancy, rental rates and capital requirements that could differ materially from actual results in future periods. A worsening real estate market may cause us to reevaluate the assumptions used in our impairment analysis. Impairment charges could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and cash available for distribution.

## Our properties depend upon the demand for technology-related real estate.

Our portfolio of properties consists primarily of technology-related real estate and datacenter real estate in particular. A decrease in the demand for datacenter space, Internet gateway facilities or other technology-related real estate would have a greater adverse effect on our business and financial condition than if we owned a

12

portfolio with a more diversified tenant base or less specialized use. Our substantial redevelopment activities make us particularly susceptible to general economic slowdowns, including recessions, as well as adverse developments in the corporate datacenter, Internet and data communications and broader technology industries. Any such slowdown or adverse development could lead to reduced corporate IT spending or reduced demand for datacenter space. Reduced demand could also result from business relocations, including to markets that we do not currently serve such as Asia. Changes in industry practice or in technology, such as virtualization technology, more efficient or miniaturization of computing or networking devices, or devices that require higher power densities than today s devices, could also reduce demand for the physical datacenter space we provide or make the tenant improvements in our facilities obsolete or in need of significant upgrades to remain viable. In addition, the development of new technologies, the adoption of new industry standards or other factors could render many of our tenants current products and services obsolete or unmarketable and contribute to a downturn in their businesses, thereby increasing the likelihood that they default under their leases, become insolvent or file for bankruptcy.

## We depend on significant tenants, and many of our properties are single-tenant properties or are currently occupied by single tenants.

As of September 30, 2010, the 20 largest tenants in our property portfolio represented approximately 48% of the total annualized rent generated by our properties. Our largest tenants by annualized rent are Savvis Communications and Equinix Operating Company, Inc. Savvis Communications leased approximately 2.0 million square feet of net rentable space as of September 30, 2010, representing approximately 8.0% of the total annualized rent generated by our properties. Equinix Operating Company, Inc. leased approximately 700,000 square feet of net rentable space as of September 30, 2010, representing approximately 4.3% of the total annualized rent generated by our properties. In addition, 41 of our 95 properties are occupied by single tenants, including properties occupied solely by Savvis Communications and Equinix Operating Company, Inc. Many factors, including consequences of recent global economic conditions, may cause our tenants to experience a downturn in their businesses or otherwise experience a lack of liquidity, which may weaken their financial condition and result in their failure to make timely rental payments or their default under their leases. If any tenant defaults or fails to make timely rent payments, we may experience delays in enforcing our rights as landlord and may incur substantial costs in protecting our investment.

Our tenants may choose to develop new data centers or expand their own existing data centers, which could result in the loss of one or more key tenants or reduce demand for our newly developed data centers, which could have a material adverse effect on our revenues and results of operations.

Our tenants may choose to develop new data centers or expand or consolidate into data centers that we do not own in the future. In the event that any of our key tenants were to do so, it could result in a loss of business to us or put pressure on our pricing. If we lose a tenant, we cannot assure you that we would be able to replace that tenant at a competitive rate or at all, which could have a material adverse effect on our revenues and results of operations.

## The bankruptcy or insolvency of a major tenant may adversely affect the income produced by our properties.

If any tenant becomes a debtor in a case under the federal Bankruptcy Code, we cannot evict the tenant solely because of the bankruptcy. In addition, the bankruptcy court might authorize the tenant to reject and terminate its lease with us. Our claim against the tenant for unpaid, future rent would be subject to a statutory cap that might be substantially less than the remaining rent actually owed under the lease. In either case, our claim for unpaid rent would likely not be paid in full. As of September 30, 2010, we had no material tenants in bankruptcy.

Our revenue and cash available for distribution could be materially adversely affected if any of our significant tenants were to become bankrupt or insolvent, or suffer a downturn in its business, or fail to renew its lease or renew on terms less favorable to us than its current terms.

13

Our portfolio of properties depends upon local economic conditions and is geographically concentrated in certain locations.

Our properties are located in 28 metropolitan areas. We depend upon the local economic conditions in these markets, including local real estate conditions. Many of these markets experienced downturns in recent years and are currently experiencing downturns as a result of the global economic crisis or other factors. Our operations may also be affected if too many competing properties are built in any of these markets or supply otherwise increases or exceeds demand. Our operations and our revenue and cash available for distribution could be materially adversely affected by local economic conditions in these markets. We cannot assure you that these markets will grow or will remain favorable to technology-related real estate.

As of September 30, 2010, our portfolio was geographically concentrated in the following metropolitan markets.

	Percentage of September 30, 2010
Metropolitan Market	total annualized rent <sup>(1)</sup>
Silicon Valley	13.7%
San Francisco	10.3%
Chicago	9.9%
Northern Virginia	9.8%
Phoenix	9.2%
Dallas	8.3%
Boston	8.3%
New York Metro	8.1%
Los Angeles	4.9%
London, England	3.6%
Dublin, Ireland	2.8%
Paris, France	2.5%
Other	8.6%

100.0%

(1) Annualized rent is monthly contractual rent under existing leases as of September 30, 2010, multiplied by 12. In addition, we are currently developing or redeveloping properties in certain of these markets. Any negative changes in real estate, technology or economic conditions in these markets in particular could negatively impact our performance.

Our growth depends upon the successful development of our existing space held for redevelopment and new properties acquired for redevelopment and any delays or unexpected costs in such development may delay and harm our growth prospects, future operating results and financial condition.

We had approximately 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment at September 30, 2010, including five vacant properties. We are and intend to continue building out a large portion of this space on a speculative basis at significant cost. Our successful development and redevelopment of these projects is subject to many risks, including those associated with:

delays in construction;

budget overruns;

changes to the plans or specifications;

construction site accidents and other casualties;

increased prices for raw materials or building supplies;

14

lack of availability and/or increased costs for specialized data center components, including long lead time items such as generators; financing availability, including our ability to obtain construction financing and permanent financing; increases in interest rates or credit spreads; labor availability and costs; labor disputes and work stoppages with contractors, subcontractors or others that are constructing the project; failure of contractors to perform on a timely basis or at all, or other misconduct on the part of contractors; timing of the commencement of rental payments; access to sufficient power and related costs of providing such power to our tenants; environmental issues; fire, flooding, earthquakes and other national disasters; geological, construction, excavation and equipment problems; and

delays or denials of entitlements or permits, including zoning and related permits or other delays resulting from our dependence on the cooperation of public agencies and utility companies.

While we intend to develop data center properties primarily in markets we are familiar with, we may in the future develop properties in new geographic regions where we expect the development of property to result in favorable risk-adjusted returns on our investment. We may not possess the same level of familiarity with development of other property types or other markets, which could adversely affect our ability to develop such properties successfully or at all or to achieve expected performance.

Development and redevelopment activities, regardless of whether they are ultimately successful, typically require a substantial portion of our company s management s time and attention. This may distract our company s management from focusing on other operational activities of our business. If we are unable to complete development or redevelopment projects successfully, our business may be adversely affected.

We may be unable to lease vacant or redevelopment space or renew leases, re-lease space as leases expire.

At September 30, 2010, we owned approximately 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment. Of this space, we are currently redeveloping 209,000 square feet. We intend to continue to add new space to our redevelopment inventory and to continue to redevelop additional space from this inventory. A substantial portion of the space that we redevelop is, and will continue to be, redeveloped on a speculative basis, meaning that we do not have a signed lease for the space when we begin the redevelopment process. We also develop or redevelop space specifically for

tenants pursuant to leases signed prior to beginning the development or redevelopment process. In those cases, if we failed to meet our development or redevelopment obligations under those leases, these tenants may be able to terminate the leases and we would be required to find a new tenant for this space. In addition, in certain circumstances we lease data center facilities prior to their completion. If we fail to complete the facilities in a timely manner, the tenant may be entitled to terminate its lease, seek damages or penalties against us or pursue other remedies and we may be required to find a new tenant for the space. We cannot assure you that once we have redeveloped a space we will be able to successfully lease it at all, or at rates we consider favorable or expected at the time we commenced redevelopment. If we are not able to successfully lease the space that we redevelop, if redevelopment costs are higher than we currently estimate, or if lease rates are lower than expected when we began the project or are otherwise undesirable, our revenue and operating results could be adversely affected.

In addition, as of September 30, 2010, leases representing 10.3% of the square footage of the properties in our portfolio, excluding space held for redevelopment, were scheduled to expire through 2011, and an additional 5.0% of the net rentable square footage excluding space held for redevelopment was available to be leased. Some of this space may require substantial capital investment to meet the power and cooling requirements of today s advanced data centers, or may no longer be suitable for this use. In addition, we cannot assure you that leases will be renewed or that our properties will be re-leased at all, or at net effective rental rates equal to or above the current average net effective rental rates. If the rental rates for our properties decrease, our existing tenants do not renew their leases, we do not re-lease our available space, including newly redeveloped space and space for which leases are scheduled to expire or it takes longer for us to lease or re-lease this space or for rents to commence on this space, our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, cash available for distribution and ability to satisfy our debt service obligations could be materially adversely affected.

### We may be unable to identify and complete acquisitions on favorable terms or at all.

We continually evaluate the market of available properties and may acquire additional technology-related real estate when opportunities exist. Our ability to acquire properties on favorable terms may be exposed to the following significant risks:

we may be unable to acquire a desired property because of competition from other real estate investors with significant capital, including both publicly traded REITs and institutional investment funds;

even if we are able to acquire a desired property, competition from other potential acquirors may significantly increase the purchase price or result in other less favorable terms;

even if we enter into agreements for the acquisition of technology-related real estate, these agreements are subject to customary conditions to closing, including completion of due diligence investigations to our satisfaction;

we may be unable to finance acquisitions on favorable terms or at all; and

we may acquire properties subject to liabilities and without any recourse, or with only limited recourse, with respect to unknown liabilities such as liabilities for clean-up of undisclosed environmental contamination, claims by tenants, vendors or other persons dealing with the former owners of the properties and claims for indemnification by general partners, directors, officers and others indemnified by the former owners of the properties.

If we cannot finance property acquisitions on favorable terms, our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, cash available for distribution and ability to satisfy our debt service obligations could be materially adversely affected.

# We may be unable to successfully integrate and operate acquired properties.

Even if we are able to make acquisitions on advantageous terms, our ability to successfully operate them may be exposed to the following significant risks:

we may spend more than budgeted amounts to make necessary improvements or renovations to acquired properties;

we may be unable to integrate new acquisitions quickly and efficiently, particularly acquisitions of operating businesses or portfolios of properties, into our existing operations, and our results of operations and financial condition could be adversely affected;

acquired properties may be subject to reassessment, which may result in higher than expected property tax payments; and

market conditions may result in higher than expected vacancy rates and lower than expected rental rates.

16

If we cannot operate acquired properties to meet our financial expectations, our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, cash available for distribution and ability to satisfy our debt service obligations could be materially adversely affected.

## We may be unable to source off-market deal flow in the future.

A component of our growth strategy is to continue to acquire additional technology-related real estate. To date, more than half of our acquisitions were acquired before they were widely marketed by real estate brokers, or off-market. Properties that are acquired off-market are typically more attractive to us as a purchaser because of the absence of competitive bidding, which could potentially lead to higher prices. We obtain access to off-market deal flow from numerous sources. If we cannot obtain off-market deal flow in the future, our ability to locate and acquire additional properties at attractive prices could be adversely affected.

We have substantial debt and face risks associated with the use of debt to fund our business activities, including refinancing and interest rate risks.

Our total consolidated indebtedness at September 30, 2010 was approximately \$2.7 billion, and we may incur significant additional debt to finance future acquisition and development activities. We have a revolving credit facility, which has a borrowing limit based upon a percentage of the value of our unsecured properties included in the facility s borrowing base. At September 30, 2010, approximately \$512.5 million was available under this facility, net of letters of credit. In addition, under our contribution agreement with respect to the 200 Paul Avenue 1-4 and 1100 Space Park Drive properties, we have agreed to make available for guarantee up to \$17.8 million of indebtedness and may enter into similar agreements in the future.

Our substantial indebtedness has important consequences in that it currently requires us to dedicate a significant portion of our cash flow from operations to debt service payments, which reduces the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, expansion efforts, distributions and other general corporate purposes. Additionally, it could: make it more difficult for us to satisfy our obligations with respect to our indebtedness; limit our ability in the future to undertake refinancings of our debt or obtain financing for expenditures, acquisitions, development or other general corporate purposes on terms and conditions acceptable to us, if at all; or affect adversely our ability to compete effectively or operate successfully under adverse economic conditions.

In addition, we may default on our obligations and the lenders or mortgagees may foreclose on our properties or our interests in the entities that own the properties that secure their loans and receive an assignment of rents and leases. A foreclosure on one or more of our properties could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow and cash available for distribution. Further, our default under any one of our mortgage loans with cross default provisions could result in a default on other indebtedness. Furthermore, foreclosures could create taxable income without accompanying cash proceeds, a circumstance which could hinder Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s ability to meet the REIT distribution requirements imposed by the Code.

Additional risks related to our indebtedness are described below.

We may be unable to refinance our indebtedness at maturity or the refinancing terms may be less favorable than the terms of our original indebtedness. It is likely that we will need to refinance at least a portion of our outstanding debt as it matures. If we are unable to refinance or extend principal payments due at maturity or pay them with proceeds of other capital transactions, then our cash flow may not be sufficient in all years to repay all such maturing debt and to pay distributions. Further, if prevailing interest rates or other factors at the time of refinancing (such as the reluctance of lenders to make commercial real estate loans) result in higher interest rates upon refinancing, then the interest expense relating to that refinanced indebtedness would increase.

17

Fluctuations in interest rates could materially affect our financial results and may increase the risk our counterparty defaults on our interest rate hedges. Because a significant portion of our debt bears interest at variable rates, increases in interest rates could materially increase our interest expense. If the United States Federal Reserve increases short-term interest rates, this would have a significant upward impact on shorter-term interest rates, including the interest rates that our variable rate debt is based upon. Potential future increases in interest rates and credit spreads may increase our interest expense and therefore negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations, and reduce our access to capital markets. We have entered into interest rate swap or cap agreements for a significant portion of our floating rate debt. Increased interest rates may increase the risk that the counterparties to our swap agreements will default on their obligations, which could further increase our exposure to interest rate fluctuations. Conversely, if interest rates are lower than our swapped fixed rates, we will be required to pay more for our debt than we would had we not entered into the swap agreements.

Adverse changes in our company s credit ratings could negatively affect our financing activity. The credit ratings of our senior unsecured long-term debt and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s preferred stock are based on our company s operating performance, liquidity and leverage ratios, overall financial position and other factors employed by the credit rating agencies in their rating analyses of our company. Our company s credit ratings can affect the amount of capital we can access, as well as the terms and pricing of any debt we may incur. We cannot assure you that our company will be able to maintain our current credit ratings, and in the event our current credit ratings are downgraded, we would likely incur higher borrowing costs and may encounter difficulty in obtaining additional financing. Also, a downgrade in our company s credit ratings may trigger additional payments or other negative consequences under our current and future credit facilities and debt instruments. For example, if the credit ratings of our senior unsecured long-term debt are downgraded to below investment grade levels, we may not be able to obtain or maintain extensions on certain of our existing debt. Adverse changes in our credit ratings could negatively impact our refinancing and other capital market activities, our ability to manage our debt maturities, our future growth, our financial condition, the market price of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stock, and our development and acquisition activity.

Our revolving credit facility, Prudential shelf facility, 5.875% notes due 2020 and 4.50% notes due 2015 restrict our ability to engage in some business activities. Our revolving credit facility and Prudential shelf facility contain negative covenants and other financial and operating covenants that, among other things:

restrict our ability to make certain investments;
restrict our ability to merge with another company;
restrict our ability to create, incur or assume liens;
restrict Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s ability to make distributions to its stockholders;
require us to maintain financial coverage ratios; and

require us to maintain a pool of unencumbered assets approved by the lenders.

In addition, our 5.875% notes due 2020, or the 2020 notes, and our 4.50% notes due 2015, or the 2015 notes, are governed by indentures, which contain various restrictive covenants, including limitations on our ability to incur indebtedness and requirements to maintain a pool of unencumbered assets. These restrictions, and the restrictions in our revolving credit facility and Prudential shelf facility, could cause us to default on our 2020 notes, 2015 notes, revolving credit facility or Prudential shelf facility, as applicable, or negatively affect our operations or our ability to pay dividends to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders or distributions to Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s unitholders.

The exchange and repurchase rights of our exchangeable debentures may be detrimental to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders or Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s unitholders. As of September 30, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, L.P. had outstanding \$110.0 million aggregate principal amount of 4.125% Exchangeable Senior

18

Debentures due 2026, which we refer to as the 2026 debentures. The 2026 debentures may under certain circumstances be exchanged for cash (up to the principal amount of the exchangeable debentures) and, with respect to any excess exchange value, into cash, shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock or a combination of cash and shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock. The exchange rate of the 2026 debentures is subject to adjustment for certain events, including, but not limited to, certain dividends on Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock in excess of \$0.265 per share per quarter, the issuance of certain rights, options or warrants to holders of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock, subdivisions or combinations of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock, certain distributions of assets, debt securities, capital stock or cash to holders of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock and certain tender or exchange offers. The 2026 debentures are redeemable at our option for cash at any time on or after August 18, 2011 and are subject to repurchase for cash at the option of the holder on August 15 in the years 2011, 2016 and 2021, or upon the occurrence of certain events.

In addition, as of September 30, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, L.P. had outstanding \$266.4 million aggregate principal amount of 5.50% Exchangeable Senior Debentures due 2029, which we refer to as the 2029 debentures. The 2029 debentures are exchangeable for Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock. The exchange rate of the 2029 debentures is subject to adjustment for certain events, including, but not limited to, certain dividends on Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock in excess of \$0.33 per share per quarter, the issuance of certain rights, options or warrants to holders of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock, subdivisions or combinations of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock, certain distributions of assets, debt securities, capital stock or cash to holders of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock and certain tender or exchange offers. The 2029 debentures are redeemable at our option for cash at any time on or after April 18, 2014 and are subject to repurchase for cash at the option of the holder on April 15 in the years 2014, 2019 and 2024, or upon the occurrence of certain events.

If the 2026 debentures or 2029 debentures are not exchanged, the repurchase rights of holders of the exchangeable debentures may discourage or impede transactions that might otherwise be in the interest of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders or Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s unitholders. Further, these exchange or repurchase rights might be triggered in situations where we need to conserve our cash reserves, in which event such repurchase might adversely affect us and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders or Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s unitholders.

Failure to hedge effectively against interest rate changes may adversely affect results of operations. We seek to manage our exposure to interest rate volatility by using interest rate hedging arrangements, such as interest cap and interest rate swap agreements. These agreements involve risks, such as the risk that counterparties may fail to honor their obligations under these arrangements, that these arrangements may not be effective in reducing our exposure to interest rate changes and that a court could rule that such an agreement is not legally enforceable. Our policy is to use derivatives only to hedge interest rate risks related to our borrowings, not for speculative or trading purposes, and to enter into contracts only with major financial institutions based on their credit ratings and other factors. However, we may choose to change this policy in the future. Including loans currently subject to interest rate caps and swaps, approximately 92% of our total indebtedness as of September 30, 2010 was subject to fixed interest rates. We do not currently hedge our revolving credit facility and as our borrowings under our revolving credit facility increase, so will our percentage of indebtedness not subject to fixed rates and our exposure to interest rates increase. Hedging may reduce the overall returns on our investments. Failure to hedge effectively against interest rate changes may materially adversely affect our results of operations.

Volatility in and regulation of the commercial mortgage-backed securities market has limited and may continue to impact the pricing of secured debt. As a result of the recent crisis in the residential mortgage-backed securities markets, the recent global recession, and concerns over the ability to refinance or repay existing commercial mortgage-backed securities as they come due, liquidity previously provided by the commercial mortgage-backed securities and collateralized debt obligations markets has significantly decreased. In addition,

19

the recently adopted Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act imposes significant new regulations related to the mortgage-backed securities industry and market participants, which has contributed to uncertainty in the market. The volatility in the commercial mortgage-backed securities market could result in the following adverse effects on our incurrence of secured debt, which could have a materially negative impact on financial condition, results of operations, cash flow and cash available for distribution:

higher loan spreads;
tighter loan covenants;
reduced loan to value ratios and resulting borrower proceeds; and

higher amortization and reserve requirements.

### We have owned certain of our properties for a limited time.

We owned 95 properties at September 30, 2010, excluding two properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures. These properties are primarily located throughout North America and 14 properties are located in Europe. The properties contain a total of approximately 16.4 million net rentable square feet, including 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment. All the properties have been under our management for less than six years, and we have owned 17 of the properties for less than one year at September 30, 2010. The properties may have characteristics or deficiencies unknown to us that could affect their valuation or revenue potential. We cannot assure you that the operating performance of the properties will not decline under our management. In addition, we have a limited history operating Turn-Key Datacenters® that we have developed or redeveloped. Because we generally cannot pass operating expenses (other than energy costs) on to our tenants in Turn-Key Datacenters®, if we incur operating expenses greater than we anticipated based on our limited operating history, our results of operations could be negatively impacted.

#### We may have difficulty managing our growth.

We have significantly and rapidly expanded the size of our company. For example, during 2009, we acquired six properties and we increased the number and size of our redevelopment activities. Our growth may significantly strain our company s management, operational and financial resources and systems. In addition, as a reporting company, we are subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, or the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The requirements of these rules and regulations will increase our accounting, legal and financial compliance costs and may strain our company s management and financial, legal and operational resources and systems. An inability to manage our growth effectively or the increased strain on our company s management of our resources and systems could result in deficiencies in our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal control over financial reporting and could negatively impact our cash available for distribution.

## Tax protection provisions on certain properties could limit our operating flexibility.

We have agreed with the third-party contributors who contributed the direct and indirect interests in the 200 Paul Avenue 1-4 and 1100 Space Park Drive properties to indemnify them against adverse tax consequences if we were to sell, convey, transfer or otherwise dispose of all or any portion of these interests, in a taxable transaction, in these properties. However, we can sell these properties in a taxable transaction if we pay the contributors cash in the amount of their tax liabilities arising from the transaction and tax payments. The 200 Paul Avenue 1-4 and 1100 Space Park Drive properties represented 4.9% of our portfolio s annualized rent as of September 30, 2010. These tax protection provisions apply for a period expiring on the earlier of November 3, 2013 and the date on which these contributors (or certain transferees) hold less than 25% of the units issued to them in connection with the contribution of these properties to us. Although it may be in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders and Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s unitholders best interest that we sell a property, it may be economically disadvantageous for us to do so because of these obligations. We have also agreed to make up to

\$17.8 million of debt available for these contributors to guarantee. We agreed to these provisions in order to assist these contributors in preserving their tax position after their contributions.

### Potential losses may not be covered by insurance.

We carry comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage, earthquake, business interruption and rental loss insurance covering all of the properties in our portfolio under various insurance policies. We select policy specifications and insured limits which we believe to be appropriate and adequate given the relative risk of loss, the cost of the coverage and industry practice. We do not carry insurance for generally uninsured losses such as loss from riots, terrorist threats, war or nuclear reaction. Most of our policies, like those covering losses due to floods, are insured subject to limitations involving large deductibles or co-payments and policy limits which may not be sufficient to cover losses. A large portion of the properties we own are located in California, an area especially subject to earthquakes. Together, these properties represented approximately 29% of our portfolio s annualized rent as of September 30, 2010. While we carry earthquake insurance on our properties, the amount of our earthquake insurance coverage may not be sufficient to fully cover losses from earthquakes. In addition, we may discontinue earthquake or other insurance on some or all of our properties in the future if the cost of premiums for any of these policies exceeds, in our judgment, the value of the coverage relative to the risk of loss.

In addition, many of our buildings contain extensive and highly valuable technology-related improvements. Under the terms of our leases, tenants generally retain title to such improvements and are obligated to maintain adequate insurance coverage applicable to such improvements and under most circumstances use their insurance proceeds to restore such improvements after a casualty. In the event of a casualty or other loss involving one of our buildings with extensive installed tenant improvements, our tenants may have the right to terminate their leases if we do not rebuild the base building within prescribed times. In such cases, the proceeds from tenants insurance will not be available to us to restore the improvements, and our insurance coverage may be insufficient to replicate the technology-related improvements made by such tenants. Furthermore, the terms of our mortgage indebtedness at certain of our properties may require us to pay insurance proceeds over to our lenders under certain circumstances, rather than use the proceeds to repair the property.

If we or one or more of our tenants experiences a loss which is uninsured or which exceeds policy limits, we could lose the capital invested in the damaged properties as well as the anticipated future cash flows from those properties. In addition, if the damaged properties are subject to recourse indebtedness, we would continue to be liable for the indebtedness, even if these properties were irreparably damaged.

# We face significant competition, which may decrease or prevent increases of the occupancy and rental rates of our properties.

We compete with numerous developers, owners and operators of real estate and datacenters, many of which own properties similar to ours in the same markets in which our properties are located, including DuPont Fabros Technology, Inc., CRG West and various local developers in the U.S., and Global Switch and various regional operators in Europe. In addition, we may in the future face competition from new entrants into the datacenter market, including new entrants who may acquire our current competitors. Some of our competitors and potential competitors have significant advantages over us, including greater name recognition, longer operating histories, pre-existing relationships with current or potential customers, significantly greater financial, marketing and other resources and more ready access to capital which allow them to respond more quickly to new or changing opportunities. If our competitors offer space that our tenants or potential tenants perceive to be superior to ours based on numerous factors, including available power, security considerations, location, or connectivity, or if they offer rental rates below current market rates, or below the rental rates we are offering, we may lose tenants or potential tenants or be required to incur costs to improve our properties or reduce our rental rates. In addition, recently many of our competitors have developed or redeveloped additional datacenter space. If the supply of datacenter space continues to increase as a result of these activities or otherwise, rental rates may be reduced or we may face delays in or be unable to lease our vacant space, including space that we develop or redevelope.

21

Finally, if tenants or potential tenants desire services that we do not offer, we may not be able to lease our space to those tenants. Our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, cash available for distribution and ability to satisfy our debt service obligations could be materially adversely affected as a result of any or all of these factors.

Joint venture investments could be adversely affected by our lack of sole decision-making authority, our reliance on co-venturers financial condition and disputes between us and our co-venturers.

We currently, and may in the future, co-invest with third parties through partnerships, joint ventures or other entities, acquiring non-controlling interests in or sharing responsibility for managing the affairs of a property, partnership, joint venture or other entity. In that event, we would not be in a position to exercise sole decision-making authority regarding the property, partnership, joint venture or other entity. Investments in partnerships, joint ventures, or other entities may, under certain circumstances, involve risks not present when a third party is not involved, including the possibility that partners or co-venturers might become bankrupt or fail to fund their share of required capital contributions. Partners or co-venturers may have economic, tax or other business interests or goals which are inconsistent with our business interests or goals, and may be in a position to take actions contrary to our policies or objectives. Our joint venture partners may take actions that are not within our control, which would require us to dispose of the joint venture asset or transfer it to a taxable REIT subsidiary in order for Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to maintain its status as a REIT. Such investments may also lead to impasses, for example, as to whether to sell a property, because neither we nor the partner or co-venturer would have full control over the partnership or joint venture. Disputes between us and partners or co-venturers may result in litigation or arbitration that would increase our expenses and prevent our officers and/or directors from focusing their time and effort on our day-to-day business. Consequently, actions by or disputes with partners or co-venturers may subject properties owned by the partnership or joint venture to additional risk. In addition, we may in certain circumstances be liable for the actions of our third-party partners or co-venturers. Finally, we may share information with our financial and operating results may be adversely affected.

### Our success depends on key personnel whose continued service is not guaranteed.

We depend on the efforts of key personnel of our company, particularly Michael Foust, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Executive Officer, A. William Stein, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Financial Officer and Chief Investment Officer, Scott Peterson, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Acquisitions Officer and Christopher Crosby, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Senior Vice President, Corporate Development. They are important to our success for many reasons, including that each has a national or regional reputation in our industry and the investment community that attracts investors and business and investment opportunities and assists us in negotiations with investors, lenders, existing and potential tenants and industry personnel. If we lost their services, our business and investment opportunities and our relationships with lenders and other capital markets participants, existing and prospective tenants and industry personnel could suffer. Many of our company s other senior employees also have strong technology, finance and real estate industry reputations. As a result, we have greater access to potential acquisitions, financing, leasing and other opportunities, and are better able to negotiate with tenants. As our number of competitors increases, it becomes more likely that a competitor would attempt to hire certain of these individuals away from our company. The loss of any of these key personnel would result in the loss of these and other benefits and could materially and adversely affect our results of operations.

Our properties may not be suitable for lease to datacenter or traditional technology office tenants without significant expenditures or renovations.

Because many of our properties contain tenant improvements installed at our tenants expense, they may be better suited for a specific corporate enterprise datacenter user or technology industry tenant and could require modification in order for us to re-lease vacant space to another corporate enterprise datacenter user or technology

22

industry tenant. The tenant improvements may also become outdated or obsolete as the result of technological change, the passage of time or other factors. In addition, our redevelopment space will generally require substantial improvement to be suitable for datacenter use. For the same reason, our properties also may not be suitable for lease to traditional office tenants without significant expenditures or renovations. As a result, we may be required to invest significant amounts or offer significant discounts to tenants in order to lease or re-lease that space, either of which could adversely affect our financial and operating results.

Ownership of properties located outside of the United States subjects us to foreign currency and related risks which may adversely impact our ability to make distributions.

We owned 15 properties located outside of the United States at September 30, 2010. In addition, we are currently considering, and will in the future consider, additional international acquisitions.

The ownership of properties located outside of the United States subjects us to risk from fluctuations in exchange rates between foreign currencies and the U.S. dollar. We expect that our principal foreign currency exposure will be to the British Pound and the Euro. Changes in the relation of these currencies to the U.S. dollar will affect our revenues and operating margins, may materially adversely impact our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, cash available for distribution and ability to satisfy our debt obligations.

We may attempt to mitigate some or all of the risk of currency fluctuation by financing our properties in the local currency denominations, although we cannot assure you that we will be able to do so or that this will be effective. We may also engage in direct hedging activities to mitigate the risks of exchange rate fluctuations.

Our international activities are subject to special risks different than those faced by us in the United States and we may not be able to effectively manage our international business.

We have acquired and developed, and may continue to acquire and develop, properties outside the United States. Our foreign operations involve risks not generally associated with investments in the United States, including:

our limited knowledge of and relationships with sellers, tenants, contractors, suppliers or other parties in these markets;

complexity and costs associated with managing international development, redevelopment and operations;

difficulty in hiring qualified management, sales and construction personnel and service providers in a timely fashion;

multiple, conflicting and changing legal, regulatory, entitlement and permitting, tax and treaty environments;

exposure to increased taxation, confiscation or expropriation;

currency transfer restrictions and limitations on our ability to distribute cash earned in foreign jurisdictions to the United States;

difficulty in enforcing agreements in non-U.S. jurisdictions, including those entered into in connection with our acquisitions or in the event of a default by one or more of our tenants, suppliers or contractors; and

political and economic instability, including sovereign credit risk, in certain geographic regions.

Our inability to overcome these risks could adversely affect our foreign operations and could harm our business and results of operations.

## We face risks with our international acquisitions associated with investing in unfamiliar markets.

We have acquired and may continue to acquire properties on a strategic and selective basis in international markets that are new to us. When we acquire properties located in these markets, we may face risks associated with a lack of market knowledge or understanding of the local economy, forging new business relationships in the area and unfamiliarity with local government and permitting procedures, In addition, due diligence, transaction and structuring costs may be higher than those we may face in the United States. We work to mitigate such risks through extensive diligence and research and associations with experienced partners; however, we cannot assure you that all such risks will be eliminated.

Future consolidation in the technology industry could materially adversely affect our revenues by eliminating some of our potential tenants and could make us more dependent on a more limited number of tenants.

Mergers or consolidations of technology companies in the future could reduce the number of our tenants and potential tenants. If our tenants merge with or are acquired by other entities that are not our tenants, they may discontinue or reduce the use of our data centers in the future. Any of these developments could have a material adverse effect on our revenues and results of operations.

We depend on third parties to provide Internet connectivity to the tenants in our data centers and any delays or disruptions in connectivity may materially adversely affect our operating results and cash flow.

We are not a telecommunications carrier. Although our tenants are responsible for providing their own network connectivity, we still depend upon the presence of telecommunications carriers—fiber networks serving the locations of our data centers in order to attract and retain tenants. We believe that the availability of carrier capacity will directly affect our ability to achieve our projected results. Any carrier may elect not to offer its services within our data centers. Any carrier that has decided to provide Internet connectivity to our data centers may not continue to do so for any period of time. Further, some carriers are experiencing business difficulties or have announced consolidations. As a result, some carriers may be forced to downsize or terminate connectivity within our data centers, which could have an adverse effect on the business of our tenants and, in turn, our own operating results.

Our new data centers require construction and operation of a sophisticated redundant fiber network. The construction required to connect multiple carrier facilities to our data centers is complex and involves factors outside of our control, including regulatory requirements and the availability of construction resources. If the establishment of highly diverse Internet connectivity to our data centers does not occur, is materially delayed or is discontinued, or is subject to failure, our operating results and cash flow may be materially adversely affected. Any hardware or fiber failures on this network may result in significant loss of connectivity to our data centers. This could negatively affect our ability to attract new tenants or retain existing tenants.

Illiquidity of real estate investments could significantly impede our ability to respond to adverse changes in the performance of our properties and harm our financial condition.

Because real estate investments are relatively illiquid and because there may be even fewer buyers for our specialized real estate, our ability to promptly sell properties in our portfolio in response to adverse changes in their performance may be limited, which may harm our financial condition. Further, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. is subject to provisions in the Code that limit a REIT s ability to dispose of properties, which limitations are not applicable to other types of real estate companies. In addition, the parties who contributed the 200 Paul Avenue 1-4 and 1100 Space Park Drive properties to us would incur adverse tax consequences upon the sale of these properties. While Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has exclusive authority under Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s limited partnership agreement to determine whether, when, and on what terms to sell a property, any such decision would require the approval of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s board of directors. See Risks Related to Our Organizational Structure Tax consequences upon sale or refinancing. These limitations may affect our ability to sell properties. This lack of liquidity and the Code restrictions may limit our ability to vary our portfolio

promptly in response to changes in economic or other conditions and, as a result, could adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, cash available for distribution and ability to access capital necessary to meet our debt payments and other obligations.

## We could incur significant costs related to government regulation and private litigation over environmental matters.

Under various laws relating to the protection of the environment, a current or previous owner or operator of real estate may be liable for contamination resulting from the presence or discharge of hazardous or toxic substances at that property, and may be required to investigate and clean up such contamination at or emanating from that property. Such laws often impose liability without regard to whether the owner or operator knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of the contaminants, and the liability may be joint and several. Previous owners used some of our properties for industrial and retail purposes, so those properties may contain some level of environmental contamination. The presence of contamination or the failure to remediate contamination at our properties may expose us to third-party liability or materially adversely affect our ability to sell, lease or develop the real estate or to borrow using the real estate as collateral.

Some of the properties may contain asbestos-containing building materials. Environmental laws require that asbestos-containing building materials be properly managed and maintained, and may impose fines and penalties on building owners or operators for failure to comply with these requirements. These laws may also allow third parties to seek recovery from owners or operators for personal injury associated with exposure to asbestos-containing building materials.

In addition, some of our tenants, particularly those in the biotechnology and life sciences industry and those in the technology manufacturing industry, routinely handle hazardous substances and wastes as part of their operations at our properties. Environmental laws and regulations subject our tenants, and potentially us, to liability resulting from these activities or from previous industrial or retail uses of those properties. Environmental liabilities could also affect a tenant s ability to make rental payments to us.

## Existing conditions at some of our properties may expose us to liability related to environmental matters.

Independent environmental consultants have conducted Phase I or similar environmental site assessments on all of the properties in our portfolio. Site assessments are intended to discover and evaluate information regarding the environmental condition of the surveyed property and surrounding properties. These assessments do not generally include soil samplings, subsurface investigations or an asbestos survey and the assessments may fail to reveal all environmental conditions, liabilities or compliance concerns. In addition, material environmental conditions, liabilities or compliance concerns may arise after these reviews are completed or may arise in the future. Future laws, ordinances or regulations may impose additional material environmental liability.

We cannot assure you that costs of future environmental compliance will not affect our ability to pay dividends to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders and distributions to Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s unitholders or that such costs or other remedial measures will not have a material adverse effect on our business, assets or results of operations.

Our properties may contain or develop harmful mold or suffer from other air quality issues, which could lead to liability for adverse health effects and costs to remedy the problem.

When excessive moisture accumulates in buildings or on building materials, mold may grow, particularly if the moisture problem remains undiscovered or is not addressed over a period of time. Some molds may produce airborne toxins or irritants. Indoor air quality issues can also stem from inadequate ventilation, chemical contamination from indoor or outdoor sources and other biological contaminants such as pollen, viruses and bacteria. Indoor exposure to airborne toxins or irritants above certain levels can be alleged to cause a variety of

25

adverse health effects and symptoms, including allergic or other reactions. As a result, the presence of significant mold or other airborne contaminants at any of our properties could require us to undertake a costly remediation program to contain or remove the mold or other airborne contaminants from the affected property or increase indoor ventilation. In addition, the presence of significant mold or other airborne contaminants could expose us to liability from our tenants, employees of our tenants and others if property damage or health concerns arise.

## We may incur significant costs complying with the Americans with Disabilities Act and similar laws.

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or the ADA, all public accommodations must meet federal requirements related to access and use by disabled persons. We have not conducted an audit or investigation of all of our properties to determine our compliance with the ADA. If one or more of the properties in our portfolio does not comply with the ADA, then we would be required to incur additional costs to bring the property into compliance. Additional federal, state and local laws also may require modifications to our properties, or restrict our ability to renovate our properties. We cannot predict the ultimate cost of compliance with the ADA or other legislation. If we incur substantial costs to comply with the ADA and any other similar legislation, our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, cash available for distribution and ability to satisfy our debt service obligations could be materially adversely affected.

## Risks Related to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Status as a REIT

Failure to qualify as a REIT would have significant adverse consequences to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and its stockholders and to Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and its unitholders.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has operated and intends to continue operating in a manner that it believes will allow it to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes under the Code. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has not requested and does not plan to request a ruling from the IRS that it qualifies as a REIT. If Digital Realty Trust, Inc. loses its REIT status, it will face serious tax consequences that would substantially reduce its cash available for distribution, including cash available to pay dividends to its preferred stockholders or make distributions to its common stockholders, for each of the years involved because:

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. would not be allowed a deduction for distributions to stockholders in computing its taxable income and would be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates;

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. also could be subject to the federal alternative minimum tax and possibly increased state and local taxes; and

unless Digital Realty Trust, Inc. is entitled to relief under applicable statutory provisions, it could not elect to be taxed as a REIT for four taxable years following the year during which it was disqualified.

In addition, if Digital Realty Trust, Inc. fails to qualify as a REIT, it will not be required to make distributions to stockholders, and accordingly, distributions Digital Realty Trust, L.P. makes to its unitholders could be similarly reduced. As a result of all these factors, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s failure to qualify as a REIT also could impair our ability to expand our business and raise capital, and would materially adversely affect the value of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stock and Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s units.

Qualification as a REIT involves the application of highly technical and complex Code provisions for which there are only limited judicial and administrative interpretations. The complexity of these provisions and of the applicable Treasury Regulations that have been promulgated under the Code is greater in the case of a REIT that, like Digital Realty Trust, Inc., holds its assets through a partnership. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s ability to qualify as a REIT may be affected by facts and circumstances that are not entirely within its control. In order to qualify as a REIT, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. must satisfy a number of requirements, including requirements regarding the composition of its assets and a requirement that at least 95% of its gross income in any year must be derived from qualifying sources, such as rents from real property. Also, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. must make distributions to stockholders aggregating annually at least 90% of its net taxable income, excluding net capital

gains. In addition, legislation, new regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions may materially adversely affect its investors, its ability to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes or the desirability of an investment in a REIT relative to other investments.

Even if Digital Realty Trust, Inc. qualifies as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, it may be subject to some federal, state and local taxes on its income or property and, in certain cases, a 100% penalty tax, in the event it sells property as a dealer. In addition, our domestic corporate subsidiary, Digital Services, Inc., which is a taxable REIT subsidiary of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., could be subject to federal and state taxes, and our foreign properties and companies are subject to tax in the jurisdictions in which they operate and are located.

To maintain Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s REIT status, we may be forced to borrow funds on a short-term basis during unfavorable market conditions.

To qualify as a REIT, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. generally must distribute to its stockholders at least 90% of its net taxable income each year, excluding capital gains, and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will be subject to regular corporate income taxes to the extent that it distributes less than 100% of its net taxable income each year. In addition, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will be subject to a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the amount, if any, by which distributions paid by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. in any calendar year are less than the sum of 85% of its ordinary income, 95% of its capital gain net income and 100% of its undistributed income from prior years. While historically Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has satisfied these distribution requirements by making cash distributions to its stockholders, a REIT is permitted to satisfy these requirements by making distributions of cash or other property, including, in limited circumstances, its own stock. Assuming Digital Realty Trust, Inc. continues to satisfy these distributions requirements with cash, we may need to borrow funds for Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to meet the REIT distribution requirements even if the then prevailing market conditions are not favorable for these borrowings. These borrowing needs could result from differences in timing between the actual receipt of cash and inclusion of income for federal income tax purposes, or the effect of non-deductible capital expenditures, the creation of reserves or required debt or amortization payments.

The power of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s board of directors to revoke Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s REIT election without stockholder approval may cause adverse consequences to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders and Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s unitholders.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s charter provides that its board of directors may revoke or otherwise terminate its REIT election, without the approval of its stockholders, if it determines that it is no longer in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s best interests to continue to qualify as a REIT. If Digital Realty Trust, Inc. ceases to qualify as a REIT, it would become subject to U.S. federal income tax on its taxable income and it would no longer be required to distribute most of its taxable income to its stockholders and accordingly, distributions Digital Realty Trust, L.P. makes to its unitholders could be similarly reduced.

## Risks Related to this Offering

Our substantial indebtedness could adversely affect our financial condition and ability to fulfill our obligations under the notes and otherwise adversely impact our business and growth prospects.

We have a substantial amount of debt. At September 30, 2010, our total indebtedness was approximately \$2.7 billion (exclusive of trade payables, distributions payable, accrued expenses and committed letters of credit), and we may incur significant additional debt to finance future acquisition and development and redevelopment activities. We have a revolving credit facility, which has a borrowing limit based upon a percentage of the value of our unsecured properties included in the facility s borrowing base. Approximately \$512.5 million, net of issued letters of credit, was available under this facility at September 30, 2010. In addition, under our contribution agreement with respect to the 200 Paul Avenue 1-4 and 1100 Space Park Drive properties, we have agreed to make available for guarantee up to \$17.8 million of indebtedness and may enter into similar agreements in the future.

Our level of debt and the limitations imposed on us by our debt agreements could have significant adverse consequences to holders of the notes, including the following:

our cash flow may be insufficient to meet our required principal and interest payments with respect to the notes and our other indebtedness;

we may be unable to borrow additional funds as needed or on favorable terms;

we may be unable to refinance our indebtedness at maturity or the refinancing terms may be less favorable than the terms of our original indebtedness;

because a significant portion of our debt bears interest at variable rates, increases in interest rates could materially increase our interest expense;

we may be forced to dispose of one or more of our properties, possibly on disadvantageous terms;

we may default on our obligations and the lenders or mortgagees may foreclose on our properties or our interests in the entities that own the properties that secure their loans and receive an assignment of rents and leases;

we may violate restrictive covenants in our loan documents, which would entitle the lenders to accelerate our debt obligations; and

our default under any one of our mortgage loans with cross default provisions could result in a default on other indebtedness. If any one of these events were to occur, our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, cash available for distribution and our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations could be materially adversely affected. Furthermore, foreclosures could create taxable income without accompanying cash proceeds, a circumstance which could hinder Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s ability to meet the REIT distribution requirements imposed by the Code.

#### The effective subordination of the notes may limit our ability to satisfy our obligations under the notes.

The notes will be senior unsecured obligations of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and will rank equally in right of payment with all of our other senior unsecured indebtedness. However, the notes will be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all of the secured indebtedness of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. to the extent of the value of the collateral securing such indebtedness. While the indenture governing the notes limits our ability to incur additional secured indebtedness in the future, it does not prohibit us from incurring such indebtedness if we meet certain ratios and other requirements. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or similar proceeding with respect to us, the holders of any secured indebtedness will be entitled to proceed directly against the collateral that secures the secured indebtedness. Therefore, such collateral will not be available for satisfaction of any amounts owed under our unsecured indebtedness, including the notes, until such secured indebtedness is satisfied in full. As of September 30, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, L.P. had approximately \$1.1 billion of senior unsecured indebtedness (exclusive of trade payables, distributions payable, accrued expenses and committed letters of credit).

The notes also will be effectively subordinated to all liabilities and preferred equity of the subsidiaries of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. In the event of a bankruptcy, liquidation, dissolution, reorganization or similar proceeding with respect to any such subsidiary, Digital Realty Trust, L.P., as an equity owner of such subsidiary, and therefore holders of our debt, including the notes, will be subject to the prior claims of such subsidiary s creditors, including trade creditors and preferred equity holders. As of September 30, 2010, the total indebtedness of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s subsidiaries was approximately \$1.1 billion, excluding intercompany debt, guarantees of debt of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., accrued expenses and trade payables. In addition, except for subsidiaries of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. which are prohibited from doing so by the terms of secured

indebtedness, substantially all of the domestic subsidiaries of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., together with Digital

28

Realty Trust, Inc., guarantee our obligations under the revolving credit facility and the notes under the Prudential shelf facility. As of September 30, 2010, there was \$220.6 million outstanding under the revolving credit facility, excluding \$16.8 million of letters of credit, and \$200.0 million in outstanding notes under the Prudential shelf facility. While the indenture governing the notes limits the ability of our subsidiaries to incur additional unsecured indebtedness in the future, it does not prohibit our subsidiaries from incurring such indebtedness if such subsidiaries meet certain ratios and other requirements.

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

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

Holders of our currently outstanding exchangeable debentures have the right to require us to repurchase such debentures for cash on specified dates or upon the occurrence of designated events. In addition, with respect to the 2026 debentures, we are required to settle exchanges of such debentures in cash up to the aggregate principal amount of such debentures. Any of our future debt agreements or securities may contain similar provisions. We may not have sufficient funds to make the required repurchase or settlement of such debentures in cash at the applicable time and, in such circumstances, may not be able to arrange the necessary financing on favorable terms or at all. In addition, our ability to make the required repurchase or settlement may be limited by law or the terms of other debt agreements or securities. However, our failure to make the required repurchase or settlement would constitute an event of default under the applicable indentures governing our currently outstanding exchangeable notes which, in turn, could constitute an event of default under other debt agreements, including the indenture that governs the notes offered hereby, thereby resulting in their acceleration and required prepayment and further restrict our ability to make such payments and repurchases.

We cannot assure you that our business will generate sufficient cash flow from operations or that future sources of cash will be available to us in an amount sufficient to enable us to pay amounts due on our indebtedness, including the notes, or to fund our other liquidity needs. Additionally, if we incur additional indebtedness in connection with future acquisitions or development projects or for any other purpose, our debt service obligations could increase.

We may need to refinance all or a portion of our indebtedness, including the notes, on or before maturity. Our ability to refinance our indebtedness or obtain additional financing will depend on, among other things, our financial condition and market conditions at the time and restrictions in the agreements governing our indebtedness.

As a result, we may not be able to refinance any of our indebtedness, including the notes, on commercially reasonable terms, or at all. If we do not generate sufficient cash flow from operations, and additional borrowings or refinancings or proceeds of asset sales or other sources of cash are not available to us, we may not have sufficient cash to enable us to meet all of our obligations, including payments on the notes. Accordingly, if we cannot service our indebtedness, we may have to take actions, such as seeking additional equity or delaying capital expenditures, or strategic acquisitions and alliances, any of which could have a material adverse effect on our operations. We cannot assure you that we will be able to effect any of these actions on commercially reasonable terms, or at all.

Despite our substantial indebtedness, we may still incur significantly more debt, which could exacerbate any or all of the risks described above.

We may be able to incur substantial additional indebtedness in the future. Although the agreements governing our revolving credit facility and certain other indebtedness and the indenture governing the notes limit our ability to incur additional indebtedness, these restrictions are subject to a number of qualifications and

29

exceptions and, under certain circumstances, debt incurred in compliance with these restrictions could be substantial. To the extent that we incur additional indebtedness or such other obligations, the risks associated with our substantial leverage described above, including our possible inability to service our debt, would increase. In addition, the credit agreement governing our revolving credit facility and the indenture governing the notes do not prevent us from incurring obligations that do not constitute indebtedness.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has no significant operations, other than as Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s general partner, and no material assets, other than its investment in Digital Realty Trust, L.P.

The notes will be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. However, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has no significant operations, other than as Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s general partner, and no material assets, other than its investment in Digital Realty Trust, L.P. Furthermore, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s guarantee of the notes will be effectively subordinated in right of payment to all unsecured and secured liabilities and preferred equity of its subsidiaries (including Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and any entity Digital Realty Trust, Inc. accounts for under the equity method of accounting). As of September 30, 2010, the total indebtedness of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s subsidiaries was approximately \$2.7 billion (exclusive of trade payables, distributions payable, accrued expenses and committed letters of credit). In addition, except for subsidiaries of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. which are prohibited from doing so by the terms of secured indebtedness, substantially all of the domestic subsidiaries of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., together with Digital Realty Trust, Inc., guarantee our obligations under the revolving credit facility and the notes under the Prudential shelf facility. As of September 30, 2010, there was \$220.6 million outstanding under the revolving credit facility, excluding \$16.8 million of letters of credit, and \$200.0 million in outstanding notes under the Prudential shelf facility.

Federal and state statutes allow courts, under specific circumstances, to void guarantees and require holders of notes to return payments received from guarantors.

Under the federal bankruptcy law and comparable provisions of state fraudulent transfer laws, a guarantee, such as the guarantee provided by Digital Realty Trust, Inc., could be voided, or claims in respect of a guarantee could be subordinated to all other debts of that guarantor if, among other things, the guarantor, at the time it incurred the indebtedness evidenced by its guarantee:

received less than reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration for the incurrence of the guarantee;

was insolvent or rendered insolvent by reason of the incurrence of the guarantee;

was engaged in a business or transaction for which the guarantor s remaining assets constituted unreasonably small capital; or

intended to incur, or believed that it would incur, debts beyond its ability to pay those debts as they mature. In addition, any payment by that guarantor pursuant to its guarantee could be voided and required to be returned to the guarantor or to a fund for the benefit of the creditors of the guarantor.

The measures of insolvency for purposes of these fraudulent transfer laws will vary depending upon the law applied in any proceeding to determine whether a fraudulent transfer has occurred. Generally, however, a guarantor would be considered insolvent if:

the sum of its debts, including contingent liabilities, was greater than the fair saleable value of all of its assets;

the present fair saleable value of its assets was less than the amount that would be required to pay its probable liability on its existing debts, including contingent liabilities, as they became absolute and mature; or

it could not pay its debts as they become due.

The court might also void such guarantee, without regard to the above factors, if it found that a guaranter entered into its guarantee with actual or deemed intent to hinder, delay, or defraud its creditors.

A court would likely find that a guarantor did not receive reasonably equivalent value or fair consideration for its guarantee unless it benefited directly or indirectly from the issuance of the notes. If a court voided such guarantee, holders of the notes would no longer have a claim against such guarantor or the benefit of the assets of such guarantor constituting collateral that purportedly secured such guarantee. In addition, the court might direct holders of the notes to repay any amounts already received from a guarantor. If the court were to void Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s guarantee, we cannot assure you that funds would be available to pay the notes from any of our subsidiaries or from any other source.

## The indenture governing the notes contains restrictive covenants that limit our operating flexibility.

The indenture governing the notes contains financial and operating covenants that, among other things, restrict our ability to take specific actions, even if we believe them to be in our best interest, including restrictions on our ability to:

consummate a merger, consolidation or sale of all or substantially all of our assets; and

incur secured and unsecured indebtedness.

In addition, our revolving credit facility requires us to meet specified financial ratios and the indenture governing the notes requires us to maintain at all times a specified ratio of unencumbered assets to unsecured debt. These covenants may restrict our ability to expand or fully pursue our business strategies. Our ability to comply with these and other provisions of the indenture governing the notes and our revolving credit facility may be affected by changes in our operating and financial performance, changes in general business and economic conditions, adverse regulatory developments or other events beyond our control. The breach of any of these covenants, including those contained in our credit facility and the indenture governing the notes, could result in a default under our indebtedness, which could cause those and other obligations to become due and payable. If any of our indebtedness is accelerated, we may not be able to repay it.

We cannot assure you that an active trading market will develop for the notes, and if an active trading market does not develop for the notes, you may not be able to resell them.

We cannot assure you that an active trading market will ever develop for the notes. We do not intend to apply for listing of the notes on any securities exchange or for quotation of the notes on any automated dealer quotation system. The lack of a trading market could adversely affect your ability to sell the notes and the price at which you may be able to sell the notes. The liquidity of the trading market, if any, and future trading prices of the notes will depend on many factors, including, among other things, prevailing interest rates, our operating results, financial performance and prospects, the market for similar securities and the overall securities market, and may be adversely affected by unfavorable changes in these factors. It is possible that the market for the notes will be subject to disruptions which may have a negative effect on the holders of the notes, regardless of our operating results, financial performance or prospects.

If the procedures for tendering your private notes in this exchange offer are not followed, you may not receive notes in exchange for your private notes.

We will issue the notes in exchange for your private notes only if you tender the private notes and deliver a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal and other required documents before expiration of the exchange offer. You should allow sufficient time to ensure timely delivery of the necessary documents. Neither the Exchange Agent nor we are under any duty to give notification of defects or irregularities with respect to the tenders of private notes for exchange. If you are the beneficial holder of private notes that are registered in the name of your broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, and you wish to tender private notes in the exchange offer, you should promptly contact the person in whose name your private notes are registered and instruct that person to tender your private notes on your behalf.

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

We make statements in this prospectus that are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. In particular, statements pertaining to our capital resources, portfolio performance 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 are predictions of or indicate future events or trends and 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 recent deterioration in global economic, credit and market conditions;
current local economic conditions in our geographic markets;
decreases in information technology spending, including as a result of economic slowdowns or recession;
adverse economic or real estate developments in our industry or the industry sectors that we sell to (including risks relating to decreasing real estate valuations and impairment charges);
our dependence upon significant tenants;
bankruptcy or insolvency of a major tenant or a significant number of smaller tenants;
defaults on or non-renewal of leases by tenants;
our failure to obtain necessary debt and equity financing;
increased interest rates and operating costs;
our failure to repay debt when due or our breach of covenants or other terms contained in our loan facilities and agreements;
financial market fluctuations;

changes in foreign currency exchange rates;

our inability to manage our growth effectively;

difficulty acquiring or operating properties in foreign jurisdictions;

our failure to successfully operate acquired or redeveloped properties;

risks related to joint venture investments, including as a result of our lack of control of such investments;

delays or unexpected costs in development or redevelopment of properties;

decreased rental rates or increased vacancy rates;

increased competition or available supply of data center space;

32

transactions, see the sections above.

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

difficulties in identifying properties to acquire and completing acquisitions;

our inability to acquire off-market properties;

our inability to comply with the rules and regulations applicable to reporting companies;

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s failure to maintain its status as a REIT;

possible adverse changes to tax laws;

restrictions on our ability to engage in certain business activities;

environmental uncertainties and risks related to natural disasters;

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. For a further discussion of these and other factors that could impact our future results, performance or

33

#### THE EXCHANGE OFFER

## Purpose of the Exchange Offer

On July 8, 2010, our operating partnership issued \$375.0 million of the private notes to Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Banc of America Securities LLC, Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, Deutsche Bank Securities Inc., J.P. Morgan Securities Inc., and RBS Securities Inc., the initial purchasers, pursuant to a purchase agreement. The initial purchasers subsequently sold the private notes to qualified institutional buyers, as defined in Rule 144A under the Securities Act, in reliance on Rule 144A, and outside the United States under Regulation S of the Securities Act. As a condition to the sale of the private notes, we entered into a registration rights agreement with the initial purchasers on July 8, 2010. Pursuant to the registration rights agreement, we agreed that we would:

- (1) file an exchange offer registration statement with the SEC on or prior to October 6, 2010;
- (2) use our reasonable efforts to have the exchange offer registration statement declared effective by the SEC on or prior to January 4, 2011;
- (3) unless the exchange offer would not be permitted by applicable law or SEC policy, we will:
  - (a) commence the exchange offer; and
  - (b) use reasonable efforts to issue on or prior to 45 business days, or longer, if required by the federal securities laws, after the date on which the exchange offer registration statement was declared effective by the SEC, exchange notes in exchange for all notes tendered prior thereto in the exchange offer; and
- (4) if obligated to file the shelf registration statement, we will use reasonable efforts to file the shelf registration statement with the SEC on or prior to 90 days after such filing obligation arises and to cause the shelf registration statement to be declared effective by the SEC on or prior to 180 days after such obligation arises.

Upon the effectiveness of the exchange offer registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part, we will offer the exchange notes in exchange for the private notes. We filed a copy of the registration rights agreement as an exhibit to the registration statement.

#### Resale of the Exchange Notes

Based upon an interpretation by the staff of the SEC contained in no-action letters issued to third parties, we believe that you may exchange private notes for exchange notes in the ordinary course of business. For further information on the SEC s position, see *Exxon Capital Holdings Corporation*, available May 13, 1988, *Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated*, available June 5, 1991, and *Shearman & Sterling*, available July 2, 1993, and other interpretive letters to similar effect. You will be allowed to resell exchange notes to the public without further registration under the Securities Act and without delivering to purchasers of the exchange notes a prospectus that satisfies the requirements of Section 10 of the Securities Act so long as you do not participate, do not intend to participate, and have no arrangement with any person to participate, in a distribution of the exchange notes. However, the foregoing does not apply to you if you are: a broker-dealer who purchased the exchange notes directly from us to resell pursuant to Rule 144A or any other available exemption under the Securities Act; or you are an affiliate of ours within the meaning of Rule 405 under the Securities Act.

In addition, if you are a broker-dealer, or you acquire exchange notes in the exchange offer for the purpose of distributing or participating in the distribution of the exchange notes, you cannot rely on the position of the staff of the SEC contained in the no-action letters mentioned above or other interpretive letters to similar effect and must comply with the registration and prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act in connection with any resale transaction, unless an exemption from registration is otherwise available.

Each broker-dealer that receives exchange notes for its own account in exchange for private notes, which the broker-dealer acquired as a result of market-making activities or other trading activities, must acknowledge that it will deliver a prospectus in connection with any resale of the exchange notes. By delivering a prospectus, a broker-dealer may be deemed to be an underwriter within the meaning of the Securities Act. A broker-dealer may use this prospectus, as it may be amended or supplemented from time to time, in connection with resales of exchange notes received in exchange for private notes which the broker-dealer acquired as a result of market-making or other trading activities.

## Terms of the Exchange Offer

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions described in this prospectus and in the accompanying letter of transmittal, which together constitute the exchange offer, we will accept any and all private notes validly tendered and not withdrawn before the expiration date. We will issue \$1,000 principal amount of exchange notes in exchange for each \$1,000 principal amount of outstanding private notes surrendered pursuant to the exchange offer. You may tender private notes only in integral multiples of \$1,000.

The form and terms of the exchange notes are the same as the form and terms of the private notes except that:

we will register the exchange notes under the Securities Act and, therefore, the exchange notes will not bear legends restricting their transfer; and

holders of the exchange notes will not be entitled to any of the rights of holders of private notes under the registration rights agreement, which rights will terminate upon the completion of the exchange offer.

The exchange notes will evidence the same debt as the private notes and will be issued under the same indenture, so the exchange notes and the private notes will be treated as a single class of debt securities under the indenture.

As of the date of this prospectus, \$375.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the private notes are outstanding and registered in the name of Cede & Co., as nominee for DTC. Only registered holders of the private notes, or their legal representative or attorney-in-fact, as reflected on the records of the trustee under the indenture, may participate in the exchange offer. We will not set a fixed record date for determining registered holders of the private notes entitled to participate in the exchange offer.

You do not have any appraisal or dissenters rights under the indenture in connection with the exchange offer. We intend to conduct the exchange offer in accordance with the provisions of the registration rights agreement and the applicable requirements of the Securities Act, the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations of the SEC.

We will be deemed to have accepted validly tendered private notes when, as and if we have given written notice of acceptance to the Exchange Agent. The Exchange Agent will act as your agent for the purposes of receiving the exchange notes from us.

If you tender private notes in the exchange offer you will not be required to pay brokerage commissions or fees with respect to the exchange of private notes pursuant to the exchange offer. We will pay all charges and expenses, other than the applicable taxes described below, in connection with the exchange offer.

## **Expiration Date; Extensions; Amendments**

The term expiration date will mean 5:00 p.m., New York City time on January 12, 2011 (the \*2business day following commencement of the exchange offer), unless we, in our sole discretion, extend the exchange offer, in which case the term expiration date will mean the latest date and time to which we extend the exchange offer.

To extend the exchange offer, we will notify the Exchange Agent and each registered holder of any extension in writing by a press release or other public announcement before 9:00 a.m., New York City time, on the next business day after the previously scheduled expiration date. The notice of extension will disclose the aggregate principal amount of the private notes that have been tendered as of the date of such notice.

We reserve the right, in our reasonable discretion:

to delay accepting any private notes due to an extension of the exchange offer; or

if any conditions listed below under Conditions are not satisfied, to terminate the exchange offer, in each case by written notice of the delay, extension or termination to the Exchange Agent and by press release or other public announcement.

We will follow any delay in acceptance, extension or termination as promptly as practicable by written notice to the registered holders by a press release or other public announcement. If we amend the exchange offer in a manner we determine constitutes a material change, we will promptly disclose the amendment in a prospectus supplement that we will distribute to the registered holders. We will also extend the exchange offer for a period of five to ten business days, depending upon the significance of the amendment and the manner of disclosure, if the exchange offer would otherwise expire during the five to ten business day period.

## **Interest on the Exchange Notes**

The exchange notes will bear interest at the same rate and on the same terms as the private notes. Consequently, the exchange notes will bear interest at a rate equal to 4.50% per year (calculated using a 360-day year). Interest will be payable on the exchange notes semi-annually on each January 15 and July 15.

Interest on the exchange notes will accrue from the last interest payment date on which interest was paid on the private notes or, if no interest has been paid on the private notes, from the date of initial issuance of the private notes. We will deem the right to receive any interest accrued but unpaid on the private notes waived by you if we accept your private notes for exchange.

## **Procedures for Tendering**

#### Valid Tender

Except as described below, a tendering holder must, prior to the expiration date, transmit to the Exchange Agent, at the address listed under the heading Exchange Agent:

a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, including all other documents required by the letter of transmittal; or

if the private notes are tendered in accordance with the book-entry procedures listed below, an agent s message. In addition, a tendering holder must:

deliver certificates, if any, for the private notes to the Exchange Agent at or before the expiration date; or

deliver a timely confirmation of book-entry transfer of the private notes into the Exchange Agent s account at DTC, the book-entry transfer facility, along with the letter of transmittal or an agent s message; or

comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below.

The term agent s message means a message, transmitted by DTC to and received by the Exchange Agent and forming a part of a book-entry confirmation, that states that DTC has received an express acknowledgment that the tendering holder agrees to be bound by the letter of transmittal and that we may enforce the letter of transmittal against this holder.

36

If the letter of transmittal is signed by a person other than the registered holder of private notes, the letter of transmittal must be accompanied by a written instrument of transfer or exchange in satisfactory form duly executed by the registered holder with the signature guaranteed by an eligible institution. The private notes must be endorsed or accompanied by appropriate powers of attorney. In either case, the private notes must be signed exactly as the name of any registered holder appears on the private notes.

If the letter of transmittal or any private notes or powers of attorney are signed by trustees, executors, administrators, guardians, attorneys-in-fact, officers of corporations or others acting in a fiduciary or representative capacity, these persons should so indicate when signing. Unless waived by us, proper evidence satisfactory to us of their authority to so act must be submitted.

By tendering private notes pursuant to the exchange offer, each holder will represent to us that, among other things, the exchange notes are being acquired in the ordinary course of business of the person receiving the exchange notes, whether or not that person is the holder, and neither the holder nor the other person has any arrangement or understanding with any person to participate in the distribution of the exchange notes. In the case of a holder that is not a broker-dealer, that holder, by tendering private notes pursuant to the exchange offer, will also represent to us that the holder is not engaged in and does not intend to engage in a distribution of the exchange notes.

The method of delivery of private notes, letters of transmittal and all other required documents is at your election and risk. If the delivery is by mail, we recommend that you use registered mail, properly insured, with return receipt requested. In all cases, you should allow sufficient time to assure timely delivery. You should not send letters of transmittal or private notes to us.

If you are a beneficial owner whose private notes are registered in the name of a broker, dealer, commercial bank, trust company or other nominee, and wish to tender, you should promptly instruct the registered holder to tender on your behalf. Any registered holder that is a participant in DTC s book-entry transfer facility system may make book-entry delivery of the private notes by causing DTC to transfer the private notes into the Exchange Agent s account, including by means of DTC s Automated Tender Offer Program.

Any registered holder that holds the private notes through Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., or Euroclear, or Clearstream Banking, S.A., or Clearstream, must comply with the procedures of Euroclear or Clearstream, as applicable, before the expiration date.

## Signature Guarantees

Signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal must be guaranteed, unless the private notes surrendered for exchange are tendered:

by a registered holder of the private notes who has not completed the box entitled Special Issuance Instructions or Special Delivery Instructions on the letter of transmittal; or

for the account of an eligible institution.

If signatures on a letter of transmittal or a notice of withdrawal are required to be guaranteed, the guarantees must be by an eligible institution. An eligible institution is an eligible guarantor institution meeting the requirements of the registrar for the notes, which requirements include membership or participation in the Security Transfer Agent Medallion Program, or STAMP, or such other signature guarantee program as may be determined by the registrar for the notes in addition to, or in substitution for, STAMP, all in accordance with the Exchange Act.

## **Book-Entry Transfer**

The Exchange Agent will make a request to establish an account for the private notes at DTC for purposes of the exchange offer within two business days after the date of this prospectus. Any financial institution that is a

37

participant in DTC s systems must make book-entry delivery of private notes by causing DTC to transfer those private notes into the Exchange Agent s account at DTC in accordance with DTC s procedure for transfer. The participant should transmit its acceptance to DTC at or prior to the expiration date or comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below. DTC will verify this acceptance, execute a book-entry transfer of the tendered private notes into the Exchange Agent s account at DTC and then send to the Exchange Agent confirmation of this book-entry transfer. The confirmation of this book-entry transfer will include an agent s message confirming that DTC has received an express acknowledgment from this participant that this participant has received and agrees to be bound by the letter of transmittal and that we may enforce the letter of transmittal against this participant.

Participants in Euroclear s or Clearstream s book-entry transfer facility system must electronically transmit their acceptance of the exchange to Euroclear or Clearstream. The receipt of such electronic acceptance instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream will be acknowledged in accordance with the standard practices of such book-entry transfer facility and will result in the blocking of such private notes in that book-entry transfer facility. By blocking such private notes in the relevant book-entry transfer facility, each holder of private notes will be deemed to consent to have the relevant book-entry transfer facility provide details concerning such holder s identity to the Exchange Agent. The receipt of an electronic instruction by Euroclear or Clearstream shall mean: Euroclear or Clearstream, as applicable, has received an express acknowledgment from a participant in Euroclear or Clearstream, as the case may be, that such participant is tendering private notes that are the subject of the book-entry confirmation; and the participant has received and agrees to be bound by the letter of transmittal and that we may enforce the letter of transmittal against the participant.

Delivery of exchange notes issued in the exchange offer may be effected through book-entry transfer at DTC. However, the letter of transmittal or facsimile of it or an agent s message, with any required signature guarantees and any other required documents, must:

be transmitted to and received by the Exchange Agent at the address listed under Exchange Agent at or prior to the expiration date; or

comply with the guaranteed delivery procedures described below.

Delivery of documents to DTC in accordance with DTC s procedures does not constitute delivery to the Exchange Agent.

## **Guaranteed Delivery**

If a registered holder of private notes desires to tender the private notes, and the private notes are not immediately available, or time will not permit the holder s private notes or other required documents to reach the Exchange Agent before the expiration date, or the procedure for book-entry transfer described above cannot be completed on a timely basis, a tender may nonetheless be made if:

the tender is made through an eligible institution;

prior to the expiration date, the Exchange Agent received from an eligible institution a properly completed and duly executed notice of guaranteed delivery, substantially in the form provided by us, by facsimile transmission, mail or hand delivery:

- 1. stating the name and address of the holder of private notes and the amount of private notes tendered;
- 2. stating that the tender is being made; and
- 3. guaranteeing that within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date, the certificates for all physically tendered private notes, in proper form for transfer, or a book-entry confirmation, as the case may be, and a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, or an agent s message, and any other documents required by the letter of

transmittal will be deposited by the eligible institution with the exchange agent; and

38

the certificates for all physically tendered private notes, in proper form for transfer, or a book-entry confirmation, as the case may be, and a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal, or any agent s message, and all other documents required by the letter of transmittal, are received by the Exchange Agent within three New York Stock Exchange trading days after the expiration date.

#### **Determination of Validity**

We will determine in our sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form and eligibility of private notes tendered for exchange. This discretion extends to the determination of all questions concerning the time of receipt, acceptance and withdrawal of tendered private notes. These determinations will be final and binding. We reserve the absolute right to reject any and all private notes not properly tendered or any private notes our acceptance of which would, in the opinion of our counsel, be unlawful. We also reserve the right to waive any defects, irregularities or conditions of tender as to any particular private note either before or after the expiration date, including the right to waive the ineligibility of any tendering holder. Our interpretation of the terms and conditions of the exchange offer as to any particular private note either before or after the expiration date, including the letter of transmittal and the instructions to the letter of transmittal, shall be final and binding on all parties. Unless waived, you must cure any defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of private notes within the time we determine. Although we intend to notify you of defects or irregularities with respect to tenders of private notes, neither we, the Exchange Agent nor any other person will incur any liability for failure to give you that notification. Unless waived, we will not deem tenders of private notes to have been made until you cure the defects or irregularities.

## Other Rights

While we have no present plan to acquire any private notes that are not tendered in the exchange offer or to file a registration statement to permit resales of any private notes that are not tendered in the exchange offer, we reserve the right in our sole discretion to purchase or make offers for any private notes that remain outstanding after the expiration date. We also reserve the right to terminate the exchange offer, as described below under Conditions, and, to the extent permitted by applicable law, purchase private notes in the open market, in privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. The terms of any of those purchases or offers could differ from the terms of the exchange offer.

## Acceptance of Private Notes for Exchange; Issuance of Exchange Notes

Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of the exchange offer, we will accept, promptly after the expiration date, all private notes properly tendered. We will issue the exchange notes promptly after acceptance of the private notes. For purposes of the exchange offer, we will be deemed to have accepted properly tendered private notes for exchange when, as and if we have given oral or written notice to the Exchange Agent, with prompt written confirmation of any oral notice.

In all cases, issuance of exchange notes for private notes will be made only after timely receipt by the Exchange Agent of:

certificates for the private notes, or a timely book-entry confirmation of the private notes, into the Exchange Agent s account at the book-entry transfer facility;

a properly completed and duly executed letter of transmittal or an agent s message; and

all other required documents.

For each private note accepted for exchange, the holder of the private note will receive an exchange note having a principal amount equal to that of the surrendered private note.

Table of Contents 59

39

#### Return of Notes

Unaccepted or non-exchanged private notes will be returned without expense to the tendering holder of the private notes. In the case of private notes tendered by book-entry transfer in accordance with the book-entry procedures described above, the non-exchanged private notes will be credited to an account maintained with DTC as promptly as practicable after the expiration or termination of the exchange offer.

#### Withdrawal of Tenders

Except as otherwise provided in this prospectus, you may withdraw tenders of private notes at any time before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

For a withdrawal to be effective, the Exchange Agent must receive a written notice of withdrawal at the address or, in the case of eligible institutions, at the facsimile number, indicated under 

Exchange Agent before the expiration date. Any notice of withdrawal must:

specify the name of the person, referred to as the depositor, having tendered the private notes to be withdrawn;

identify the private notes to be withdrawn, including the certificate number or numbers and principal amount of the private notes;

contain a statement that the holder is withdrawing its election to have the private notes exchanged;

be signed by the holder in the same manner as the original signature on the letter of transmittal by which the private notes were tendered, including any required signature guarantees, or be accompanied by documents of transfer to have the trustee with respect to the private notes register the transfer of the private notes in the name of the person withdrawing the tender; and

specify the name in which the private notes are registered, if different from that of the depositor.

If certificates for private notes have been delivered or otherwise identified to the Exchange Agent, then, prior to the release of these certificates the withdrawing holder must also submit the serial numbers of the particular certificates to be withdrawn and signed notice of withdrawal with signatures guaranteed by an eligible institution, unless this holder is an eligible institution. If private notes have been tendered in accordance with the procedure for book-entry transfer described above, any notice of withdrawal must specify the name and number of the account at the book-entry transfer facility to be credited with the withdrawn private notes.

We will determine in our sole discretion all questions as to the validity, form and eligibility of the notices, and our determination will be final and binding on all parties. We will not deem any properly withdrawn private notes to have been validly tendered for purposes of the exchange offer, and we will not issue exchange notes with respect to those private notes, unless you validly retender the withdrawn private notes. You may retender properly withdrawn private notes by following the procedures described above under

Procedures for Tendering at any time before 5:00 p.m., New York City time, on the expiration date.

## Conditions

Notwithstanding any other term of the exchange offer, we will not be required to accept for exchange, or exchange the exchange notes for, any private notes, and may terminate the exchange offer as provided in this prospectus before the expiration of the exchange offer, if, in our reasonable judgment, the exchange offer violates applicable law, rules or regulations or an applicable interpretation of the staff of the SEC.

If we determine in our reasonable discretion that any of these conditions are not satisfied, we may:

refuse to accept any private notes and return all tendered private notes to you;

40

extend the exchange offer and retain all private notes tendered before the exchange offer expires, subject, however, to your rights to withdraw the private notes; or

waive the unsatisfied conditions with respect to the exchange offer and accept all properly tendered private notes that have not been withdrawn.

If the waiver constitutes a material change to the exchange offer, we will promptly disclose the waiver by means of a prospectus supplement that we will distribute to the registered holders of the private notes, and we will extend the exchange offer for a period of five to ten business days, depending upon the significance of the waiver and the manner of disclosure to the registered holders, if the exchange offer would otherwise expire during the five to ten business day period.

#### **Termination of Rights**

All of your rights under the registration rights agreement will terminate upon consummation of the exchange offer, except with respect to our continuing obligations:

to indemnify you and parties related to you against liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act; and

to provide, upon your request, the information required by Rule 144A(d)(4) under the Securities Act to permit resales of the notes pursuant to Rule 144A.

## **Shelf Registration**

If:

- (1) we are not:
  - (a) required to file the exchange offer registration statement; or
  - (b) permitted to consummate the exchange offer because the exchange offer is not permitted by applicable law or SEC policy; or
- (2) any holder of transfer restricted securities notifies us prior to the 20<sup>th</sup> business day following consummation of the exchange offer that:
  - (a) it is prohibited by law or SEC policy from participating in the exchange offer;
  - (b) it may not resell the exchange notes acquired by it in the exchange offer to the public without delivering a prospectus and the prospectus contained in the exchange offer registration statement is not appropriate or available for such resales; or
  - (c) it is a broker-dealer and owns notes acquired directly from us or one of our affiliates,

we will file with the SEC a shelf registration statement (as defined in the registration rights agreement) to cover resales of the private notes by the holders of the private notes who satisfy certain conditions relating to the provision of information in connection with the shelf registration statement.

For purposes of the foregoing, transfer restricted securities means each private note until the earliest to occur of:

- (1) the date on which such note has been exchanged by a person other than a broker-dealer for an exchange note in the exchange offer;
- (2) following the exchange by a broker-dealer in the exchange offer of a note for an exchange note, the date on which such exchange note is sold to a purchaser who receives from such broker-dealer on or prior to the date of such sale a copy of the prospectus contained in the exchange offer registration statement;

41

- (3) the date on which such note has been effectively registered under the Securities Act and disposed of in accordance with the shelf registration statement; or
- (4) the date on which such note is distributed to the public pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act, provided that on or prior to such date either (x) the exchange offer has been consummated or (y) a shelf registration statement has been declared effective by the SEC.

If:

- (1) we fail to file any of the registration statements required by the registration rights agreement on or prior to the date specified for such filing;
- (2) any of such registration statements is not declared effective by the SEC on or prior to the date specified for such effectiveness (the effectiveness target date );
- (3) we fail to consummate the exchange offer within 45 business days of the effectiveness target date with respect to the exchange offer registration statement; or
- (4) the shelf registration statement or the exchange offer registration statement is declared effective but thereafter ceases to be effective or usable in connection with resales of transfer restricted securities during the periods specified in the registration rights agreement (each such event referred to in clauses (1) through (4) above, a registration default ),

then we will pay liquidated damages ( liquidated damages ) to each holder of transfer restricted securities and notify the trustee that liquidated damages apply to the transfer restricted securities.

With respect to the first 90-day period immediately following the occurrence of the first registration default, liquidated damages will be paid in an amount equal to one quarter of one percent (0.25%) per annum of the principal amount of transfer restricted securities. The amount of the liquidated damages will increase by an additional one quarter of one percent (0.25%) per annum of the principal amount of transfer restricted securities with respect to the subsequent 90-day period until all registration defaults have been cured, up to a maximum amount of liquidated damages for all registration defaults of one half of one percent (0.5%) per annum of the principal amount of transfer restricted securities.

All accrued liquidated damages will be paid by us on the next scheduled interest payment date to DTC or its nominee by wire transfer of immediately available funds or by federal funds check and to holders of transfer restricted securities in the form of certificated notes by wire transfer to the accounts specified by them or by mailing checks to their registered addresses if no such accounts have been specified.

Following the cure of all registration defaults, the accrual of liquidated damages will cease.

## **Exchange Agent**

We have appointed Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas as Exchange Agent for the exchange offer of notes. All executed letters of transmittal and any other required documents should be directed to the Exchange Agent at the address (by overnight courier or mail) or facsimile number set forth below. You should direct questions and requests for assistance and requests for additional copies of this prospectus or of the letter of transmittal and requests for notices of guaranteed delivery to the Exchange Agent by telephone to (800) 735-7777, Option 1, by facsimile to (615) 866-3889, Attn: Reorganization Unit, or by overnight courier or mail addressed as follows:

Deutsche Bank Trust Company Americas

c/o DB Services Americas, Inc.

US CTAS Operations

5022 Gate Parkway, Suite 200

Mail Stop JCK01-0218

Jacksonville, FL 32256 USA

Attn: Reorganization Unit

42

## Fees and Expenses

We will bear the expenses of soliciting tenders. We have not retained any dealer manager in connection with the exchange offer and will not make any payments to brokers, dealers or others soliciting acceptances of the exchange offer. We will, however, pay the Exchange Agent reasonable and customary fees for its services and will reimburse it for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

We will pay the cash expenses incurred in connection with the exchange offer. These expenses include registration fees, fees and expenses of the Exchange Agent and the trustee, accounting and legal fees and printing costs, among others.

We will pay all transfer taxes, if any, applicable to the exchange of notes pursuant to the exchange offer. If, however, a transfer tax is imposed for any reason other than the exchange of the private notes pursuant to the exchange offer, then you must pay the amount of the transfer taxes. If satisfactory evidence of payment of such taxes or exemption therefrom is not submitted with the letter of transmittal, the amount of such transfer taxes will be billed directly to you.

## Consequence of Failures to Exchange

Participation in the exchange offer is voluntary. We urge you to consult your financial and tax advisors in making your decisions on what action to take. Private notes that are not exchange for exchange notes pursuant to the exchange offer will remain restricted securities. Accordingly, those private notes may be resold only:

to a person whom the seller reasonably believes is a qualified institutional buyer in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144A;

in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 144 under the Securities Act;

outside the United States to a foreign person in a transaction meeting the requirements of Rule 903 or 904 of Regulation S under the Securities Act;

in accordance with another exemption from the registration requirements of the Securities Act and based upon an opinion of counsel if we so request;

to us; or

pursuant to an effective registration statement.

In each case, the private notes may be resold only in accordance with any applicable securities laws of any state of the United States or any other applicable jurisdiction.

## **Accounting Treatment**

The exchange notes will be recorded at the same carrying value as the original notes, as reflected in our accounting records on the date of the exchange. Accordingly, no gain or loss for accounting purposes will be recognized.

Table of Contents 66

43

## **USE OF PROCEEDS**

The exchange offer satisfies an obligation under the registration rights agreement. We will not receive any cash proceeds from the exchange offer.

The net proceeds from the sale of the private notes after deducting discounts, commissions and offering expenses, were approximately \$370.6 million. We used the net proceeds from the sale of the private notes to fund a portion of the \$725.0 million purchase price for the acquisition of the Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio.

44

#### SELECTED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL DATA

The following tables set forth selected consolidated financial and operating data for Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and their respective subsidiaries. You should read the following selected financial data in conjunction with the consolidated historical financial statements and notes thereto of each of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and their respective subsidiaries and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, included elsewhere in this prospectus or incorporated by reference to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009, Digital Realty Trust, L.P. s General Form for Registration of Securities on Form 10 filed with the SEC on September 3, 2010, as amended, and other subsequent filings of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and Digital Realty Trust, L.P. under the Exchange Act.

## Digital Realty Trust, L.P.

The consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009 have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and subsidiaries, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus and which have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report with respect thereto is included elsewhere in this prospectus. The consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and subsidiaries, not audited by KPMG LLP. The consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2010 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and subsidiaries, which are included elsewhere in this prospectus. The results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year.

45

	Three M Septe 2010		30, 2009	Septen 2010	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 2009 (unaudited)				Year 2008	ed Decemb 2007	oer 3	31, 2006 (unaudit		2005	
(Dollars in thousands, except unit and per unit data)	(una	iuuite	su)	(unat	iuite	u)							(шай	uite	1)
Statement of Operations															
Data: Operating Revenues:															
Rental	\$ 184,511	\$	130,891	\$ 495,099	\$	374,477	\$	510,772	\$ 404,559	\$	319,603	\$	221,371	\$	150,072
Tenant reimbursements	52,975	5	32,223	131,630		92,677		125,308	107,503		75,003		50,340		35,720
Other	32,77		113	131,030		214		1,062	15,383		641		365		5,829
Total operating revenues	237,486	5	163,227	626,729		467,368		637,142	527,445		395,247		272,076		191,621
Operating Expenses:															
Rental property operating and															
maintenance	74,156		45,278	181,804		130,152		176,238	151,147		109,225		59,917		39,519
Property taxes Insurance	14,030 2,168		9,295 1,495	39,499 5,749		27,655 4,439		36,004 6,111	31,102 4,988		27,181 5,527		26,890 3,682		20,189 2,653
Depreciation and	2,100	•	1,493	3,749		4,439		0,111	4,900		3,321		3,062		2,033
amortization General and	70,128	3	50,439	187,520		145,926		198,052	172,378		134,419		86,129		55,702
administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	16,544	1	10,660	42,185		30,802		42,165	38,391		30,786		19,717		12,061
Other	59	)	404	226		689		783	1,084		431		449		1,355
Total operating expenses	177,085	5	117,571	456,983		339,663		459,353	399,090		307,569		196,784		131,479
Operating income	60,401	l	45,656	169,746		127,705		177,789	128,355		87,678		75,292		60,142
Other Income (Expenses):															
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated	1.06		1 001	2.004		2.040		2.172	2.260		440		177		
joint venture Interest and other	1,061		1,091	3,994		2,948		2,172	2,369		449		177		
income	327		90	392		736		753	2,106		2,287		1,270		1,274
Interest expense Tax expense	(36,737)		(22,559) (333)	(100,801) (1,593)		(63,991) (1,061)		(88,442) (1,038)	(63,621) (1,109)		(67,054) (814)		(50,598) (724)		(35,381) (554)
Loss from early extinguishment of debt	(1,083	3)		(2,624)					(182)				(527)		(1,021)
Income from continuing															
operations Net income (loss) from discontinued	23,626	5	23,945	69,114		66,337		91,234	67,918		22,546		24,890		24,460
operations Gain on sale of											1,395		314		(103)
discontinued operations											18,049		18,096		

Net income		23,626		23,945		69,114		66,337		91,234		67,918		41,990		43,300		24,357
Net (income) loss attributable to noncontrolling interests in consolidated joint																		
ventures		(53)		(540)		29		(614)		(140)		(335)				15		12
Net income attributable to Digital Realty																		
Trust, L.P. Preferred units		23,573		23,405		69,143		65,723		91,094		67,583		41,990		43,315		24,369
distributions		(9,194)		(10,101)		(29,396)		(30,303)		(40,404)		(38,564)		(19,330)		(13,780)		(10,014)
Costs on redemption of Series A preferred				(-2,-2-)				(23,232)		(13,13.1)		(23,231)		(22,000)		(22,100)		(20,021)
units		(4,203)				(4,203)												
Net income available to common unitholders	\$	10,176	\$	13,304	\$	35,544	\$	35,420	\$	50,690	\$	29,019	\$	22,660	\$	29,535	\$	14,355
	Ψ	10,170	Ψ	15,501	Ψ	55,511	Ψ	55,120	Ψ	20,070	Ψ	25,015	Ψ	22,000	Ψ	27,000	Ψ	11,000
Per Unit Data: Basic income per																		
unit available to																		
common unitholders	\$	0.11	\$	0.16	\$	0.41	\$	0.43	\$	0.62	\$	0.39	\$	0.33	\$	0.47	\$	0.26
Diluted income per unit available to common	Ψ	0.11	Ψ	0.10	Ψ	0.11	Ψ	0.15	Ψ	0.02	Ψ	0.57	Ψ	0.55	Ψ	0.17	Ψ	0.20
unitholders	\$	0.11	\$	0.16	\$	0.40	\$	0.43	\$	0.61	\$	0.38	\$	0.32	\$	0.46	\$	0.26
Cash distribution																		
per common unit	\$	0.53	\$	0.36	\$	1.49	\$	1.02	\$	1.47	\$	1.26	\$	1.17	\$	1.08	\$	1.00
Weighted average common units outstanding:																		
Basic	93	,420,550	8	2,093,786		7,638,416	8	31,553,114	8	31,715,226	7	5,160,263	6	8,754,024	6	2,562,820		5,525,443
Diluted	95	,295,993	8	3,466,346	89	9,365,656	8	2,288,488	8	32,785,746	7	6,766,756	7	0,799,336	6	3,870,029	5:	5,760,887

## (1) General and administrative expense includes transactions expense.

	S	eptember					
(in thousands)	(ւ	30, 2010 inaudited)	2009	2008	2007 (unaudited)	2006 (unaudited)	2005 (unaudited)
Balance Sheet Data:							
Net investments in real estate	\$	4,349,465	\$ 3,157,193	\$ 2,748,220	\$ 2,302,500	\$ 1,736,979	\$ 1,194,106
Total assets		5,170,899	3,745,059	3,281,045	2,809,791	2,185,783	1,529,170
Revolving credit facility		220,565	205,547	138,579	299,731	145,452	181,000
Unsecured senior notes		1,065,817	83,000	58,000			
Mortgages and other secured loans		1,061,163	1,063,663	1,026,594	895,507	804,686	568,067
Exchangeable senior debentures		374,054	432,234	161,901	158,224	154,786	
Total liabilities		3,122,030	2,110,258	1,705,969	1,673,361	1,320,317	880,228
General partner s capital		2,001,059	1,586,942	1,553,424	1,053,788	719,386	384,853
Limited partners capital		57,470	60,875	71,041	74,356	141,890	262,239
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(45,343)	(30,630)	(53,747)	3,358	4,190	1,644
Noncontrolling interests in consolidated joint venture		35,683	17,614	4,358	4,928		206
Total liabilities and capital	\$	5,170,899	\$ 3,745,059	\$ 3,281,045	\$ 2,809,791	\$ 2,185,783	\$ 1,529,170

46

## Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

The consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2009 have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus and which have been audited by KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, whose report with respect thereto is incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The consolidated balance sheet data as of December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 have been derived from the historical consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries, audited by KPMG LLP, whose report with respect thereto is not included or incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The consolidated balance sheet data as of September 30, 2010 and the consolidated statement of operations data for each of the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 have been derived from the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus. The results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

	Three Months Ended				Nine Mon				<b>V</b>	- J D b	-h 21					
	September 30, 2010 2009			September 30, 2010 2009					2009	2008	Eng	Ended December 31, 2007 2006				2005
(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data) Statement of	(una	udite			(una	udit				2000						
Operations Data:																
Operating Revenues:																
Rental	\$ 184,511	\$	130,891	\$	495,099	\$	374,477	\$	510,772	\$ 404,559	\$	319,603	\$	221,371	\$	150,072
Tenant																
reimbursements	52,975		32,223		131,630		92,677		125,308	107,503		75,003		50,340		35,720
Other			113				214		1,062	15,383		641		365		5,829
Total operating	225 106		4 60 000		<b>626 520</b>		167.260		605.440			205.245		252.054		101 (21
revenues	237,486		163,227		626,729		467,368		637,142	527,445		395,247		272,076		191,621
Operating Expenses:																
Rental property operating and																
maintenance	74,156		45,278		181,804		130,152		176,238	151,147		109,225		59,917		39,519
Property taxes	14,030		9,295		39,499		27,655		36,004	31,102		27,181		26,890		20,189
Insurance	2,168		1,495		5,749		4,439		6,111	4,988		5,527		3,682		2,653
Depreciation and amortization	70,128		50,439		187,520		145,926		198,052	172,378		134,419		86,129		55,702
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	16,544		10,660		42,185		30,802		42,165	38,391		30,786		19,717		12,061
Other	59		404		226		689		783	1,084		431		449		1,355
Other	37		404		220		007		703	1,004		731		442		1,333
Total operating																
expenses	177,085		117,571		456,983		339,663		459,353	399,090		307,569		196,784		131,479
Operating income	60,401		45,656		169,746		127,705		177,789	128,355		87,678		75,292		60,142
Other Income (Expenses):																
Equity in earnings of unconsolidated																
joint venture	1,061		1,091		3,994		2,948		2,172	2,369		449		177		
Interest and other																
income	327		90		392		736		753	2,106		2,287		1,270		1,274
Interest expense	(36,737)		(22,559)		(100,801)		(63,991)		(88,442)	(63,621)		(67,054)		(50,598)		(35,381)

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

Tax expense		(343)		(333)		(1,593)		(1,061)		(1,038)		(1,109)		(814)		(724)		(554)
Loss from early																		
extinguishment of																		
debt		(1,083)				(2,624)						(182)				(527)		(1,021)
Income from																		
continuing																		
operations		23,626		23,945		69,114		66,337		91,234		67,918		22,546		24,890		24,460
Net income (loss)																		
from discontinued																		
operations														1,395		314		(103)
Gain on sale of discontinued																		
operations														18,049		18,096		
operations														16,049		18,090		
Net income		23,626		23,945		69,114		66,337		91,234		67,918		41,990		43,300		24,357
Net income																		
attributable to noncontrolling																		
interests		(590)		(1,438)		(2,041)		(3,062)		(3,572)		(2,664)		(3,753)		(12,570)		(8,256)
merests		(370)		(1,430)		(2,041)		(3,002)		(3,372)		(2,004)		(3,733)		(12,570)		(0,230)
Not in some																		
Net income attributable to																		
Digital Realty																		
Trust, Inc.		23,036		22,507		67,073		63,275		87,662		65,254		38,237		30,730		16,101
Preferred stock		25,050		22,307		07,075		03,273		07,002		05,251		30,237		50,750		10,101
dividends		(9,194)		(10,101)		(29,396)		(30,303)		(40,404)		(38,564)		(19,330)		(13,780)		(10,014)
Costs on						, , ,										, , ,		
redemption of																		
Series A preferred																		
stock		(4,203)				(4,203)												
Net income																		
available to																		
common																		
stockholders	\$	9,639	\$	12,406	\$	33,474	\$	32,972	\$	47,258	\$	26,690	\$	18,907	\$	16,950	\$	6,087
Per Share Data:																		
Basic income per																		
share available to																		
common		0.44		0.46		0.44		0.44		0.60		0.20		0.24		0.45		0.05
stockholders	\$	0.11	\$	0.16	\$	0.41	\$	0.44	\$	0.62	\$	0.39	\$	0.31	\$	0.47	\$	0.25
Diluted income																		
per share available to																		
common																		
stockholders	\$	0.11	\$	0.16	\$	0.40	\$	0.43	\$	0.61	\$	0.38	\$	0.30	\$	0.45	\$	0.25
Cash dividend per	Ψ	5.11	Ý	5.10	Ψ	5.15	Ÿ	0.13	Ψ	0.01	Ψ	0.50	Ÿ	0.50	Ψ	0.15	Ψ	3.23
	\$	0.53	\$	0.36	\$	1.49	\$	1.02	\$	1.47	\$	1.26	\$	1.17	\$	1.08	\$	1.00
Weighted average																		
common shares																		
outstanding:																		
Basic		908,953		6,301,577		2,111,128		5,714,757		5,950,370		8,829,267		0,527,625		36,134,983		3,986,288
Diluted	90,	136,912	7	7,674,137	8	4,137,205	7	6,450,131	7	7,020,890	7	0,435,760	6	2,572,937	3	37,442,192	24	1,221,732

<sup>(1)</sup> General and administrative expense includes transactions expense.

(in thousands)	otember 30, 2010 inaudited)	2009	2008	December 31, 2007	2006	2005
Balance Sheet Data:	,					
Net investments in real estate	\$ 4,349,465	\$ 3,157,193	\$ 2,748,220	\$ 2,302,500	\$ 1,736,979	\$ 1,194,106
Total assets	5,170,899	3,745,059	3,281,045	2,809,791	2,185,783	1,529,170
Revolving credit facility	220,565	205,547	138,579	299,731	145,452	181,000
Unsecured senior notes	1,065,817	83,000	58,000			
Mortgages and other secured loans	1,061,163	1,063,663	1,026,594	895,507	804,686	568,067
Exchangeable senior debentures	374,054	432,234	161,901	158,224	154,786	
Total liabilities	3,122,030	2,110,258	1,705,969	1,673,361	1,320,317	880,228
Total stockholders equity	1,959,469	1,558,995	1,503,921	1,057,167	723,576	386,497
Noncontrolling interests in operating partnership	53,717	58,192	66,797	74,335	141,890	262,239
Noncontrolling interests in consolidated joint ventures	35,683	17,614	4,358	4,928		206
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 5,170,899	\$ 3,745,059	\$ 3,281,045	\$ 2,809,791	\$ 2,185,783	\$ 1,529,170

#### MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

#### Overview

*Our company*. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. completed its initial public offering of common stock, or our IPO, on November 3, 2004. We believe that we have operated in a manner that has enabled us to qualify, and have elected to be treated, as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Code. Our company was formed on March 9, 2004. During the period from our formation until we commenced operations in connection with the completion of our IPO, we did not have any corporate activity other than the issuance of shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. common stock in connection with the initial capitalization of the company. Our operating partnership was formed on July 21, 2004.

Business and strategy. Our primary business objectives are to maximize: (i) sustainable long-term growth in earnings and funds from operations per share and unit and (ii) cash flow and returns to our stockholders and our operating partnership s unitholders, including through the payment of distributions. We expect to achieve our objectives by focusing on our core business of investing in and redeveloping technology-related real estate. A significant component of our current and future internal growth is anticipated through the development of our existing space held for redevelopment and new properties. We target high quality, strategically located properties containing applications and operations critical to the day-to-day operations of corporate enterprise datacenter and technology industry tenants and properties that may be redeveloped for such use. Most of our properties contain fully redundant electrical supply systems, multiple power feeds, above-standard precision cooling systems, raised floor areas, extensive in-building communications cabling and high-level security systems. We focus solely on technology-related real estate because we believe that the growth in corporate datacenter adoption and the technology-related real estate industry generally will continue to be superior to that of the overall economy.

As of September 30, 2010, we owned an aggregate of 95 technology-related real estate properties, excluding two properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures, with approximately 16.4 million rentable square feet including approximately 1.9 million square feet of space held for redevelopment. At September 30, 2010, approximately 209,000 square feet of our space held for redevelopment was under construction for Turn-Key Datacenter® space in five U.S. markets and two European markets.

We have developed detailed, standardized procedures for evaluating acquisitions to ensure that they meet our financial, technical and other criteria. We expect to continue to acquire additional assets as a part of our growth strategy. We intend to aggressively manage and lease our assets to increase their cash flow. We intend to continue to build out our redevelopment portfolio when justified by anticipated returns.

We may acquire properties subject to existing mortgage financing and other indebtedness or we may incur new indebtedness in connection with acquiring or refinancing these properties. Debt service on such indebtedness will have a priority over any cash dividends with respect to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock and preferred stock. We currently intend to limit our indebtedness to 60% of our total enterprise value and, based on the closing price of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock on September 30, 2010 of \$61.70, our ratio of debt to total enterprise value was approximately 30% as of September 30, 2010. Our total enterprise value is defined as the sum of the market value of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s outstanding common stock (which may decrease, thereby increasing our debt to total enterprise value ratio), excluding options issued under our company s incentive award plan, plus the liquidation value of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s preferred stock, plus the aggregate value of our operating partnership s units not held by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (with the per unit value equal to the market value of one share of its common stock and excluding long-term incentive units and Class C units), plus the book value of its total consolidated indebtedness.

Revenue base. As of September 30, 2010, we owned 95 properties through our operating partnership, excluding two properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures. These properties are mainly located throughout the U.S., with 14 properties located in Europe and one property in Canada. We, through our predecessor, acquired our first portfolio property in January 2002 and have added properties as follows:

			Square Feet of Space
Year Ended December 31:	$\begin{array}{c} \textbf{Properties} \\ \textbf{Acquired}^{(1)} \end{array}$	Net Rentable Square Feet <sup>(2)</sup>	Held for Redevelopment as of June 30, 2010 <sup>(3)</sup>
2002	Acquireu 5	1,125,292	19,890
			,
2003	6	1,028,185	30,175
2004	10	2,533,199	153,270
2005	20	3,323,357	186,940
2006	16	2,104,209	117,389
$2007^{(4)}$	13	1,671,142	235,697
2008	5	247,301	316,947
2009	6	687,060	710,247
2010	14	1,553,115	337,847
Properties owned as of September 30, 2010	95	14,456,127	1,925,135

- (1) Excludes properties sold in 2007 and 2006: 100 Technology Center Drive (March 2007), 4055 Valley View Lane (March 2007) and 7979 East Tufts Avenue (July 2006). Also excludes a leasehold interest acquired in March 2007 related to an acquisition made in 2006.
- (2) Current net rentable square feet as of September 30, 2010, which represents the current square feet at buildings under lease as specified in the applicable lease agreements plus management s estimate of space available for lease based on engineering drawings. Includes tenants proportional share of common areas but excludes space held for redevelopment.
- (3) Redevelopment space is unoccupied space that requires significant capital investment in order to develop datacenter facilities that are ready for use. Most often this is shell space. However, in certain circumstances this may include partially built datacenter space that was not completed by previous ownership and requires a large capital investment in order to build out the space. The amounts included in this table represent current redevelopment space as of September 30, 2010 in the properties acquired during the relevant period.
- (4) Includes a developed building (43915 Devin Shafron Drive) placed into service in 2010 that is being included with a property (Devin Shafron buildings) that was acquired in 2007.

As of September 30, 2010, the properties in our portfolio were approximately 95.0% leased excluding 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment. Due to the capital-intensive and long-term nature of the operations being supported, our lease terms are generally longer than standard commercial leases. As of September 30, 2010, our original average lease term was approximately 14 years, with an average of seven years remaining. The majority of our leasing since the completion of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering in November 2004 has been at lease terms shorter than 12 years. Our lease expirations through December 31, 2011 are 10.3% of net rentable square feet excluding space held for redevelopment as of September 30, 2010.

Operating revenues from properties outside the United States were \$23.9 million and \$20.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$69.4 million and \$60.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

### **Factors Which May Influence Future Results of Operations**

## Global market and economic conditions

Recent U.S., European and other international market and economic conditions have been unprecedented and challenging. Significantly tighter credit conditions and recession in all markets in which we own properties and conduct our operations persisted throughout 2009 and such markets have not fully recovered. Continued

50

concerns about the systemic impact of potential wide-spread and long-term recession, energy costs, geopolitical issues, the availability and cost of credit, global financial and mortgage markets, corporate and consumer debt levels and declining residential and commercial real estate markets have contributed to increased market volatility and diminished expectations for the U.S., European and other economies. These conditions, combined with volatile oil prices, declining business and consumer confidence and increased unemployment, continue to contribute to substantial global volatility.

As a result of these conditions, general economic conditions and the cost and availability of capital have been and may continue to be adversely affected in all markets in which we own properties and conduct our operations. Concern about the stability of the markets generally and the strength of counterparties specifically has led many lenders and institutional investors to reduce, and in some cases, cease, to provide credit to businesses and consumers. Continued turbulence in the U.S., European and other international markets and economics may adversely affect our liquidity and financial condition, and the liquidity and financial condition of our tenants. If these market and economic conditions continue, they may limit our ability, and the ability of our tenants, to replace or renew maturing liabilities on a timely basis, access the capital markets to meet liquidity and capital expenditure requirements and may adversely affect our and our tenants financial conditions and results of operations.

In addition, our access to funds under our revolving credit facility and other lines of credit depend on the ability of the lenders that are parties to such facilities to meet their funding commitments to us. We cannot assure you that continuing long-term disruptions in the global economy and the continuation of tighter credit conditions among, and potential failures or nationalizations of, third party financial institutions as a result of such disruptions will not have an adverse effect on our lenders. If our lenders are not able to meet their funding commitments to us, our business, results of operation, cash flows and financial condition could be adversely affected.

If we do not have sufficient cash flow to continue operating our business and are unable to borrow additional funds, access our existing lines of credit or raise equity capital, we may need to find alternative ways to increase our liquidity. Such alternatives may include, without limitation, curtailing development or redevelopment activity, disposing of one or more of our properties, possibly on disadvantageous terms, or entering into or renewing leases on less favorable terms than we otherwise would.

*Rental income*. The amount of rental income generated by the properties in our portfolio depends principally on our ability to maintain or improve the occupancy rates of currently leased space and to lease currently available space and space available from lease terminations. Excluding 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment, as of September 30, 2010, the occupancy rate of the properties in our portfolio was approximately 95.0% of our net rentable square feet.

The amount of rental income generated by us also depends on our ability to maintain or increase rental rates at our properties. Included in our approximately 14.5 million net rentable square feet, excluding redevelopment space, at September 30, 2010 is approximately 175,000 net rentable square feet of space with extensive datacenter improvements that is currently, or will shortly be, available for lease. Since our IPO, we have leased approximately 2,301,000 square feet of similar space. These Turn-Key Datacenters® are effective solutions for tenants who lack the expertise or capital budget to provide their own extensive datacenter infrastructure and security. Our expertise in datacenter construction and operations enables us to lease space to these tenants at a significant premium over other uses.

In addition, as of September 30, 2010, we had approximately 1.9 million square feet of redevelopment space, or approximately 12% of the total rentable space in our portfolio, including five vacant properties comprising approximately 433,000 square feet. Our ability to grow earnings depends in part on our ability to redevelop space and lease redevelopment space at favorable rates, which we may not be able to obtain. Redevelopment space requires significant capital investment in order to develop datacenter facilities that are ready for use and, in addition, we may require additional time or encounter delays in securing tenants for

51

redevelopment space. We will require additional capital to finance our redevelopment activities, which may not be available or may not be available on terms acceptable to us, including as a result of the conditions described above under Global market and economic conditions. We may purchase additional vacant properties and properties with vacant redevelopment space in the future.

Economic downturns, including as a result of the conditions described above under Global market and economic conditions, or regional downturns affecting our sub-markets or downturns in the technology-related real estate industry that impair our ability to lease or renew or re-lease space, or otherwise reduce returns on our investments or the ability of our tenants to fulfill their lease commitments, as in the case of tenant bankruptcies, could adversely affect our ability to maintain or increase rental rates at our properties. As of September 30, 2010, we had no material tenants in bankruptcy.

Scheduled lease expirations. Our ability to re-lease expiring space at rental rates equal to or in excess of current rental rates will impact our results of operations. In addition to approximately 0.7 million square feet of available space in our portfolio, which excludes approximately 1.9 million square feet available for redevelopment as of September 30, 2010, leases representing approximately 0.7% and 9.4% of the net rentable square footage of our portfolio are scheduled to expire during the three months ending December 31, 2010 and the year ending December 31, 2011, respectively.

*Market concentration.* We depend on the market for technology-based real estate in specific geographic regions and significant changes in these regional markets can impact our future results. As of September 30, 2010, our portfolio was geographically concentrated in the following metropolitan markets:

	Percentage of
	<b>September 30, 2010</b>
Metropolitan Market	total annualized rent(1)
Silicon Valley	13.7%
San Francisco	10.3%
Chicago	9.9%
Northern Virginia	9.8%
Phoenix	9.2%
Dallas	8.3%
Boston	8.3%
New York Metro	8.1%
Los Angeles	4.9%
London, England	3.6%
Dublin, Ireland	2.8%
Paris, France	2.5%
Other	8.6%

100%

(1) Annualized rent is monthly contractual rent under existing leases as of September 30, 2010 multiplied by 12.

Operating expenses. Our operating expenses generally consist of utilities, property and ad valorem taxes, property management fees, insurance and site maintenance costs, as well as rental expenses on our ground and building leases. In particular, our buildings require significant power to support the datacenter operations contained in them. Many of our leases contain provisions under which the tenants reimburse us for a portion of property operating expenses and real estate taxes incurred by us. However, we generally are not entitled to reimbursement of property operating expenses and real estate taxes under our leases for Turn-Key Datacenters. We also incur general and administrative expenses, including expenses relating to our asset management function, as well as significant legal, accounting and other expenses related to corporate governance, SEC reporting and compliance with the various provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. Increases or decreases in such operating expenses will impact our overall performance. We expect to incur additional operating expenses as we continue to expand.

In June 2009, the U.S. House of Representatives approved comprehensive clean energy and climate change legislation intended to cut greenhouse gas, or GHG, emissions, create new clean energy jobs and enhance the energy independence of the United States, which included a cap-and-trade program for GHG emissions. The U.S. Senate did not consider similar legislation during 2009 and the first half of 2010, and following Congressional elections in November 2010 (in which control of the House of Representatives passed from the Democratic Party to the Republican Party), the likelihood that Congress will pass any climate change and/or energy legislation that would include a cap-and-trade program, or any similar type program, for GHG emissions in 2010 or 2011 has diminished. As a result, action to reduce GHG emissions likely will be focused on regulatory agencies, primarily the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or EPA. The EPA has been moving aggressively to regulate GHG emissions from automobiles and large stationary sources, including electricity producers, using its own authority under the Clean Air Act. Some of those regulations have been finalized and currently are in litigation. In addition, since 2005 the European Union (including the United Kingdom) has been operating under a cap-and-trade program, which directly affects the largest emitters of greenhouse gases, including electricity producers from whom we purchase power. Any additional taxation or regulation of energy use, including as a result of (i) new legislation that Congress may pass, (ii) the regulations that the U.S. EPA has proposed or finalized, or (iii) any further reductions in the EU greenhouse gas cap could significantly increase our costs, and we may not be able to effectively pass all of these costs on to our tenants.

Interest rates. As of September 30, 2010, we had approximately \$278.2 million of variable rate debt, all of which was mortgage debt subject to interest rate cap or swap agreements, and \$220.6 million was outstanding on our revolving credit facility. The availability of debt and equity capital has significantly decreased as a result of the circumstances described above under Global market and economic conditions. The effects on commercial real estate mortgages, if available, include, but may not be limited to: higher loan spreads, tightened loan covenants, reduced loan to value ratios resulting in lower borrower proceeds and higher principal payments. Potential future increases in interest rates and credit spreads may increase our interest expense and fixed charges and negatively affect our financial condition and results of operations, potentially impacting our future access to the debt and equity capital markets. Increased interest rates may also increase the risk that the counterparties to our swap agreements will default on their obligations, which could further increase our interest expense. If we cannot obtain capital from third party sources, we may not be able to acquire or develop properties when strategic opportunities exist, satisfy our debt service obligations or pay the cash dividends to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders necessary to maintain its qualification as a REIT.

Demand for datacenter space. Our portfolio of properties consists primarily of technology-related real estate and datacenter real estate in particular. A decrease in the demand for, or increase in supply of, datacenter space, Internet gateway facilities or other technology-related real estate would have a greater adverse effect on our business and financial condition than if we owned a portfolio with a more diversified tenant base or less specialized use. Our redevelopment activities make us particularly susceptible to general economic slowdowns, including recessions and the other circumstances described above under Global market and economic conditions, as well as adverse developments in the corporate datacenter, Internet and data communications and broader technology industries. Any such slowdown or adverse development could lead to reduced corporate IT spending or reduced demand for datacenter space. Reduced demand could also result from business relocations, including to markets that we do not currently serve such as Asia. Changes in industry practice or in technology, such as virtualization technology, more efficient computing or networking devices, or devices that require higher power densities than today s devices, could also reduce demand for the physical datacenter space we provide or make the tenant improvements in our facilities obsolete or in need of significant upgrades to remain viable. In addition, the development of new technologies, the adoption of new industry standards or other factors could render many of our tenants current products and services obsolete or unmarketable and contribute to a downturn in their businesses, thereby increasing the likelihood that they default under their leases, become insolvent or file for bankruptcy. In addition, demand for datacenter space in our properties, or the rates at which we lease space, may be adversely impacted either across our portfolio or in specific submarkets as a result of an increase in the number of competitors, or the amount of space being o

53

### **Critical Accounting Policies**

Our discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses in the reporting period. Our actual results may differ from these estimates. We have provided a summary of our significant accounting policies in note 2 to our consolidated financial statements included elsewhere and incorporated by reference in this prospectus. We describe below those accounting policies that require material subjective or complex judgments and that have the most significant impact on our financial condition and consolidated results of operations. Our management evaluates these estimates on an ongoing basis, based upon information currently available and on various assumptions management believes are reasonable as of the date on the front cover of this prospectus.

### Investments in Real Estate

Acquisition of real estate. The price that we pay to acquire a property is impacted by many factors including the condition of the property and improvements, the occupancy of the building, the existence of above and below market tenant leases, the creditworthiness of the tenants, favorable or unfavorable financing, above or below market ground leases and numerous other factors. Accordingly, we are required to make subjective assessments to allocate the purchase price paid to acquire investments in real estate among the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on our estimate of the fair values of such assets and liabilities. This includes determining the value of the property and improvements, land, any ground leases, tenant improvements, in-place tenant leases, tenant relationships, the value (or negative value) of above (or below) market leases, any debt assumed from the seller or loans made by the seller to us and any building leases assumed from the seller. Each of these estimates requires a great deal of judgment and some of the estimates involve complex calculations. These allocation assessments have a direct impact on our results of operations. For example, if we were to allocate more value to land, there would be no depreciation with respect to such amount. If we were to allocate more value to the property as opposed to allocating to the value of tenant leases, this amount would be recognized as an expense over a much longer period of time. This potential effect occurs because the amounts allocated to property are depreciated over the estimated lives of the property whereas amounts allocated to tenant leases are amortized over the terms of the leases. Additionally, the amortization of the value (or negative value) assigned to above (or below) market rate leases is recorded as an adjustment to rental revenue as compared to amortization of the value of in-place leases and tenant relationships, which is included in depreciation and amortization in our consolidated statements of operations.

*Useful lives of assets.* We are required to make subjective assessments as to the useful lives of our properties for purposes of determining the amount of depreciation to record on an annual basis with respect to our investments in real estate. These assessments have a direct impact on our net income because if we were to shorten the expected useful lives of our investments in real estate we would depreciate such investments over fewer years, resulting in more depreciation expense and lower net income on an annual basis.

Asset impairment evaluation. We review the carrying value of our properties when circumstances, such as adverse market conditions, indicate potential impairment may exist. We base our review on an estimate of the future cash flows (excluding interest charges) expected to result from the real estate investment s use and eventual disposition. We consider factors such as future operating income, trends and prospects, as well as the effects of leasing demand, competition and other factors. If our evaluation indicates that we may be unable to recover the carrying value of a real estate investment, an impairment loss is recorded to the extent that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value of the property. These losses have a direct impact on our net income because recording an impairment loss results in an immediate negative adjustment to net income. The evaluation of anticipated cash flows is highly subjective and is based in part on assumptions regarding future occupancy, rental rates and capital requirements that could differ materially from actual results in future periods.

54

Since cash flows on properties considered to be long-lived assets to be held and used are considered on an undiscounted basis to determine whether an asset has been impaired, our strategy of holding properties over the long-term directly decreases the likelihood of recording an impairment loss. If our strategy changes or market conditions otherwise dictate an earlier sale date, an impairment loss may be recognized and such loss could be material. If we determine that impairment has occurred, the affected assets must be reduced to their fair value. No such impairment losses have been recognized to date.

We estimate the fair value of rental properties utilizing a discounted cash flow analysis that includes projections of future revenues, expenses and capital improvement costs, similar to the income approach that is commonly utilized by appraisers.

### Revenue Recognition

Rental income is recognized using the straight-line method over the terms of the tenant leases. Deferred rents included in our balance sheets represent the aggregate excess of rental revenue recognized on a straight-line basis over the contractual rental payments that would be received under the remaining terms of the leases. Many of our leases contain provisions under which the tenants reimburse us for a portion of property operating expenses and real estate taxes incurred by us. However, we generally are not entitled to reimbursement of property operating expenses, other than utility expense, and real estate taxes under our leases for Turn-Key Datacenters<sup>®</sup>. Such reimbursements are recognized in the period that the expenses are incurred. Lease termination fees are recognized over the remaining term of the lease, effective as of the date the lease modification is finalized, assuming collection is not considered doubtful. As discussed above, we recognize amortization of the value of acquired above or below market tenant leases as a reduction of rental income in the case of above market leases or an increase to rental revenue in the case of below market leases.

We must make subjective estimates as to when our revenue is earned and the collectability of our accounts receivable related to minimum rent, deferred rent, expense reimbursements, lease termination fees and other income. We specifically analyze accounts receivable and historical bad debts, tenant concentrations, tenant creditworthiness and current economic trends when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for bad debts. These estimates have a direct impact on our net income because a higher bad debt allowance would result in lower net income, and recognizing rental revenue as earned in one period versus another would result in higher or lower net income for a particular period.

### Share-Based Awards

We recognize compensation expense related to share-based awards. We generally amortize this compensation expense over the vesting period of the award. The calculation of the fair value of share-based awards is subjective and requires several assumptions over such items as expected stock volatility, dividend payments and future company results. These assumptions have a direct impact on our net income because a higher share-based awards amount would result in lower net income for a particular period.

55

### **Results of Operations**

## Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 and September 30, 2009

The discussion below relates to our financial condition and results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009. A summary of our operating results from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 is as follows (in thousands):

		nths Ended nber 30,	Nine Mont Septem	
	2010	2009	2010	2009
Statement of Operations Data:				
Total operating revenues	\$ 237,486	\$ 163,227	\$ 626,729	\$ 467,368
Total operating expenses	(177,085)	(117,571)	(456,983)	(339,663)
Operating income	60,401	45,656	169,746	127,705
Other expenses, net	(36,775)	(21,711)	(100,632)	(61,368)
Net income	\$ 23,626	\$ 23,945	\$ 69,114	\$ 66,337

Our property portfolio has experienced consistent and significant growth since the first property acquisition in January 2002. As a result of this growth, our period-to-period comparison of our financial performance focuses on the impact on our revenues and expenses resulting both from the new property additions to our portfolio, as well as on a same store property basis (same store properties are properties that were owned and operated for the entire current period and the entire immediate preceding year). The following table identifies each of the properties in our portfolio acquired from January 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010.

Acquired Buildings	Acquisition Date	Redevelopment Space as of September 30, 2010 <sup>(1)</sup>	Net Rentable Square Feet Excluding Redevelopment Space <sup>(2)</sup>	Square Feet Including Redevelopment Space	Occupancy Rate as of September 30, 2010 <sup>(3)</sup>
As of December 31, 2008 (75 Properties)		867,812	12,092,901	12,960,713	94.8%
January 1, 2009 through September 30, 2010					
1525 Comstock Street	Sep-09		42,385	42,385	100.0
444 Toyama Drive	Sep-09		42,083	42,083	100.0
904 Quality Way <sup>(4)</sup>	Sep-09	46,750		46,750	
905 Security Row <sup>(4)</sup>	Sep-09	249,657		249,657	
1232 Alma Road <sup>(4)</sup>	Sep-09	34,147	71,579	105,726	100.0
900 Quality Way <sup>(4)</sup>	Sep-09	112,253		112,253	
1400 N. Bowser Road <sup>(4)</sup>	Sep-09	246,940		246,940	
1301 International Parkway <sup>(4)</sup>	Sep-09	20,500		20,500	
908 Quality Way <sup>(4)</sup>	Sep-09		14,400	14,400	100.0
1350 Duane Avenue/3080 Raymond Street	Oct-09		185,000	185,000	100.0
45901 & 45845 Nokes Boulevard	Dec-09		167,160	167,160	100.0
21561 & 21571 Beaumeade Circle	Dec-09		164,453	164,453	100.0
128 First Avenue	Jan-10		274,750	274,750	99.6
55 Middlesex Turnpike	Jan-10		106,000	106,000	87.9
60-80 Merritt Boulevard	Jan-10		169,540	169,540	100.0
43915 Devin Shafron Drive <sup>(5)</sup>	Jan-10	9,229	123,051	132,280	75.6
1725 Comstock Street	Apr-10	39,643		39,643	
3105 and 3115 Alfred Street	May-10	49,858		49,858	
Cateringweg 5	Jun-10	55,972		55,972	
365 Main Street	Jul-10		226,981	226,981	86.1
720 2nd Street	Jul-10		121,220	121,220	97.5

Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

2260 East El Segundo Boulevard	Jul-10		132,240	132,240	100.0
2121 South Price Road	Jul-10		293,479	293,479	97.3
4030-4050 La Fayette	Jul-10	42,374	103,029	145,403	100.0
800 Central Expressway	Aug-10	150,000		150,000	
2950 Zanker Road	Aug-10		69,700	69,700	100.0
900 Dorothy Drive	Aug-10		56,176	56,176	100.0
Subtotal		1.057.222	2 262 226	2 420 540	96.3%
Subiolai		1,057,323	2,363,226	3,420,549	90.3%
Total		1,925,135	14,456,127	16,381,262	95.0%

- (1) Redevelopment space requires significant capital investment in order to develop datacenter facilities that are ready for use. Most often this is shell space. However, in certain circumstances this may include partially built datacenter space that was not completed by previous ownership and requires a large capital investment in order to build out the space.
- (2) Net rentable square feet at a building represents the current square feet at that building under lease as specified in the lease agreements plus management s estimate of space available for lease based on engineering drawings. Net rentable square feet includes tenants proportional share of common areas but excludes space held for redevelopment.
- (3) Occupancy rates exclude redevelopment space. For some of our properties, we calculate occupancy based on factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area.
- (4) The seven buildings at Datacenter Park Dallas are considered one property for our property count.
- (5) Represents a developed building placed into service in 2010 that is being included with a property (Devin Shafron buildings) that was acquired in 2007.

In May 2008, we acquired 701 & 717 Leonard Street, a parking garage in Dallas, Texas; however, we exclude the acquisition from our property count because it is located adjacent to our internet gateway datacenter located at 2323 Bryan Street and is not considered a separate property.

Comparison of the Three Months Ended September 30, 2010 to the Three Months Ended September 30, 2009 and the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 to the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009

### Portfolio

As of September 30, 2010, our portfolio consisted of 95 properties, excluding two properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures, with an aggregate of 16.4 million net rentable square feet including 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment compared to a portfolio consisting of 78 properties, excluding one property held as an investment in an unconsolidated joint venture, with an aggregate of 13.8 million net rentable square feet including 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment as of September 30, 2009. The increase in our portfolio reflects the acquisition of 17 properties in the twelve months ended September 30, 2010.

### **Operating Revenues**

Operating revenues during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	Three Mon	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change		
Rental	\$ 184,511	\$ 130,891	\$ 53,620	\$ 495,099	\$ 374,477	\$ 120,622		
Tenant reimbursements	52,975	32,223	20,752	131,630	92,677	38,953		
Other		113	(113)		214	(214)		
Total operating revenues	\$ 237,486	\$ 163,227	\$ 74,259	\$ 626,729	\$ 467,368	\$ 159,361		

As shown by the same store and new properties table below, the increases in rental revenues and tenant reimbursement revenues for the three and nine month periods ended September 30, 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009 were primarily due to new leasing at our same store properties and acquisition of properties. We acquired 17 properties during the twelve months ended September 30, 2010.

57

Total operating revenues

The following table shows operating revenues for new properties (properties that were not owned for each of the full three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009) and same store properties (all other properties) (in thousands):

	Same Store			New Properties			
	Three Mon	ths Ended Sept	ember 30,	Three Months Ended September 30			
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change	
Rental	\$ 139,329	\$ 130,626	\$ 8,703	\$ 45,182	\$ 265	\$ 44,917	
Tenant reimbursements	39,191	32,215	6,976	13,784	8	13,776	
Other		113	(113)				
Total operating revenues	\$ 178,520	\$ 162,954	\$ 15,566	\$ 58,966	\$ 273	\$ 58,693	
		Same Store		Ne	w Properti	es	
	Nine Mon	ths Ended Septe	ember 30,	Nine Month	s Ended Se	ptember 30,	
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change	
Rental	\$ 411,547	\$ 374,212	\$ 37,335	\$ 83,552	\$ 265	\$ 83,287	
Tenant reimbursements	109,278	92,669	16,609	22,352	8	22,344	
Other		214	(214)				

Same store rental revenues increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009 primarily as a result of new leases at our properties during the twelve months ended September 30, 2010 due to strong demand for datacenter space, including leases of completed redevelopment space, the largest of which was for space in 350 East Cermak Road, 2440 Marsh Lane, St. Anne s Boulevard (3 buildings) and 365 South Randolphville Road. Rental revenue included amounts earned from leases with tel(x), a related party, of approximately \$7.3 million and \$5.4 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$18.2 million and \$14.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. Same store tenant reimbursement revenues increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same periods in 2009 primarily as a result of new leasing and higher utility and operating expenses being billed to our tenants, the largest occurrences of which were at 350 East Cermak Road, 3 Corporate Place, 1525 Comstock Street and 600 West Seventh Street.

\$ 520,825

\$ 467,095

\$ 53,730

\$ 105,904

\$ 273

\$ 105,631

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, 128 First Avenue, 60 & 80 Merritt Boulevard, 55 Middlesex Turnpike, 2121 South Price Road, 1350 Duane Avenue/3080 Raymond Street and 365 Main Street contributed \$39.4 million, or approximately 67%, and \$75.8 million, or approximately 72%, respectively, of the total new properties increase in revenues compared to the same periods in 2009.

Operating Expenses and Interest Expense

Operating expenses and interest expense during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 3			
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change	
Rental property operating and maintenance	\$ 74,156	\$ 45,278	\$ 28,878	\$ 181,804	\$ 130,152	\$ 51,652	
Property taxes	14,030	9,295	4,735	39,499	27,655	11,844	
Insurance	2,168	1,495	673	5,749	4,439	1,310	
Depreciation and amortization	70,128	50,439	19,689	187,520	145,926	41,594	
General and administrative	11,878	10,351	1,527	34,971	29,980	4,991	
Transactions	4,666	309	4,357	7,214	822	6,392	
Other	59	404	(345)	226	689	(463)	
Total operating expenses	\$ 177,085	\$ 117,571	\$ 59,514	\$ 456,983	\$ 339,663	\$ 117,320	

Interest expense \$ 36,737 \$ 22,559 \$ 14,178 \$ 100,801 \$ 63,991 \$ 36,810

58

As shown in the same store and new properties table below, total expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 increased compared to the same periods in 2009 primarily as a result of higher same store utility and maintenance costs as well as increased depreciation from additional redevelopment projects placed into service and from recently acquired properties.

The following table shows expenses for new properties (properties that were not owned for each of the full three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009) and same store properties (all other properties) (in thousands):

		New Properties				
	Three Months Ended September 30,			Three Months Ended September		
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change
Rental property operating and maintenance	\$ 53,585	\$ 45,084	\$ 8,501	\$ 20,571	\$ 194	\$ 20,377
Property taxes	10,920	9,278	1,642	3,110	17	3,093
Insurance	1,642	1,479	163	526	16	510
Depreciation and amortization	54,312	50,437	3,875	15,816	2	15,814
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	11,878	10,351	1,527			
Transactions				4,666	309	4,357
Other	59	404	(345)			
Total operating expenses	\$ 132,396	\$ 117,033	\$ 15,363	\$ 44,689	\$ 538	\$ 44,151
Interest expense	\$ 36,178	\$ 22,503	\$ 13,675	\$ 559	\$ 56	\$ 503

	Same Store Nine Months Ended September 30,			<b>New Properties</b>			
				Nine Months Ended September 3			
	2010	2009	Change	2010	2009	Change	
Rental property operating and maintenance	\$ 147,801	\$ 129,958	\$ 17,843	\$ 34,003	\$ 194	\$ 33,809	
Property taxes	32,130	27,638	4,492	7,369	17	7,352	
Insurance	4,784	4,423	361	965	16	949	
Depreciation and amortization	159,491	145,924	13,567	28,029	2	28,027	
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	34,971	29,980	4,991				
Transactions				7,214	822	6,392	
Other	226	689	(463)				
Total operating expenses	\$ 379,403	\$ 338,612	\$ 40,791	\$ 77,580	\$ 1,051	\$ 76,529	
Interest expense	\$ 98,629	\$ 63,936	\$ 34,693	\$ 2,172	\$ 55	\$ 2,117	

Same store depreciation and amortization expense increased in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009, principally because of depreciation of redevelopment projects that were placed into service in the final three months of 2009 and during 2010.

<sup>(1)</sup> General and administrative expenses are included in same store as they are not allocable to specific properties. Same store rental property operating and maintenance expenses increased in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009 primarily as a result of higher consumption and utility rates in several of our properties along with redevelopment projects being placed into service leading to higher utility expense in 2010. We capitalized amounts relating to compensation expense of employees directly engaged in construction and leasing activities of \$4.4 million and \$3.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively, and \$13.2 million and \$10.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively.

59

General and administrative expenses for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 increased compared to the same periods in 2009 primarily due to the growth of our company, which resulted in more employees, additional incentive compensation, and higher professional fees and marketing expenses.

Same store interest expense increased for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same periods in 2009 primarily as a result of higher average outstanding debt balances during 2010 compared to 2009 primarily due to the issuance of the 2020 notes, the issuance of the 2015 notes, the issuance of the 2029 debentures and draws on our Prudential shelf facility. During the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we capitalized interest of approximately \$2.7 million and \$2.0 million, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we capitalized interest of approximately \$7.1 million and \$7.2 million, respectively.

New property increases were caused by properties acquired during the period from January 1, 2009 to September 30, 2010. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010, 128 First Avenue, 365 Main Street, 55 Middlesex Turnpike, 60 & 80 Merritt Boulevard, 2121 South Price Road and 720 2nd Street contributed \$30.9 million, or approximately 70%, and \$52.4 million, or approximately 68%, respectively, of the total new properties increase in total operating expenses compared to the same periods in 2009.

Transactions expense increased in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010 compared to the same periods in 2009, principally because of acquisition related expenses related to the acquisitions of the New England Portfolio and 365 Main Portfolio.

# Years Ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007

The discussion below relates to our financial condition and results of operations for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007. A summary of our operating results from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 was as follows (in thousands).

Year Ended December 31,	2009	2008	2007
Statement of Operations Data:			
Total operating revenues	\$ 637,142	\$ 527,445	\$ 395,247
Total operating expenses	(459,353)	(399,090)	(307,569)
Operating income	177,789	128,355	87,678
Other expenses, net	(86,555)	(60,437)	(65,132)
Income from continuing operations	\$ 91,234	\$ 67,918	\$ 22,546

60

Our property portfolio has experienced consistent and significant growth since the first property acquisition in January 2002. As a result of such growth, a period-to-period comparison of our financial performance focuses on the impact on our revenues and expenses resulting both from the new property additions to our portfolio, as well as on a same store property basis (same store properties are properties that were owned and operated for the entire current period and the entire immediate preceding year). The following table identifies each of the properties in our portfolio acquired from January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2009.

Acquired Buildings	Acquisition Date	Redevelopment Space as of December 31, 2009 <sup>(1)</sup>	Net Rentable Square Feet Excluding Redevelopment Space	Square Feet Including Redevelopment Space	Occupancy Rate as of December 31, 2009 <sup>(2)</sup>
As of December 31, 2006 (57 properties)		462,540	10,159,366	10,621,906	94.3%
Year Ended December 31, 2007					
21110 Ridgetop Circle	Jan-07		135,513	135,513	100.0
3011 LaFayette Street	Jan-07		90,780	90,780	100.0
44470 Chillum Place	Feb-07		95,440	95,440	100.0
43791 Devin Shafron Drive <sup>(3)</sup>	Mar-07	2,194	132,806	135,000	100.0
43831 Devin Shafron Drive <sup>(3)</sup>	Mar-07		117,071	117,071	100.0
43881 Devin Shafron Drive <sup>(3)</sup>	Mar-07		180,000	180,000	98.5
Mundells Roundabout	Apr-07		113,464	113,464	100.0
210 N Tucker Boulevard	Aug-07	62,000	139,588	201,588	78.4
900 Walnut Street	Aug-07		112,266	112,266	97.3
1 Savvis Parkway	Aug-07		156,000	156,000	100.0
Clonshaugh Industrial Estate II <sup>(4)</sup>	Sep-07		124,500	124,500	100.0
1500 Space Park Drive	Sep-07		51,615	51,615	100.0
Cressex 1	Dec-07		50,847	50,847	90.6
Naritaweg 52	Dec-07		63,260	63,260	100.0
1 St. Anne s Boulevard	Dec-07	20.612	20,219	20,219	100.0
2 St. Anne s Boulevard	Dec-07	30,612	10.000	30,612	100.0
3 St. Anne s Boulevard)	Dec-07	76,494	19,890	96,384	100.0
Subtotal		171,300	1,603,259	1,774,559	97.5%
Year Ended December 31, 2008	7.00	224 720	20.242	264 702	
365 South Randolphville Road	Feb-08	226,530	38,262	264,792	50.6
650 Randolph Road	Jun-08	127,790	• 4 000	127,790	100.0
1201 Comstock Street	Jun-08		24,000	24,000	100.0
Manchester Technopark	Jun-08		38,016	38,016	100.0
7505 Mason King Court	Nov-08		109,650	109,650	100.0
Subtotal		354,320	209,928	564,248	91.0%
Year Ended December 31, 2009		331,320	207,720	301,210	71.070
1525 Comstock Street	Sep-09		42,385	42,385	100.0
444 Toyama Drive	Sep-09		42,083	42,083	100.0
904 Quality Way <sup>(6)</sup>	Sep-09	46,750	.2,000	46,750	100.0
905 Security Row <sup>(6)</sup>	Sep-09	249,657		249,657	
1232 Alma Road <sup>(6)</sup>	Sep-09	105,726		105,726	
900 Quality Way <sup>(6)</sup>	Sep-09	112,253		112,253	
1400 N. Bowser Road <sup>(6)</sup>	Sep-09	246,940		246,940	
1301 International Parkway <sup>(6)</sup>	Sep-09	20,500		20,500	
908 Quality Way <sup>(6)</sup>	Sep-09	14,400		14,400	
1350 Duane Avenue/3080 Raymond Street	Oct-09	,	185,000	185,000	100.0
45901 & 45845 Nokes Boulevard	Dec-09		167,160	167,160	100.0
21561 & 21571 Beaumeade Circle	Dec-09		164,453	164,453	100.0
Subtotal		796,226	601,081	1,397,307	100.0%

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

Total 1,784,386 12,573,634 14,358,020 95.0%

61

- (1) Redevelopment space requires significant capital investment in order to develop datacenter facilities that are ready for use. Most often this is shell space. However, in certain circumstances this may include partially built datacenter space that was not completed by previous ownership and requires a large capital investment in order to build out the space.
- (2) Occupancy rates exclude space held for redevelopment. For some of our properties, we calculate occupancy based on factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area.
- 3) The three buildings at Devin Shafron Drive are considered one property for our property count.
- (4) Building completed and placed into service in September 2007 on a land parcel acquired in 2006.
- 5) The three buildings at St. Anne s Boulevard are considered one property for our property count.
- (6) The seven buildings at Digital Realty Trust Datacenter Park Dallas are considered one property for our property count.

In May 2008, we acquired 701 & 717 Leonard Street, a parking garage in Dallas, Texas; however, we exclude the acquisition from our property count because it is located adjacent to our internet gateway datacenter located at 2323 Bryan Street and is not considered a separate property.

In May 2009, we acquired three parcels of land in Ashburn, Virginia to be developed. The parcels are not included in our property count.

Comparison of the Year Ended December 31, 2009 to the Year Ended December 31, 2008 and Comparison of the Year Ended December 31, 2008 to the Year Ended December 31, 2007

#### Portfolio

As of December 31, 2009, our portfolio consisted of 81 properties with an aggregate of 14.4 million net rentable square feet including 1.8 million square feet held for redevelopment compared to a portfolio consisting of 75 properties with an aggregate of 13.0 million net rentable square feet including 1.6 million square feet held for redevelopment as of December 31, 2008 and a portfolio consisting of 70 properties with an aggregate of 12.3 million net rentable square feet including 1.8 million square feet held for redevelopment as of December 31, 2007. The increase in our portfolio reflects the acquisition of 13 properties in 2007, 5 properties in 2008 and 6 properties in 2009. For all periods above, the number of properties excludes one property held as an investment in an unconsolidated joint venture.

### Revenues

Total operating revenues from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 were as follows (in thousands):

	Year	<b>Ended Decemb</b>	er 31,	Cha	ange	Percentage Change			
	2009	2008	2007	2009 v 2008	2008 v 2007	2009 v 2008	2008 v 2007		
Rental	\$ 510,772	\$ 404,559	\$ 319,603	\$ 106,213	\$ 84,956	26.3%	26.6%		
Tenant reimbursements	125,308	107,503	75,003	17,805	32,500	16.6%	43.3%		
Other	1,062	15,383	641	(14,321)	14,742	(93.1)%	2,299.8%		
Total operating revenues	\$ 637,142	\$ 527,445	\$ 395,247	\$ 109,697	\$ 132,198	20.8%	33.4%		

As shown by the same store and new properties table shown below, the increases in rental revenues and tenant reimbursement revenues in the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008 were primarily due to new leasing at our same store properties, including completed and leased redevelopment space, and acquisitions of properties. These factors also caused the increases in rental revenues and tenant reimbursements in the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to 2007. Other revenues changes in the years presented were primarily due to the timing of varying tenant termination revenues. We acquired 6, 5 and 13 properties during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

62

The following table shows total operating revenues from continuing operations for same store properties and new properties (in thousands).

	Year	Same Store Ended Decemb	New Properties Year Ended December 31,			
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change
Rental	\$ 495,928	\$ 402,905	\$ 93,023	\$ 14,844	\$ 1,654	\$ 13,190
Tenant reimbursements	120,431	105,870	14,561	4,877	1,633	3,244
Other	1,062	15,383	(14,321)			
Total operating revenues	\$ 617,421	\$ 524,158	\$ 93,263	\$ 19,721	\$ 3,287	\$ 16,434

Same store rental revenues increased for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008 primarily as a result of new leases at our properties during 2009, the largest of which were for space in Devin Shafron Drive (three buildings), 350 East Cermak Road, 114 Rue Ambroise Croizat, 2440 Marsh Lane and Cressex 1. Same store tenant reimbursement revenues increased for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008 primarily as a result of higher utility and operating expenses being billed to our tenants in connection with new leasing, the largest occurrences of which were at 3011 Lafayette Street, Devin Shafron Drive (three buildings), 111 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue (2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors), 1500 Space Park Drive and 114 Rue Ambroise Croizat. The decrease in other revenue for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008 was primarily due to lease termination revenue related to an early termination of a tenant lease during the latter half of 2008.

New property increases were caused by properties acquired during the period from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. For the year ended December 31, 2009, 1201 Comstock Street, Manchester Technopark, 7505 Mason King Court and 1350 Duane Avenue/3080 Raymond Street contributed \$12.9 million, or approximately 78% of the total new properties increase in revenues compared to the same period in 2008.

	Same Store Year Ended December 31,				s ber 31,	
(in thousands)	2008	2007	Change	2008	2007	Change
Rental	\$ 348,724	\$ 302,473	\$ 46,251	\$ 55,835	\$ 17,130	\$ 38,705
Tenant reimbursements	97,420	73,343	24,077	10,083	1,660	8,423
Other	15,383	641	14,742			
Total operating revenues	\$ 461,527	\$ 376,457	\$ 85,070	\$ 65,918	\$ 18,790	\$ 47,128

Same store rental revenues increased for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 primarily as a result of new leases at our properties during 2008, the largest of which were for space in 350 East Cermak Road, 3 Corporate Place, 4025 Midway Road, and 200 Paul Avenue 1-4. Same store tenant reimbursement revenues increased for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 primarily as a result of higher utility and operating expenses being billed to our tenants, the largest occurrences of which were at 3 Corporate Place, 350 East Cermak Road, 200 Paul Avenue 1-4, and 600 West Seventh Street. The increase in other revenue for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 was primarily due to lease termination revenue related to an early termination of a tenant lease during the latter half of 2008.

New property increases were caused by properties acquired during the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. For the year ended December 31, 2008, 3011 Lafayette Street, Devon Shafron Drive properties (3 buildings), 1500 Space Park Drive, 900 Walnut Street and Manchester Technopark contributed \$31.9 million, or approximately 68% of the total new properties increase in revenues compared to the same period in 2007.

Expenses

Total expenses from continuing operations were as follows (in thousands):

	Year	Year Ended December 31,		Ch	ange	Percentage Change		
	2009	2008	2007	2009 v 2008	2008 v 2007	2009 v 2008	2008 v 2007	
Rental property operating and								
maintenance	\$ 176,238	\$ 151,147	\$ 109,225	\$ 25,091	\$ 41,922	16.6%	38.4%	
Property taxes	36,004	31,102	27,181	4,902	3,921	15.8%	14.4%	
Insurance	6,111	4,988	5,527	1,123	(539)	22.5%	(9.8)%	
Depreciation and amortization	198,052	172,378	134,419	25,674	37,959	14.9%	28.2%	
General and administrative	42,165	38,391	30,786	3,774	7,605	9.8%	24.7%	
Other	783	1,084	431	(301)	653	(27.8)%	151.5%	
Total operating expenses	\$ 459,353	\$ 399,090	\$ 307,569	\$ 60,263	\$ 91,521	15.1%	29.8%	
Interest expense	\$ 88,442	\$ 63,621	\$ 67,054	\$ 24,821	\$ (3,433)	39.0%	(5.1)%	

As shown in the same store expense and new properties table below, total expenses in the year ended December 31, 2009 increased compared to 2008 primarily as a result of higher same store utility and maintenance costs as well as increased depreciation from additional redevelopment projects placed into service and from recently acquired properties. The following table shows expenses from continuing operations for same store properties and new properties (in thousands).

	Same Store				New Properties				
	Year l	Ended Decembe	er 31,	Year Ended December 31,					
	2009	2008	Change	2009	2008	Change			
Rental property operating and maintenance	\$ 168,182	\$ 149,120	\$ 19,062	\$ 8,056	\$ 2,027	\$ 6,029			
Property taxes	34,847	31,019	3,828	1,157	83	1,074			
Insurance	5,909	4,974	935	202	14	188			
Depreciation and amortization	192,622	171,826	20,796	5,430	552	4,878			
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	42,165	38,391	3,774						
Other	783	1,084	(301)						
Total operating expenses	\$ 444,508	\$ 396,414	\$ 48,094	\$ 14,845	\$ 2,676	\$ 12,169			
Interest expense	\$ 87,041	\$ 63,618	\$ 23,423	\$ 1,401	\$ 3	\$ 1,398			

(1) General and administrative expenses are included in same store as they are not allocable to specific properties.

Same store rental property operating and maintenance expenses increased for the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to the same period in 2008 primarily as a result of higher utility rates in several of our properties along with redevelopment projects being placed into service leading to higher utility and operating expense in 2009. We capitalized amounts relating to compensation expense of employees directly engaged in construction and successful leasing activities of \$13.9 million and \$10.6 million in the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Same store property taxes increased in the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008, primarily as a result of newly completed redevelopment space offset by favorable property tax reassessment at 350 East Cermak Road.

Same store insurance increased in the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008, primarily as a result of an increase in insurance rates on our renewal of our insurance program.

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

Same store depreciation and amortization expense increased in the year ended December 31, 2009 compared to 2008, principally because of depreciation of redevelopment projects that were placed into service in late 2008 and during 2009.

64

General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2009 increased compared to the same period in 2008 primarily due to the growth of our company, which resulted in higher employee cost, travel expenses and higher professional fees and marketing expenses offset by \$1.6 million of compensation expense in 2008 related to the acceleration of the 2005 OPP Grant. For a further discussion of the acceleration of the 2005 OPP Grant, please refer to note 9 in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere and incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

Other expenses are primarily comprised of write-offs of the carrying amounts for tenant improvements, acquired in place lease value and acquired above market lease values as a result of the early termination of tenant leases.

Same store interest expense increased for the year ended December 31, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 primarily as a result of higher average outstanding debt balances during 2009 compared to 2008 due to issuance of the 2029 debentures, draws on our Prudential shelf facility, and secured financings on 3 Corporate Place, 1500 Space Park Drive, Mundells Roundabout, Cressex 1, Manchester Technopark and Clonshaugh Industrial Estate II, partially offset by a decrease in interest expense at 350 East Cermak Road due to a lower effective rate after considering impact of interest rate swap agreement and early paydown of the loan in March 2009. Interest capitalized during the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 was \$9.2 million and \$18.4 million, respectively.

New property increases were caused by properties acquired during the period from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2009. For the year ended December 31, 2009, 1201 Comstock Street, Manchester Technopark, 365 S. Randolphville Road, 1350 Duane Avenue/3080 Raymond Street and 7505 Mason King Court contributed \$10.7 million, or approximately 88% in total operating expenses compared to the same period in 2008.

		Same Store	New Properties			
	Year l	Ended Decembe	er 31,	Year l	ber 31,	
(in thousands)	2008	2007	Change	2008	2007	Change
Rental property operating and maintenance	\$ 133,706	\$ 104,171	\$ 29,535	\$ 17,441	\$ 5,054	\$ 12,387
Property taxes	28,546	26,408	2,138	2,556	773	1,783
Insurance	4,683	5,490	(807)	305	37	268
Depreciation and amortization	147,119	127,079	20,040	25,259	7,340	17,919
General and administrative <sup>(1)</sup>	38,391	30,786	7,605			
Other	1,022	431	591	62		62
Total operating expenses	\$ 353,467	\$ 294,365	\$ 59,102	\$ 45,623	\$ 13,204	\$ 32,419
Interest expense	\$ 61,371	\$ 67,049	\$ (5,678)	\$ 2,250	\$ 5	\$ 2,245

(1) General and administrative expenses are included in same store as they are not allocable to specific properties.

Same store rental property operating and maintenance expenses increased for the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to the same period in 2007 primarily as a result of higher utility expenses which is attributed to new leasing and increased power rates. We capitalized amounts relating to compensation expense of employees directly engaged in construction and successful leasing activities of \$10.6 million and \$5.0 million in the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Same store property taxes increased in the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to 2007, primarily as a result of newly completed redevelopment space offset by favorable property tax adjustments at 350 East Cermak Road and 200 Paul Avenue 1-4.

Same store insurance decreased in the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to 2007, primarily as a result of favorable insurance rates on our renewal of our insurance program in late 2007.

Same store depreciation and amortization expense increased in the year ended December 31, 2008 compared to 2007, principally because of depreciation of redevelopment projects that were placed into service in late 2007 and during 2008 along with the acceleration of depreciation on assets associated with leases which terminated earlier than previously estimated.

General and administrative expenses for the year ended December 31, 2008 increased compared to the same period in 2007 primarily due to the growth of our company, which resulted in more employees, additional incentive compensation, and higher professional fees and marketing expenses along with the \$1.6 million of compensation expense related to the acceleration of the 2005 OPP Grant. For a further discussion of the acceleration of the 2005 OPP Grant, please refer to note 9 in the notes to the consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this prospectus.

Other expenses are primarily comprised of write-offs of the carrying amounts for tenant improvements, acquired in place lease value and acquired above market lease values as a result of the early termination of tenant leases.

Same store interest expense decreased for the year ended December 31, 2008 as compared to the same period in 2007 primarily as a result of higher capitalized interest during 2008 compared to 2007 along with a decrease in interest expense at 350 East Cermak Road due to a lower variable interest rate offset by higher average outstanding debt balances during 2008 compared to 2007 due to financings on 3 Corporate Place, 2045 & 2055 LaFayette Street, 150 South First Street and 1500 Space Park Drive. Interest capitalized during the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 was \$18.4 million and \$11.9 million, respectively.

New property increases were caused by properties acquired during the period from January 1, 2007 to December 31, 2008. For the year ended December 31, 2008, 3011 Lafayette Street, Devon Shafron Drive properties (3 buildings), 1500 Space Park Drive and 900 Walnut Street contributed \$20.6 million, or approximately 63% in total operating expenses compared to the same period in 2007.

Equity in earnings of unconsolidated joint venture

The equity in earnings of unconsolidated joint venture relates to a 50% investment in a joint venture that owns a datacenter property in Seattle, Washington. The investment was made in November 2006. The amount recorded in 2007 includes our portion of the write-off of net costs related to the refinance of the previously outstanding mortgage loan on the property, which amounted to approximately \$0.6 million.

Discontinued operations

Discontinued operations relate to the following properties:

Property	Date Acquired	Date Sold
4055 Valley View Lane	September 2003	March 2007
100 Technology Center Drive	February 2004	March 2007

Results of discontinued operations were as follows (in thousands):

	 r Ended ber 31, 2007
Operating revenues	\$ 2,340
Operating expenses	(1,283)
Interest and other income	5
Interest expense	(607)
Gain on derivative instruments	940
	1,395
Gain on sale of assets	18,049
Income from discontinued operations	19,444

### Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Parent Company

In this Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Parent Company section and in the Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Operating Partnership section below, the term, our parent company, refers to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. on an unconsolidated basis, excluding our operating partnership.

### Analysis of Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our parent company s business is operated primarily through our operating partnership of which our parent company is the sole general partner and which it consolidates for financial reporting purposes. Because our parent company operates on a consolidated basis with our operating partnership, the section entitled Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Operating Partnership should be read in conjunction with this section to understand the liquidity and capital resources of our parent company on a consolidated basis and how our company is operated as a whole.

Our parent company issues public equity from time to time, but does not otherwise generate any capital itself or conduct any business itself, other than incurring certain expenses in operating as a public company which are fully reimbursed by the operating partnership. Our parent company itself does not hold any indebtedness other than guarantees of indebtedness of our operating partnership, and its only material asset is its ownership of partnership interests of our operating partnership. Therefore, the consolidated assets and liabilities and the consolidated revenues and expenses of our parent company and our operating partnership are the same on their respective financial statements, except for immaterial differences related to cash, other assets and accrued liabilities that arise from public company expenses paid by our parent company. However, all debt is held directly or indirectly at the operating partnership level. Our parent company s principal funding requirement is the payment of dividends on its common and preferred shares. Our parent company s principal source of funding for its dividend payments is distributions it receives from our operating partnership.

As the sole general partner of our operating partnership, our parent company has the full, exclusive and complete responsibility for our operating partnership is day-to-day management and control. Our parent company causes our operating partnership to distribute such portion of its available cash as our parent company may in its discretion determine, in the manner provided in our operating partnership is partnership agreement. Our parent company receives proceeds from its equity issuances from time to time, but it required by our operating partnership is partnership agreement to contribute the proceeds from its equity issuances to our operating partnership in exchange for partnership units of our operating partnership.

Our parent company is a well-known seasoned issuer with an effective shelf registration statement filed on May 1, 2009, as amended by Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 filed on November 15, 2010, that allows our parent company to register unspecified various classes of equity securities. As circumstances warrant, our parent company may issue equity from time to time on an opportunistic basis, dependent upon market conditions and available pricing. Any proceeds from such equity issuances would be contributed to our operating partnership in exchange for additional equity interests in our operating partnership. Our operating partnership may use the proceeds to acquire additional properties, to fund development and redevelopment opportunities and for general working capital purposes, including potentially for the repurchase, redemption or retirement of outstanding debt or preferred securities.

The liquidity of our parent company is dependent on our operating partnership s ability to make sufficient distributions to our parent company. The primary cash requirement of our parent company is its payment of dividends to its stockholders. Our parent company also guarantees some of our operating partnership s debt. If our operating partnership fails to fulfill its debt requirements, which trigger parent company guarantee obligations, then our parent company will be required to fulfill its cash payment commitments under such guarantees. However, our parent company s only asset is its investment in our operating partnership.

We believe our operating partnership s sources of working capital, specifically its cash flow from operations, and borrowings available under its unsecured revolving credit facility, are adequate for it to make its

67

distribution payments to our parent company and, in turn, for our parent company to make its dividend payments to its stockholders. However, we cannot assure you that our operating partnership s sources of capital will continue to be available at all or in amounts sufficient to meet its needs, including its ability to make distribution payments to our parent company. The unavailability of capital could adversely affect our operating partnership s ability to pay its distributions to our parent company, which would in turn, adversely affect our parent company s ability to pay cash dividends to its stockholders.

On December 31, 2009, our parent company entered into equity distribution agreements, which we refer to as the Original Equity Distribution Agreements, with each of Citigroup Global Markets Inc., Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated and Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC, or the Original Agents, under which it could issue and sell shares of its common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$400,000,000 from time to time through, at its discretion, any of the Original Agents as its sales agents. On January 22, 2010, our parent company amended and restated each Original Equity Distribution Agreement with the applicable Original Agent, and also entered into a new equity distribution agreement with Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated, or collectively the Equity Distribution Agreements, under which it may issue and sell shares of its common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$400,000,000 (including the approximately 1.1 million shares of common stock having an aggregate offering price of approximately \$54.3 million sold pursuant to the Original Equity Distribution Agreements as of January 22, 2010), from time to time through, at its discretion, any of the Original Agents or Morgan Stanley & Co. Incorporated as its sales agents. The sales 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. Our parent company has used and intends to use the proceeds from the sale of shares pursuant to the Equity Distribution Agreements to temporarily repay borrowings under our operating partnership s revolving credit facility, to acquire additional properties, to fund development and redevelopment opportunities and for general corporate purposes, including potentially the repayment or repurchase of outstanding debt. From January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010, our parent company generated net proceeds of approximately \$154.4 million from the issuance of approximately 2.8 million common shares under the Equity Distribution Agreements at an average price of \$56.35 per share after payment of approximately \$2.4 million of commissions to the sales agents. The proceeds from the issuances were contributed to our operating partnership in exchange for the issuance of 2.8 million common units to our parent company.

On June 8, 2010, our parent company completed an offering of 6,900,000 shares of its common stock for total net proceeds, after deducting discounts and estimated expenses, of approximately \$377.1 million. Our parent company contributed the net proceeds from this offering to our operating partnership in exchange for 6,900,000 common units, as required by our operating partnership is partnership agreement.

On June 14, 2010, our parent company issued 1,160,950 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$184,800 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$503,965 in exchange for \$36,960,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated June 14, 2010, by and among our parent company, our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

On July 22, 2010, our parent company distributed a Notice of Redemption to all holders of record of its outstanding 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, or the Series A Preferred Stock, regarding its redemption of all 4,140,000 outstanding shares of the Series A Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$25.31285 per share. The redemption price was equal to the original issuance price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends. The redemption date was August 24, 2010. Our parent company funded the redemption with borrowings under our operating partnership s revolving credit facility, which our operating partnership distributed to our parent company in connection with our operating partnership s redemption of all 4,140,000 of its outstanding 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units held by our parent company.

68

On July 27, 2010, our parent company issued 236,444 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$37,516 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$138,360 in exchange for \$7,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated July 27, 2010, by and among our parent company, our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

In two settlements on August 30, 2010 and September 1, 2010, our parent company issued an aggregate of 436,539 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an aggregate incentive fee equal to \$91,062 and aggregate accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$25,157 in exchange for \$13,847,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institution pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated August 30, 2010, by and among our parent company, our operating partnership and such institution.

On September 17, 2010, our parent company issued 28,496 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$5,919 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$3,197 in exchange for \$900,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated September 17, 2010, by and among our parent company, our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

On September 24, 2010, our parent company issued 94,990 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$19,500 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$13,406 in exchange for \$3,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated September 24, 2010, by and among our parent company, our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

On November 16, 2010, our parent company issued 72,826 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$15,125 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$23,719 in exchange for \$2,300,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated November 16, 2010, by and among our parent company, our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

On November 19, 2010, our parent company issued 601,127 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$189,889 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$204,484 in exchange for \$18,985,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated November 19, 2010, by and among our parent company, our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

### Future Uses of Cash

Our parent company may from time to time seek to retire, redeem or repurchase its preferred equity or the debt securities of our operating partnership through cash purchases and/or exchanges for equity securities in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases, redemptions or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions or other factors. The amounts involved may be material.

On November 9, 2010, our parent company distributed a Notice of Redemption to all holders of record of its outstanding 7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, or Series B Preferred Stock, regarding its redemption of all outstanding shares of its Series B Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$25.37734 per share.

69

The redemption price is equal to the original issuance price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends. The redemption date is December 10, 2010. Our parent company intends to fund the redemption with borrowings under our operating partnership s revolving credit facility, which our operating partnership will distribute to our parent company in connection with our operating partnership s redemption of all 2,530,000 of its outstanding 7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units held by our parent company.

We are also subject to the commitments discussed below under Dividends and Distributions.

#### Dividends and Distributions

Our parent company is required to distribute 90% of its taxable income (excluding capital gains) on an annual basis in order for it to continue to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. Accordingly, our parent company intends to make, but is not contractually bound to make, regular quarterly distributions to its preferred stockholders and common stockholders from cash flow from our operating partnership s operating activities. All such distributions are at the discretion of our parent company s board of directors. Our parent company considers market factors and our operating partnership s performance in addition to REIT requirements in determining distribution levels. Our parent company has distributed 100% of its taxable income since inception to minimize corporate level federal income taxes. Amounts accumulated for distribution to stockholders are invested primarily in interest-bearing accounts and short-term interest-bearing securities, which are consistent with our intention to maintain our parent company s status as a REIT. The exchange rate on the 2026 debentures, the exchange rate on the 2029 debentures, the conversion rate on our parent company s series C cumulative convertible preferred stock and the conversion rate on our parent company s series D cumulative convertible preferred stock are each subject to adjustment for certain events, including, but not limited to, certain dividends on our parent company s common stock in excess of \$0.265 per share per quarter, \$0.33 per share per quarter, \$0.28625 per share per quarter and \$0.31 per share per quarter, respectively. Therefore, the declaration and payment of quarterly dividends by our parent company in excess of these thresholds may increase the dilutive impact of our operating partnership s exchangeable debentures and our parent company s convertible preferred stock on our parent company s common stockholders.

While historically our parent company has satisfied this distribution requirement by making cash distributions to its stockholders, it may choose to satisfy this requirement by making distributions of cash or other property, including, in limited circumstances, our parent company s own shares. As a result of this distribution requirement, our operating partnership cannot rely on retained earnings to fund its on-going operations to the same extent that other companies whose parent companies are not real estate investment trusts can. Our parent company may need to continue to raise capital in the equity markets to fund our operating partnership s working capital needs, as well as potential developments at new or existing properties, acquisitions or investments in existing or newly created joint ventures. In addition, our parent company may be required to use borrowings under our operating partnership s revolving credit facility, if necessary, to meet REIT distribution requirements and maintain our parent company s REIT status.

70

In 2009, 2008 and 2007 and the first eleven months of 2010, our parent company declared the following dividends (in thousands):

Date dividend	D		ries A		eries B		eries C	Series D	,	,
declared	Dividend payable date		ferred ock <sup>(1)</sup>		eferred tock <sup>(2)</sup>		eferred tock <sup>(3)</sup>	Preferred Stock <sup>(4)</sup>	(	Common Stock
February 15, 2007	April 2, 2007		2,199		1,246					17,227 <sup>(5)</sup>
May 2, 2007	July 2, 2007		2,199		1,246		1,722			17,376 <sup>(5)</sup>
August 1, 2007	October 1, 2007		2,199		1,246		1,914			17,381 <sup>(5)</sup>
November 1, 2007	December 31, 2007 for Series A,									
	B and C Preferred Stock; January									
	14, 2008 for Common Stock		2,199		1,246		1,914			20,275(6)
Total 2007		\$	8,796	\$	4,984	\$	5,550	\$	\$	72,259
		·	-,		,		- ,		·	, ,
February 25, 2008	March 31, 2008		2,199		1,246		1,914	2,899		20,295(6)
May 5, 2008	June 30, 2008		2,199		1,246		1,914	4,744		20,512(6)
August 4, 2008	September 30, 2008		2,199		1,246		1,914	4,744		22,491 <sup>(6)</sup>
November 4, 2008	December 31, 2008 for Series A,									
	B, C and D Preferred Stock;									
	January 7, 2009 for Common									
	Stock		2,199		1,246		1,914	4,744		$24,150^{(7)}$
<b>Total 2008</b>		\$	8,796	\$	4,984	\$	7,656	\$ 17,131	\$	87,448
February 24, 2009	March 31, 2009		2,199		1,246		1,914	4,742		$25,077^{(7)}$
April 28, 2009	June 30, 2009		2,199		1,246		1,914	4,742		25,126 <sup>(7)</sup>
July 28, 2009	September 30, 2009		2,199		1,246		1,914	4,742		27,502(8)
October 27, 2009	December 31, 2009 for Series A,									
	B, C and D Preferred Stock;									
	January 15, 2010 for Common		2 100		1.046		1.01.1	4.5.40		24.561(0)
	Stock		2,199		1,246		1,914	4,742		$34,561^{(9)}$
T . 1 2000		Φ.	0.507	ф	1.00.1	ф	5.656	<b>4.10.060</b>	ф	110.066
Total 2009		\$	8,796	\$	4,984	\$	7,656	\$ 18,968	\$	112,266
February 23, 2010	March 31, 2010		2,199		1,246		1,914	4,742		37,512(10)
April 27, 2010	June 30, 2010		2,199		1,246		1,914	4,742		41,783(10)
July 19, 2010	September 30, 2010		(11)		1,246		1,914	4,739		47,024(12)
November 2, 2010	December 31, 2010 <sup>(13)</sup>				(14)		1,914	4,739		(15)

- (1) \$2.125 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (2) \$1.969 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (3) \$1.094 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (4) \$1.375 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (5) \$1.145 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (6) \$1.240 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (7) \$1.320 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (8) \$1.440 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (9) \$1.800 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (10) \$1.920 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (11) Redeemed on August 24, 2010 for a redemption price of \$25.31285 per share, which equals the original issuance price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends up to but not including the redemption date of approximately \$1.3 million.
- (12) \$2.120 annual rate of dividend per share.
- (13) The common stock dividend will be paid on January 14, 2011.

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

- (14) Scheduled to be redeemed on December 10, 2010 for a redemption price of \$25.37734 per share, which equals the original issuance price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends up to but not including the redemption date.
- (15) \$2.120 annual rate of dividend per share. The aggregate amount of the dividend will be determined based on the number of shares of common stock outstanding on the December 15, 2010 record date.

71

Distributions out of our current or accumulated earnings and profits are generally classified as ordinary income whereas distributions in excess of our current and accumulated earnings and profits, to the extent of a stockholder s U.S. federal income tax basis in our parent company s stock, are generally classified as a return of capital. Distributions in excess of a stockholder s U.S. federal income tax basis in our parent company s stock are generally characterized as capital gain. Cash provided by operating activities has been sufficient to fund all distributions.

The tax treatment of distributions on common stock for 2009 is as follows: 100% ordinary income and 0% return of capital. The tax treatment of distributions on common stock for 2008 is as follows: approximately 100% ordinary income and 0% return of capital. The tax treatment of distributions on common stock for 2007 is as follows: approximately 78% ordinary income and 22% return of capital. All distributions paid on our preferred stock in 2009, 2008 and 2007 were classified as ordinary income for income tax purposes.

### Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Operating Partnership

In this Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Operating Partnership section, the terms we, our and us refer to our operating partnership together with its consolidated subsidiaries or our operating partnership and our parent company together with their consolidated subsidiaries, as the text requires.

## Analysis of Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our parent company is our sole general partner and consolidates our results of operations for financial reporting purposes. Because we operate on a consolidated basis with our parent company, the section entitled Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Parent Company should be read in conjunction with this section to understand our liquidity and capital resources on a consolidated basis.

As of September 30, 2010, we had \$66.5 million of cash and cash equivalents, excluding \$61.6 million of restricted cash. Restricted cash primarily consists of interest-bearing cash deposits required by the terms of several of our mortgage loans for a variety of purposes, including real estate taxes, insurance, anticipated or contractually obligated tenant improvements, as well as capital expenditures.

Our short-term liquidity requirements primarily consist of operating expenses, redevelopment costs and other expenditures associated with our properties, distributions to our parent company in order for it to make dividend payments on its preferred stock, distributions to our parent company in order for it to make dividend payments to its stockholders required to maintain its REIT status, distributions to the unitholders in our operating partnership, capital expenditures, debt service on our loans and, potentially, acquisitions. We expect to meet our short-term liquidity requirements through net cash provided by operations, restricted cash accounts established for certain future payments and by drawing upon our revolving credit facility.

As of September 30, 2010, our revolving credit facility had a total capacity of \$750.0 million. Effective August 31, 2010, we exercised the first of two one-year extension options to our revolving credit facility, which extends its maturity date from August 31, 2010 to August 31, 2011. 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. As of September 30, 2010, borrowings under the revolving credit facility bore interest at a blended rate of 1.36% (U.S.), 1.72% (Euro) and 1.67% (GBP), which are based on 1-month LIBOR, 1-month EURIBOR and 1-month GBP LIBOR, respectively, plus a margin of 1.10%. The revolving credit facility has a \$515.0 million sub-facility for multicurrency advances in British Pound Sterling, Canadian Dollars, Euros, and Swiss Francs. We intend to use available borrowings under the revolving credit facility to, among other things, finance the acquisition of additional properties, fund tenant improvements and capital expenditures, fund development and redevelopment activities and to provide for working capital and other corporate purposes. As of September 30, 2010, approximately \$220.6 million was drawn under this facility, and \$16.8 million of letters of credit were issued, leaving approximately \$512.5 million available for use.

72

On June 28, 2010, we completed an amendment to our revolving credit facility. The amendment to the revolving credit facility provides us with the ability to add eligible unencumbered international assets to the borrowing base in support of our outstanding unsecured debt. International assets include properties located in Canada, England, Ireland, Wales, France, Spain, the Netherlands, Singapore and Australia. Under the new amendment, international assets may comprise up to 25% of the borrowing base, with assets in Spain and Singapore limited to up to 10% of the borrowing base.

On June 30, 2010, we completed an amendment to our Prudential shelf facility, the terms of which are substantially the same as the amendment to our revolving credit facility described above.

For a discussion of the potential impact of current global economic and market conditions on our liquidity and capital resources, see Which May Influence Future Results of Operations Global market and economic conditions above.

On January 20, 2010, we closed the sale of \$100.0 million aggregate principal amount of our senior unsecured term notes to Prudential Investment Management, Inc. and certain of its affiliates, or, collectively, Prudential, pursuant to the Prudential shelf facility. The notes were issued in two series referred to as the series D and series E notes. The series D notes have a principal amount of \$50.0 million, an interest-only rate of 4.57% per annum and a five-year maturity, and the series E notes have a principal amount of \$50.0 million, an interest-only rate of 5.73% per annum and a seven-year maturity. On February 3, 2010, we closed the sale of an additional \$17.0 million aggregate principal amount of our senior unsecured term notes, which we refer to as the series F notes, to Prudential pursuant to the Prudential shelf facility. The series F notes have an interest-only rate of 4.50% per annum and a five-year maturity. We used the proceeds of the series D, series E and series F notes to fund acquisitions, to temporarily repay borrowings under our revolving credit facility, to fund working capital and for general corporate purposes.

On January 22, 2010, our parent company entered into the Equity Distribution Agreements discussed under Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Parent Company above. From January 1, 2010 through September 30, 2010, our parent company generated net proceeds of approximately \$154.4 million from the issuance of approximately 2.8 million common shares under the Equity Distribution Agreements at an average price of \$56.35 per share after payment of approximately \$2.4 million of commissions to the sales agents. The proceeds from the issuances were contributed to us in exchange for the issuance of 2.8 million common units to our parent company.

On January 22, 2010, we completed the acquisition of the New England Portfolio, a three-property datacenter portfolio located in Massachusetts and Connecticut, from Sentinel Properties Needham, LLC, SP Needham I, LLC, Sentinel Properties Bedford LLC and Sentinel Properties Trumbull, LLC, or, collectively, the Sellers. The purchase price, which was determined through negotiations between us and the Sellers, was approximately \$375.0 million and was paid in cash funded with borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

On January 28, 2010, we closed the issuance of \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2020 notes. The purchase price paid by the initial purchasers was 98.296% of the principal amount thereof. The notes are our general unsecured senior obligations, rank equally in right of payment with all our other senior unsecured indebtedness and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by our parent company. Interest on the notes is payable on February 1 and August 1 of each year, beginning on August 1, 2010. The net proceeds from the offering after deducting the original issue discount, underwriting commissions and estimated expenses was approximately \$487.1 million. We used the net proceeds from the offering to temporarily repay our borrowings under our revolving credit facility, fund development and redevelopment opportunities, fund working capital and for general corporate purposes.

On June 8, 2010, our parent company completed an offering of 6,900,000 shares of common stock for total net proceeds, after deducting discounts and estimated expenses, of approximately \$377.1 million. Our parent

73

company contributed the net proceeds from this offering to us in exchange for 6,900,000 common units, as required by our partnership agreement. We used a portion of the net proceeds from the offering to fund a portion of the acquisition of the 365 Main Portfolio, described below, and the balance of the proceeds to acquire additional properties, to fund development and redevelopment opportunities and for general working capital purposes.

On June 14, 2010, our parent company issued 1,160,950 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to us, and we delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$184,800 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$503,965 in exchange for \$36,960,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated June 14, 2010, by and among us, our parent company and such institutional investor.

On July 8, 2010, we closed the issuance of \$375.0 million aggregate principal amount of the 2015 notes. The purchase price paid by the initial purchasers was 99.697% of the principal amount thereof. The notes are our general unsecured senior obligations, rank equally in right of payment with all our other senior unsecured indebtedness and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by our parent company. Interest on the notes is payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year, beginning on January 15, 2011. The net proceeds from the offering after deducting the original issue discount, underwriting commissions and estimated expenses was approximately \$370.8 million. We used the net proceeds from the offering to fund a portion of the acquisition of the 365 Main Portfolio, described below.

On July 13, 2010, we completed the acquisition of a five-property datacenter portfolio located in California, Arizona and Virginia, which we refer to as the Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio. The purchase price was approximately \$725.0 million and was funded with proceeds from our parent company s common stock offering in June 2010 and our notes offering in July 2010 along with borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

On July 22, 2010, our parent company distributed a Notice of Redemption to all holders of record of its outstanding 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, or the Series A Preferred Stock, regarding its redemption of all 4,140,000 outstanding shares of the Series A Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$25.31285 per share. The redemption price was equal to the original issuance price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends. The redemption date was August 24, 2010. We funded the redemption with borrowings under our revolving credit facility, which we distributed to our parent company in connection with our redemption of all 4,140,000 of our outstanding 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units held by our parent company.

On July 27, 2010, our parent company issued 236,444 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to us, and we delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$37,516 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$138,360 in exchange for \$7,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated July 27, 2010, by and among us, our parent company and such institutional investor.

On August 5, 2010, we acquired a 50% controlling interest in a joint venture that owns 800 Central Expressway, a vacant 150,000 square foot powered shell building that was added to our inventory of space held for redevelopment. Upon obtaining control of the joint venture, we consolidated the joint venture which included a property with an estimated fair value of \$27.1 million, \$2.1 million of restricted cash, and \$23.9 million of secured loans which were paid down to \$20.5 million in connection with our acquisition. In addition, each member subsequently contributed \$8.8 million to fund a lender required impound account to be used to fund future expected redevelopment costs.

On August 5, 2010, we acquired a 50% noncontrolling common interest in a joint venture for approximately \$6.0 million that owns 700 and 750 Central Expressway, two fully leased office buildings comprising approximately 300,000 square feet. The joint venture is encumbered by \$29.1 million of secured loans. We made a \$4.1 million preferred equity contribution to the joint venture which was used to pay down to secured loans to

74

\$25 million. We have the option to put our common interest back to the other member, subject to certain conditions, at a price equal to our initial common interest contribution of \$6.0 million.

On August 19, 2010, we acquired two fully leased datacenter properties for a purchase price of \$50.3 million. The first property is 2950 Zanker Road, located in San Jose, California, and totals approximately 69,700 rentable square feet. The second property is 900 Dorothy Drive, located in Richardson, Texas, and totals over 56,000 rentable square feet. The acquisition was financed with cash on hand and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

In two settlements on August 30, 2010 and September 1, 2010, our parent company issued an aggregate of 436,539 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to us, and we delivered the shares and paid an aggregate incentive fee equal to \$91,062 and aggregate accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$25,157 in exchange for \$13,847,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institution pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated August 30, 2010, by and among us, our parent company and such institution.

On September 17, 2010, our parent company issued 28,496 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to us, and we delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$5,919 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$3,197 in exchange for \$900,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated September 17, 2010, by and among us, our parent company and such institutional investor.

On September 24, 2010, our parent company issued 94,990 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to us, and we delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$19,500 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$13,406 in exchange for \$3,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated September 24, 2010, by and among us, our parent company and such institutional investor.

On November 16, 2010, our parent company issued 72,826 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to us, and we delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$15,125 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$23,719 in exchange for \$2,300,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated November 16, 2010, by and among us, our parent company and such institutional investor.

On November 19, 2010, our parent company issued 601,127 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to us, and we delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$189,889 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$204,484 in exchange for \$18,985,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated November 19, 2010, by and among us, our parent company and such institutional investor.

On November 23, 2010, we completed the acquisition of a datacenter in Singapore for approximately SGD174.4 million, or approximately \$134.5 million based on the exchange rate in effect on November 23, 2010. The acquisition was financed with borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

# Construction

As of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, work in progress, including the proportionate land and property costs related to current construction projects, amounted to \$192.6 million, or \$238.6 million including construction accruals and certain capitalized costs, and \$156.2 million, or \$187.1 million including construction accruals and certain capitalized costs, respectively. Separately, our redevelopment program included the proportionate land and building costs related to other targeted projects in the amount of \$119.9 million and \$88.6

75

million as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively. Work in progress related to non-redevelopment projects, primarily tenant and building improvements, amounted to \$1.5 million and \$0.4 million as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

# Future Uses of Cash

Our properties require periodic investments of capital for tenant-related capital expenditures and for general capital improvements. As of September 30, 2010, we had approximately 1.9 million square feet of redevelopment space and we also owned approximately 175,000 net rentable square feet of datacenter space with extensive installed tenant improvements that we may subdivide for Turn-Key Datacenter® use during the next two years rather than lease to large single tenants. Turn-Key Datacenter® space is move-in-ready space for the placement of computer and network equipment required to provide a datacenter environment. Depending on demand for additional Turn-Key Datacenter® space, we expect to incur significant tenant improvement costs to build out and redevelop these types of spaces. At September 30, 2010, approximately 209,000 square feet of our space held for redevelopment was under construction for Turn-Key Datacenter® space in five U.S. markets and two European markets. At September 30, 2010, we had commitments under construction contracts for approximately \$101.5 million. We currently expect to incur approximately \$100.0 million to \$150.0 million of capital expenditures for our redevelopment program during the three months ended December 31, 2010, although this amount may increase or decrease, potentially materially, based on numerous factors, including changes in demand, leasing results and availability of debt or equity capital.

We are also subject to the commitments discussed below under Commitments and Contingencies, Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements and Distributions.

Consistent with our growth strategy, we actively pursue opportunities for potential acquisitions, with due diligence and negotiations often at different stages at different times. The dollar value of additional acquisitions for the remainder of the year ending December 31, 2010 will be based on numerous factors, including tenant demand, leasing results, availability of debt or equity capital and acquisition opportunities.

We may from time to time seek to retire or repurchase our outstanding debt or the preferred equity of our parent company through cash purchases and/or exchanges for equity securities of our parent company in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Such repurchases or exchanges, if any, will depend on prevailing market conditions, our liquidity requirements, contractual restrictions or other factors. The amounts involved may be material.

On November 9, 2010, our parent company distributed a Notice of Redemption to all holders of record of its outstanding 7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, or Series B Preferred Stock, regarding its redemption of all outstanding shares of its Series B Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$25.37734 per share. The redemption price is equal to the original issuance price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends. The redemption date is December 10, 2010. Our parent company intends to fund the redemption with borrowings under our revolving credit facility, which we will distribute to our parent company in connection with our redemption of all 2,530,000 of our outstanding 7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units held by our parent company.

We expect to meet our short-and long-term liquidity requirements, including to pay for scheduled debt maturities and to fund property acquisitions and non-recurring capital improvements with net cash from operations, future long-term secured and unsecured indebtedness and the issuance of equity and debt securities and the proceeds of equity issuances by our parent company. We also may fund future short-and long-term liquidity requirements, including property acquisitions and non-recurring capital improvements using our revolving credit facility pending permanent financing. If we are not able to obtain additional financing on terms attractive to us, or at all, including as a result of the circumstances described above under Factors Which May Influence Future Results of Operations Global market and economic conditions , we may be required to reduce our acquisition or capital expenditure plans, which could have a material adverse effect upon our business and results of operations.

76

# Properties Acquired in 2009

During the year ended December 31, 2009 we acquired or made investments in the following properties:

Location	Metropolitan Area	Date Acquired	ount illions)
Loudoun Exchange II <sup>(1)</sup>	Northern Virginia	May 15, 2009	\$ 20.3
Digital Realty Trust Datacenter Park Dallas	Dallas	September 11, 2009	33.6
444 Toyama Drive	Silicon Valley	September 25, 2009	17.5
1350 Duane Avenue/3080 Raymond Street(3)	Silicon Valley	October 30, 2009	90.5
Nokes Boulevard / Beaumeade Circle <sup>(4)</sup>	Northern Virginia	December 17, 2009	63.3
	_		

Total Acquisitions Year Ended December 31, 2009

\$ 225.2

- (1) Represents vacant land which is not included in our operating property count.
- (2) In September 2009, we made an initial cash contribution of \$1.9 million to a joint venture formed to own and redevelop Digital Realty Trust Datacenter Park Dallas. The other member contributed seven vacant buildings with an estimated market value of \$33.6 million and a third-party non-recourse loan secured by these properties of \$17.0 million. We are committed to make an additional \$22.9 million of capital contributions needed to fund the redevelopment project. We have determined that the joint venture is a variable interest entity and we are the primary beneficiary. As a result, we have consolidated the joint venture and presented the member interests not owned by us of \$16.6 million as noncontrolling interests in consolidated joint venture. For operating property count purposes, we consider this to be one property.
- (3) Includes the assumption of a \$52.8 million loan.
- (4) A two-property data center 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.

We financed the purchase of these properties primarily with borrowings under our revolving credit facility. We have repaid borrowings under our revolving credit facility with portions of the proceeds from our parent company s February 2009 common stock issuance, the issuance of the 2029 debentures, sales of common stock under our parent company s Equity Distribution Agreements, the issuance of notes under our Prudential shelf facility and the issuance of the 2020 notes.

# Properties Acquired During the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010

During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 we acquired or made investments in the following properties:

# Acquisitions

Location	Metropolitan Area	Date Acquired	Amount (in millions)
New England Portfolio <sup>(1)</sup>	Various <sup>(1)</sup>	January 22, 2010	\$ 375.0
1725 Comstock Street <sup>(2)</sup>	Silicon Valley	April 30, 2010	14.1
3105/3115 Alfred Street	Silicon Valley	May 24, 2010	10.0
Cateringweg 5 <sup>(3)</sup>	Amsterdam	June 17, 2010	6.4
365 Main Portfolio <sup>(4)</sup>	Various <sup>(4)</sup>	July 13, 2010	725.0
800 Central Expressway <sup>(5)</sup>	Silicon Valley	August 5, 2010	27.1
2950 Zanker Road / 900 Dorothy Drive	Silicon Valley / Dallas	August 19, 2010	50.3
-		<u> </u>	

\$ 1,207.9

77

### Investments

			Amount
			(in
Location	Metropolitan Area	Date Acquired	millions)
700 / 750 Central Expressway (6)	Silicon Valley	August 5, 2010	\$ 10.3

- (1) 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 area, as well as 60-80 Merritt Boulevard, Trumbull, Connecticut, located in the New York Metro metropolitan area. The New England Portfolio is considered three properties for our property count.
- (2) As part of the acquisition, we have agreed with the seller to remit an earnout payment based on leasing activities in the building. The purchase price includes an accrual of \$4.3 million, which is the estimated fair value of the contingent purchase price per the agreement. As of June 30, 2010, the entire building was leased. The final payment to the seller of approximately \$4.3 million was made in July 2010 to fully settle the contingent purchase price amount.
- (3) A land parcel subject to a ground lease along with a vacant shell building.
- (4) The 365 Main Portfolio consists of 365 Main Street, San Francisco, California and 720 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oakland, California, both located in the San Francisco metropolitan area; 2260 East El Segundo Boulevard, El Segundo, California, located in the Los Angeles metropolitan area; 2121 South Price Road, Chandler, Arizona, located in the Phoenix metropolitan area; and 4030-4050 Lafayette Center Drive, Chantilly, Virginia, located in the Northern Virginia metropolitan area. The 365 Main Portfolio is considered five properties for our property count.
- (5) In August 2010, we acquired a 50% controlling interest in a joint venture formed to own and redevelop 800 Central Expressway. The other noncontrolling 50% member contributed land and a vacant building with a fair market value of approximately \$27.1 million, lender required impound accounts of approximately \$2.1 million, a mortgage loan of \$13.4 million and a mezzanine loan of approximately \$10.5 million. At close, the joint venture refinanced the assumed debt which included a principal paydown of approximately \$3.4 million. Since we have a controlling interest in the joint venture, we have consolidated the joint venture and presented the member interest not owned by us of approximately \$2.6 million as noncontrolling interest in consolidated joint venture.
- In August 2010, we made an initial cash contribution of approximately \$6.0 million to acquire a 50% common interest in a joint venture formed to own and operate two fully leased office buildings located at 700 and 750 Central Expressway. The other 50% common member contributed the fully leased properties, mortgage loan of approximately \$24.1 million and a mezzanine loan of approximately \$5.0 million. At close, the joint venture refinanced the assumed debt which included a principal paydown of approximately \$4.1 million. The debt paydown was funded by our preferred equity contribution which is entitled to an 11% preferred return. Each member has guaranteed their proportionate share of the remaining debt balance of \$25.0 million. Subject to certain conditions in the joint venture s operating agreement, we have the right to put our common interest in the joint venture to the other member at a price equal to our initial contribution amount of \$6.0 million. We have concluded that the joint venture is a variable interest entity primarily due to the fact that we have participating voting rights through our common interest, but the common interest is not considered to be equity due to the fixed price put option. The other member explicitly and implicitly bears 100% of the common equity risk. In addition, the other member, as the manager of the joint venture has more power than the Operating Partnership to direct the activities that most significantly impact the joint venture s economic performance, and therefore was determined to be the primary beneficiary. Our maximum exposure to loss in the joint venture is our common and preferred investment totaling \$10.3 million and our share of the joint venture s debt of \$12.5 million. Upon our exercise of our put option, our exposure to loss will be limited to the remaining balance of our preferred interest in the joint venture. We have accounted for our variable interest in the joint venture under the equity method of accounting and is presented as an investment in unconsolidated joint venture in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheet.

78

# Distributions

All distributions on our units are at the discretion of our parent company s board of directors. In 2009, 2008 and 2007 and the first eleven months of 2010, our operating partnership declared the following distributions (in thousands):

Date		Series A Preferred	Series B Preferred	Series C Preferred	Series D Preferred		
distribution declared	Distribution payable date	Unit <sup>(1)</sup>	Unit(2)	Unit(3)	Unit <sup>(4)</sup>	Con	nmon Units
February 15, 2007	April 2, 2007	2,199	1,246				$19,442^{(5)}$
May 2, 2007	July 2, 2007	2,199	1,246	1,722			19,458 <sup>(5)</sup>
August 1, 2007	October 1, 2007	2,199	1,246	1,914			$19,465^{(5)}$
November 1, 2007	December 31, 2007 for Series A, B and C Preferred Units; January 14, 2008 for Common Units	2,199	1,246	1,914			22,345 <sup>(6)</sup>
Total 2007		\$ 8,796	\$ 4,984	\$ 5,550	\$	\$	80,710
		,	· · ·	,			,
February 25, 2008	March 31, 2008	2,199	1,246	1,914	2,899		22,418(6)
May 5, 2008	June 30, 2008	2,199	1,246	1.914	4,744		22,444(6)
August 4, 2008	September 30, 2008	2,199	1,246	1,914	4,744		24,258(6)
November 4, 2008	December 31, 2008 for Series A, B, C and D Preferred Units; January 7, 2009 for Common Units	2,199	1,246	1,914	4,744		26,102 <sup>(7)</sup>
	Ollits	2,199	1,240	1,914	4,744		20,102
Total 2008		\$ 8,796	\$ 4,984	\$ 7,656	\$ 17,131	\$	95,222
February 24, 2009	March 31, 2009	2,199	1,246	1,914	4,742		27,053 <sup>(7)</sup>
April 28, 2009	June 30, 2009	2,199	1,246	1,914	4,742		27,064 <sup>(7)</sup>
July 28, 2009	September 30, 2009	2,199	1,246	1,914	4,742		29,575(8)
October 27, 2009	December 31, 2009 for Series A, B, C and D Preferred Units; January 15, 2010 for Common Units	2 100	1,246	1.914	4,742		37.004 <sup>(9)</sup>
	Office	2,199	1,240	1,914	4,742		37,004
Total 2009		\$ 8,796	\$ 4,984	\$ 7,656	\$ 18,968	\$	120,696
February 23, 2010	March 31, 2010	2,199	1,246	1,914	4,742		40,143(10)
April 27, 2010	June 30, 2010	2,199	1,246	1,914	4,742		44,442 <sup>(10)</sup>
July 19, 2010	September 30, 2010	(11)	1,246	1,914	4,739		49,935 <sup>(12)</sup>
November 2, 2010	December 31, 2010 <sup>(13)</sup>		(14)	1,914	4,739		(15)
- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				-,/-	.,,,,,		

<sup>(1) \$2.125</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

<sup>(2) \$1.969</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

<sup>(3) \$1.094</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

<sup>(4) \$1.375</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

<sup>(5) \$1.145</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

<sup>(6) \$1.240</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

<sup>(7) \$1.320</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

<sup>(8) \$1.440</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

<sup>(9) \$1.800</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

<sup>(10) \$1.920</sup> annual rate of distribution per unit.

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

(11) Redeemed on August 24, 2010 for a redemption price of \$25.31285 per unit, which equals the original issuance price of \$25.00 per unit, plus accrued and unpaid distributions up to but not including the redemption date of approximately \$1.3 million.

79

- (12) \$2.120 annual rate of distribution per unit.
- (13) The common unit distribution will be paid on January 14, 2011.
- (14) Scheduled to be redeemed on December 10, 2010 for a redemption price of \$25.37734 per unit, which equals the original issuance price of \$25.00 per unit, plus accrued and unpaid distributions up to but not including the redemption date.
- (15) \$2.120 annual rate of distribution per unit. The aggregate amount of the distribution will be determined based on the number of common units outstanding on the December 15, 2010 record date.

# **Commitments and Contingencies**

We have agreed with the seller of 350 East Cermak Road to share a portion, not to exceed \$135,000 per month, of rental revenue, adjusted for our costs to lease the premises, from the leases of the 192,000 square feet of space held for redevelopment. This revenue sharing agreement will terminate in May 2012. We made payments of approximately \$4.2 million and \$31,000 to the seller during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively. We have recorded approximately \$2.7 million and \$2.1 million for this contingent liability on our balance sheet at September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009, respectively.

As part of the acquisition of Clonshaugh Industrial Estate, we entered into an agreement with the seller whereby the seller is entitled to receive 40% of the net rental income generated by the existing building, after we have received a 9% return on all capital invested in the property. As of February 6, 2006, the date we acquired this property, we have estimated the present value of these expected payments over the 10-year lease term to be approximately \$1.1 million and this value has been recorded as a component of the purchase price. Accounts payable and other liabilities include \$1.3 million for this liability as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we paid approximately \$0.1 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, to the seller.

As of September 30, 2010, we were a party to interest rate cap and swap agreements which hedge variability in cash flows related to LIBOR, GBP LIBOR and EURIBOR based mortgage loans. Under these swaps, we pay variable-rate amounts in exchange for fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying principal amounts. See Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk below.

The following table summarizes our debt, interest, lease and construction contract payments due by period as of December 31, 2009 (dollars in thousands):

Obligation	Total	2010	2011-2012	2013-2014	Thereafter
Debt principal payments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 1,789,853	\$ 236,875	\$ 476,536	\$ 670,866	\$ 405,576
Interest payable <sup>(2)</sup>	401,224	91,739	151,508	105,924	52,053
Ground leases <sup>(3)</sup>	25,977	536	1,073	1,073	23,295
Operating lease	39,467	6,777	12,494	9,224	10,972
Construction contracts <sup>(4)</sup>	41,114	41,114			
	\$ 2,297,635	\$ 377,041	\$ 641,611	\$ 787,087	\$ 491,896

(1) Includes \$205.5 million of borrowings under our revolving credit facility, which was due to mature in August 2010, and excludes \$1.3 million of net loan premiums related to assumed mortgage loans and \$6.7 million discount on the 2026 debentures. Effective August 31, 2010, we exercised the first of two one-year extension options to our revolving credit facility, which extends its maturity date from August 31, 2010 to August 31, 2011. This table assumes we did not exercise that option and will not exercise other available extension options.

80

(2) Interest payable is based on the interest rate in effect on December 31, 2009, including the effect of interest rate swaps. Interest payable excluding the effect of interest rate swaps is as follows (in thousands):

2010	\$ 84,495
2011-2012	140,194
2013-2014	101,000
Thereafter	52,053
	\$ 377,742

- (3) This is comprised of ground lease payments on 2010 East Centennial Circle, Chemin de 1 Epinglier 2, Clonshaugh Industrial Estate, Paul van Vlissingenstraat 16, Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F and Naritaweg 52. After February 2036, rent for the remaining term of the 2010 East Centennial Circle ground lease will be determined based on a fair market value appraisal of the asset and, as a result, is excluded from the above information. After December 2036, rent for the remaining term of the Naritaweg 52 ground lease will be determined based on a fair market value appraisal of the asset and, as a result, is excluded from the above information. The Chemin de 1 Epinglier 2 ground lease which expires in July 2074 contains potential inflation increases which are not reflected in the table above. The Paul van Vlissingenstraat 16, Chemin de 1 Epinglier 2, Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F and Clonshaugh Industrial Estate amounts are translated at the December 31, 2009 exchange rate of \$1.43 to 1.00.
- (4) From time to time in the normal course of our business, we enter into various construction contracts with third parties that may obligate us to make payments. At December 31, 2009, we had open commitments related to construction contracts of \$41.1 million.

# **Outstanding Consolidated Indebtedness**

The table below summarizes our debt maturities and principal payments as of September 30, 2010 (in thousands):

	Revolving Credit Facility (1)	Unsecured Senior Notes	Senior Notes	Exchangeable Senior Debentures	Mortgage Loans (2)	Other Secured Loans	Total Debt
Remainder of 2010	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 3,650	\$	\$ 3,650
2011	220,565	25,000		110,043(3)	130,778		486,386
2012					159,778		159,778
2013		33,000			157,055	10,500	200,555
2014				$266,400^{(4)}$	217,729		484,129
Thereafter		142,000	875,000		380,533		1,397,533
Subtotal	\$ 220,565	\$ 200,000	\$ 875,000	\$ 376,443	\$ 1,049,523	\$ 10,500	\$ 2,732,031
Unamortized discount		, i	(9,183)	(2,389)			(11,572)
Unamortized premium					1,140		1,140
Total	\$ 220,565	\$ 200,000	\$ 865,817	\$ 374,054	\$ 1,050,663	\$ 10,500	\$ 2,721,599

- (1) Effective August 31, 2010, we exercised the first of two one-year extension options to our revolving credit facility, which extends its maturity date from August 31, 2010 to August 31, 2011. 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.
- (2) Our mortgage loans are generally non-recourse to us, subject to carveouts for specified prohibited actions by us or specified undisclosed environmental liabilities. As of September 30, 2010, we had provided limited recourse guarantees with respect to approximately \$157.9 million principal amount of the outstanding mortgage indebtedness, and partial letter of credit support with respect to approximately an additional \$46.5 million of the outstanding mortgage indebtedness.
- (3) Assumes maturity of the 2026 debentures at first redemption date in August 2011.
- (4) Assumes maturity of the 2029 debentures at first redemption date in April 2014.

81

The table below summarizes our debt, as of September 30, 2010 (in millions):

Debt Summary:	
Fixed rate	\$ 2,222.8
Variable rate debt subject to interest rate swaps and caps	278.2
Total fixed rate debt (including interest rate swaps and caps)	2,501.0
Variable rate unhedged	220.6
-	
Total	\$ 2,721.6
	. ,
Percent of Total Debt:	
Fixed rate (including swapped debt)	91.9%
Variable rate	8.1%
Total	100.0%
Effective Interest Rate as of September 30, 2010 <sup>(1)</sup> :	
Fixed rate (including hedged variable rate debt)	5.70%
Variable rate	1.39%
Effective interest rate	5.35%

# (1) Excludes impact of deferred financing cost amortization.

As of September 30, 2010, we had approximately \$2.7 billion of outstanding consolidated long-term debt as set forth in the table above. Our ratio of debt to total enterprise value was approximately 30% (based on the closing price of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock on September 30, 2010 of \$61.70). For this purpose, our total enterprise value is defined as the sum of the market value of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s outstanding common stock (which may decrease, thereby increasing our debt to total enterprise value ratio), excluding options issued under our company s incentive award plan, plus the liquidation value of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s preferred stock, plus the aggregate value of our operating partnership s units not held by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (with the per unit value equal to the market value of one share of its common stock and excluding long-term incentive units and Class C Units), plus the book value of its total consolidated indebtedness.

The variable rate debt shown above bears interest at interest rates based on various LIBOR, GBP LIBOR and EURIBOR rates ranging from one to twelve months, depending on the respective agreement governing the debt. Assuming maturity of the 2026 debentures and the 2029 debentures at their first redemption dates in August 2011 and April 2014, respectively, as of September 30, 2010, our debt had a weighted average term to initial maturity of approximately 4.7 years (approximately 4.9 years assuming exercise of extension options).

# **Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

As of September 30, 2010, we were party to interest rate swap and cap agreements related to \$278.2 million of outstanding principal on our variable rate debt. See Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk below.

The 2026 debentures provide for excess exchange value to be paid in cash and/or shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock if the stock price exceeds a certain amount. If such debentures were exchanged in full on September 30, 2010, we would owe approximately \$110.0 million to the holders of such debentures, payable in cash equal to the principal balance plus \$103.2 million, equal to the excess exchange value, payable in cash and/or shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock. See note 6 to our condensed consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2010 included elsewhere in this prospectus for a further description of the 2026 debentures.

82

### **Cash Flows**

The following summary discussion of our cash flows is based on the consolidated statements of cash flows and is not meant to be an all-inclusive discussion of the changes in our cash flows for the periods presented below.

# Comparison of Nine Months Ended September 30, 2010 to Nine Months Ended September 30, 2009

The following table shows cash flows and ending cash and cash equivalent balances for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, respectively (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,				
	2010	2009	Change		
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 240,321	\$ 218,724	\$ 21,597		
Net cash used in investing activities	(1,459,372)	(359,490)	(1,099,882)		
Net cash provided by financing activities	1,213,224	108,584	1,104,640		
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (5,827)	\$ (32,182)	\$ 26,355		

The increase in net cash provided by operating activities was primarily due to increased operating and interest expenses partially offset by increased cash flows from new leasing at our same store properties, completed and leased redevelopment space and our acquisition of new operating properties. Net cash used in investing activities increased for the nine months ended September 30, 2010, as we had an increase in cash paid for acquisitions for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 (\$1,182 million) as compared to in the same period in 2009 (\$37.4 million) offset by a decrease in cash paid for capital expenditures for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 (\$248.7 million) as compared to the same period in 2009 (\$323.2 million).

Net cash flows from financing activities consisted of the following amounts (in thousands):

	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	2010	2009	Change	
Proceeds from borrowings, net of repayments	\$ 112,383	\$ (88,116)	\$ 200,499	
Net proceeds from issuance of common/preferred stock, including exercise of				
stock options	536,381	87,469	448,912	
Redemption of series A preferred stock	(103,500)		(103,500)	
Net proceeds from unsecured senior notes due 2020	486,601		486,601	
Net proceeds from unsecured senior notes due 2015	370,943		370,943	
Net proceeds from 2029 exchangeable senior debentures		258,949	(258,949)	
Dividend and distribution payments	(200,945)	(140,087)	(60,858)	
Other	11,361	(9,631)	20,992	
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 1,213,224	\$ 108,584	\$ 1,104,640	

The increase in net cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to the issuance of our 2015 notes (net proceeds of \$370.9 million), 2020 notes (net proceeds of \$486.6 million) and common stock (net proceeds of \$536.4 million during the nine months ended September 30, 2010) as compared to the issuance of the 2029 debentures (net proceeds of \$258.9 million) in April 2009. The increase in dividend and distribution payments for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 as compared to the same period in 2009 was a result of an increase in shares outstanding and dividend amount per share in 2010 as compared to 2009.

Comparison of Year Ended December 31, 2009 to Year Ended December 31, 2008 and Comparison of Year Ended December 31, 2008 to Year Ended December 31, 2007

The following table shows cash flows and ending cash and cash equivalent balances for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. Cash flows include the cash flows of 100 Technology Center Drive (sold in March 2007), 4055 Valley View Lane (sold in March 2007) (in thousands).

	Year	r Ended December	Increase /	` ′	
	2009	2008	2007	2009 v 2008	2008 v 2007
Net cash provided by operating activities (including					
discontinued operations)	\$ 283,809	\$ 217,808	\$ 105,655	\$ 66,001	\$ 112,153
Net cash used in investing activities	(519,909)	(647,751)	(537,427)	127,842	(110,324)
Net cash provided by financing activities	235,086	471,925	440,863	(236,839)	31,062
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	\$ (1,014)	\$ 41,982	\$ 9,091	\$ (42,996)	\$ 32,891

The increases in net cash provided by operating activities from 2008 to 2009 and from 2007 to 2008 were primarily due to increased cash flows from new leasing at our same store properties, completed and leased redevelopment space and our acquisition of new operating properties which was partially offset by increased operating and interest expenses. We acquired 6, 5 and 13 properties during the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007 respectively.

Net cash used in investing activities decreased in 2009 as compared to 2008, as we had a decrease in cash paid for capital expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2009 (\$392.4 million) as compared to the same period in 2008 (\$545.2 million) offset by an increase in cash paid for acquisitions for the year ended December 31, 2009 (\$138.0 million) as compared to the same period in 2008 (\$79.2 million).

Net cash used in investing activities increased from 2007 to 2008, as we had an increase in cash payments for our redevelopment program offset by a decrease in cash paid for acquisitions in 2008 (\$79.2 million) as compared to 2007 (\$359.8 million) and the receipt of proceeds from the sales of 100 Technology Center Drive and 4055 Valley View Lane in March 2007.

Net cash flows from financing activities for the company consisted of the following amounts (in thousands).

	Year Ended December 31,			Increase /	` ′
	2009	2008	2007	2009 v 2008	2008 v 2007
Proceeds from borrowings, net of repayments	\$ 46,657	\$ 46,703	\$ 216,006	\$ (46)	\$ (169,303)
Net proceeds from 5.50% exchangeable senior debentures	258,949			258,949	
Net proceeds from issuance of common/preferred stock,					
including exercise of stock options	89,184	549,210	320,751	(460,026)	228,459
Dividend and distribution payments	(150,188)	(130,040)	(97,081)	(20,148)	(32,959)
Other	(9,516)	6,052	1,187	(15,568)	4,865
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 235,086	\$ 471,925	\$ 440,863	\$ (236,839)	\$ 31,062

Net proceeds from issuance of stock were primarily related to our common stock offerings in February 2009 (net proceeds of \$82.9 million), July 2008 (\$211.6 million) and October 2007 (\$150.4 million) and preferred stock offerings in February 2008 (\$333.6 million) and April 2007 (\$169.1 million). Proceeds from mortgage loans were approximately \$122.0 million, \$174.9 million and \$121.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. We issued \$266.4 million of the 2029 debentures on April 20, 2009. The increase in dividend and distribution payments for the year ended December 31, 2009 as compared to the same

84

period in 2008 was a result of an increase in shares outstanding and dividend amount per share in 2009 as compared to 2008 and dividends on our series D preferred stock being paid for a full year in 2009, whereas this series of preferred stock was outstanding for only a portion of 2008. The increase in dividend and distribution payments for the year ended December 31, 2008 as compared to the same period in 2007 was a result of an increase in shares outstanding in 2008 as compared to 2007 and dividends on our series D preferred stock being paid in 2008, whereas this series of preferred stock was not outstanding in 2007.

Net cash flows from financing activities for the operating partnership consisted of the following amounts (in thousands).

	Year	Ended December	31,	Increase / ( 2009 v	(Decrease) 2008 v	
	2009	2008	2007	2008	2007	
Proceeds from borrowings, net of repayments	\$ 46,657	\$ 46,703	\$ 216,006	\$ (46)	\$ (169,303)	
Net proceeds from 5.50% exchangeable senior debentures	258,949			258,949		
General partner contributions	89,184	549,210	320,751	(460,026)	228,459	
Distribution payments	(150,188)	(130,040)	(97,081)	(20,148)	(32,959)	
Other	(9,516)	6,052	1,187	(15,568)	4,865	
Net cash provided by financing activities	\$ 235,086	\$ 471,925	\$ 440,863	\$ (236,839)	\$ 31,062	

General partner contributions were primarily related to the issuance of our operating partnership s units to the company in connection with the company s common stock offerings in February 2009 (net proceeds of \$82.9 million), July 2008 (\$211.6 million) and October 2007 (\$150.4 million) and preferred stock offerings in February 2008 (\$333.6 million) and April 2007 (\$169.1 million). Proceeds from mortgage loans were approximately \$122.0 million, \$174.9 million and \$121.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. We issued \$266.4 million of the 2029 debentures on April 20, 2009. The increase in distribution payments for the year ended December 31, 2009 as compared to the same period in 2008 was a result of an increase in units outstanding and distribution amount per unit in 2009 as compared to 2008 and distributions on our series D preferred units being paid for a full year in 2009, whereas this series of preferred units was outstanding for only a portion of 2008. The increase in distribution payments for the year ended December 31, 2008 as compared to the same period in 2007 was a result of an increase in units outstanding in 2008 as compared to 2007 and distributions on our series D preferred units being paid in 2008, whereas this series of preferred units was not outstanding in 2007.

# Noncontrolling Interests in Operating Partnership

Noncontrolling interests relate to the common units in our operating partnership that are not owned by us, which, as of September 30, 2010, amounted to 5.8% of our operating partnership common units. In conjunction with our formation, GI Partners received common units, in exchange for contributing ownership interests in properties to our operating partnership. Also, our operating partnership issued common units to third party sellers in connection with our acquisition of real estate interests from such third parties.

Limited partners who acquired common units in connection with our formation have the right to require our operating partnership to redeem part or all of their common units for cash based upon the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of our common stock at the time of the redemption. Alternatively, we may elect to acquire those common units in exchange for shares of our common stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits, stock dividends, issuance of stock rights, specified extraordinary distributions and similar events. Pursuant to registration rights agreements we entered into with GI Partners and the other third party contributors, we filed a shelf registration statement covering the issuance of the shares of our common stock issuable upon redemption of the common units, and the resale of those shares of common stock by the holders. As of March 31, 2007, GI Partners no longer had an ownership interest in our operating partnership.

### Inflation

Many of our leases provide for separate real estate tax and operating expense escalations. In addition, many of the leases provide for fixed base rent increases. We believe that inflationary increases may be at least partially offset by the contractual rent increases and expense escalations described above.

# Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Our future income, cash flows and fair values relevant to financial instruments depend upon prevalent market interest rates. Market risk refers to the risk of loss from adverse changes in market prices and interest rates. We do not use derivatives for trading or speculative purposes and only enter into contracts with major financial institutions based on their credit rating and other factors.

# Analysis of Debt between Fixed and Variable Rate

We use interest rate swap and cap agreements and fixed rate debt to reduce our exposure to interest rate movements. As of September 30, 2010, our consolidated debt was as follows (in millions):

		E	stimated	
		Fair		
	Carrying Value		Value	
Fixed rate debt	\$2,222.8	\$	2,582.0	
Variable rate debt subject to interest rate swaps and caps	278.2		279.7	
Total fixed rate debt (including interest rate swaps and caps)	2,501.0		2,861.7	
Variable rate debt	220.6		220.6	
Total outstanding debt	\$2,721.6	\$	3,082.3	

Interest rate swaps included in this table and their fair values as of September 30, 2010 and December 31, 2009 were as follows (in thousands):

Fair	Value	at Ci	anific	ant O	tha

	Notional	l Amo	ount					(	Observable In	puts (	Level 2)
Se	As of eptember 30,		As of	Type of					As of		As of
	2010	De	cember 31, 2009	Derivative	Strike Rate	Effective Date	Expiration Date	Sep	tember 30, 2010	Dec	ember 31, 2009
	\$ 19,802(1)	\$	20,831(1)	Swap	4.944	Jul. 10, 2006	Apr. 10, 2011	\$	(424)	\$	(952)
	67,304(1)		$69,154_{(1)}$	Swap	2.980	April 6, 2009	Nov. 30, 2013		(3,389)		(299)
	14,297(2)		15,208(2)	Swap	3.981	May 17, 2006	Jul. 18, 2013		(981)		(889)
	10,343(2)		11,003(2)	Swap	4.070	Jun. 23, 2006	Jul. 18, 2013		(734)		(675)
	$9,102^{(2)}$		9,682(2)	Swap	3.989	Jul. 27, 2006	Oct. 18, 2013		(668)		(579)
	$42,372^{(2)}$		45,067(2)	Swap	3.776	Dec. 5, 2006	Jan. 18, 2012		(1,408)		(1,887)
	36,429(2)		38,746(2)	Swap	4.000	Dec. 20, 2006	Jan. 18, 2012		(1,315)		(1,794)
	$40,902^{(2)}$		42,993(2)	Swap	2.703	Dec. 3, 2009	Sep. 4, 2014		(1,660)		(453)
	17,171		17,737	Cap	4.000	June 24, 2009	June 25, 2012		1		70
	20,500			Cap	4.000	Aug. 4, 2010	June 15, 2013		16		
	\$ 278,222	\$	270,421					\$	(10,562)	\$	(7,458)

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

- (1) Translation to U.S. dollars is based on exchange rate of \$1.57 to £1.00 as of September 30, 2010 and \$1.61 to £1.00 as of December 31, 2009.
- (2) Translation to U.S. dollars is based on exchange rate of \$1.36 to 1.00 as of September 30, 2010 and \$1.43 to 1.00 as of December 31, 2009.

86

# Sensitivity to Changes in Interest Rates.

The following table shows the effect if assumed changes in interest rates occurred:

	Interest rate change		
Assumed event	(basis points)	Change (\$	millions)
Increase in fair value of interest rate swaps and caps following an assumed			
10% increase in interest rates	11	\$	0.6
Decrease in fair value of interest rate swaps and caps following an assumed			
10% decrease in interest rates	(11)		(0.6)
Increase in annual interest expense on our debt that is variable rate and not			
subject to swapped or capped interest following a 10% increase in interest			
rates	11		0.2
Decrease in annual interest expense on our debt that is variable rate and not			
subject to swapped or capped interest following a 10% decrease in interest			
rates	(11)		(0.2)
Increase in fair value of fixed rate debt following a 10% decrease in interest			
rates	(11)		10.6
Decrease in fair value of fixed rate debt following a 10% increase in interest			
rates	11		

(9.8)

Interest risk amounts were determined by considering the impact of hypothetical interest rates on our financial instruments. These analyses do not consider the effect of any change in overall economic activity that could occur in that environment. Further, in the event of a change of that magnitude, we may take actions to further mitigate our exposure to the change. However, due to the uncertainty of the specific actions that would be taken and their possible effects, these analyses assume no changes in our financial structure.

# Foreign Currency Exchange Risk

For the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, we had foreign operations in the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, The Netherlands, Switzerland and Canada and, as such, are subject to risk from the effects of exchange rate movements of foreign currencies, which may affect future costs and cash flows. Our foreign operations are conducted in the British Pound, Euro and the Swiss Franc, except for our Canadian property for which the functional currency is the U.S. dollar. Our primary currency exposures are to the Euro and the British Pound. We attempt to mitigate a portion of the risk of currency fluctuation by financing our properties in the local currency denominations, although there can be no assurance that this will be effective. As a result, changes in the relation of any such foreign currency to U.S. dollars may affect our revenues, operating margins and distributions and may also affect the book value of our assets and the amount of stockholders equity. For the three months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, operating revenues from properties outside the United States contributed \$23.9 million and \$20.7 million, respectively, which represented 10.1% and 12.7% of our operating revenues, respectively, and for the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and 2009, operating revenues from properties outside the United States contributed \$69.4 million and \$60.1 million, respectively, which represented 11.1% and 12.9% of our operating revenues, respectively.

# Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

Not Applicable.

87

### **BUSINESS AND PROPERTIES**

### **Business**

#### General

We target high-quality, strategically located properties containing applications and operations critical to the day-to-day operations of technology industry tenants and corporate enterprise datacenter users, including the information technology, or IT, departments of Fortune 100 and financial services companies. Our tenant base is diversified within the technology industry and reflects a broad spectrum of regional, national and international tenants that are leaders in their respective areas. Digital Realty Trust, L.P., a Maryland limited partnership, is the entity through which Digital Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, conducts its business and owns its assets. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. operates as a REIT for federal income tax purposes.

At September 30, 2010, we owned 95 properties, excluding two properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures. Our properties are primarily located throughout North America with 14 properties in Europe. Our properties contain a total of approximately 16.4 million net rentable square feet, including approximately 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment. A significant component of our current and future internal growth is anticipated through the development of our existing space held for redevelopment and through acquisitions of new properties. Our operations and acquisition activities are focused on a limited number of markets where technology industry tenants and corporate datacenter users are concentrated, including the Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York Metro, Northern Virginia, Phoenix, San Francisco and Silicon Valley metropolitan areas in the U.S. and the Amsterdam, Dublin, London and Paris markets in Europe. As of September 30, 2010, our portfolio, excluding space held for redevelopment, was approximately 95.0% leased. The types of properties within our focus include:

Internet gateway datacenters, which serve as hubs for Internet and data communications within and between major metropolitan areas:

Corporate datacenters, which provide secure, continuously available environments for the storage and processing of critical electronic information. Data centers are used for disaster recovery purposes, transaction processing and to house corporate IT operations;

Technology manufacturing properties, which contain highly specialized manufacturing environments for such purposes as disk drive manufacturing, semiconductor manufacturing and specialty pharmaceutical manufacturing; and

Regional or national offices of technology companies that are located in our target markets.

Unlike traditional office and flex/research and development space, the location of and improvements to our facilities are generally essential to our tenants businesses, which we believe results in high occupancy levels, long lease terms and low tenant turnover. In addition, many of our properties have tenant improvements that have been installed at our tenants expense. The tenant improvements in our facilities are generally readily adaptable for use by similar tenants. We also had approximately 1.9 million square feet available for redevelopment at September 30, 2010.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. was incorporated in the state of Maryland on March 9, 2004. Digital Realty Trust, L.P. was organized in the state of Maryland on July 21, 2004. Our principal executive offices are located at 560 Mission Street, Suite 2900, San Francisco, California 94105. Our telephone number at that location is (415) 738-6500. Our website is located at 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.

# **Recent Developments**

On November 23, 2010, we completed the acquisition of a datacenter in Singapore for approximately SGD174.4 million, or approximately \$134.5 million based on the exchange rate in effect on November 23, 2010. The acquisition was financed with borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

On November 19, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. issued 601,127 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$189,889 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$204,484 in exchange for \$18,985,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated November 19, 2010, by and among Digital Realty Trust, Inc., our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

On November 16, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. issued 72,826 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$15,125 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$23,719 in exchange for \$2,300,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated November 16, 2010, by and among Digital Realty Trust, Inc., our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

On September 24, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. issued 94,990 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$19,500 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$13,406 in exchange for \$3,000,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated September 24, 2010, by and among Digital Realty Trust, Inc., our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

On September 17, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. issued 28,496 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$5,919 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$3,197 in exchange for \$900,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated September 17, 2010, by and among Digital Realty Trust, Inc., our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

In two settlements on August 30, 2010 and September 1, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. issued an aggregate of 436,539 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an aggregate incentive fee equal to \$91,062 and aggregate accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$25,157 in exchange for \$13,847,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institution pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated August 30, 2010, by and among Digital Realty Trust, Inc., our operating partnership and such institution.

On August 19, 2010, we acquired two fully leased datacenter properties for a purchase price of \$50.3 million. The first property is 2950 Zanker Road, located in San Jose, California, and totals approximately 69,700 rentable square feet. The second property is 900 Dorothy Drive, located in Richardson, Texas, and totals over 56,000 rentable square feet. The acquisition was financed with cash on hand and borrowings under our revolving credit facility.

On August 5, 2010, we acquired a 50% controlling interest in a joint venture that owns 800 Central Expressway, a vacant 150,000 square foot powered shell building that was added to our inventory of space held for redevelopment. Upon obtaining control of the joint venture, we consolidated the joint venture which included a property with an estimated fair value of \$27.1 million, \$2.1 million of restricted cash, and \$23.9 million of secured loans which were paid down to \$20.5 million in connection with our acquisition. In addition, each member subsequently contributed \$8.8 million to fund a lender required impound account to be used to fund future expected redevelopment costs.

89

On August 5, 2010, we acquired a 50% noncontrolling common interest in a joint venture for approximately \$6.0 million that owns 700 and 750 Central Expressway, two fully leased office buildings comprising approximately 300,000 square feet. The joint venture is encumbered by \$29.1 million of secured loans. We made a \$4.1 million preferred equity contribution to the joint venture which was used to pay down to secured loans to \$25 million. We have the option to put our common interest back to the other member, subject to certain conditions, at a price equal to our initial common interest contribution of \$6.0 million.

On July 27, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. issued 236,444 privately issued shares of its common stock, par value \$0.01 per share, to our operating partnership, and our operating partnership delivered the shares and paid an incentive fee equal to \$37,516 and accrued and unpaid interest equal to \$138,360 in exchange for \$7,500,000 in aggregate principal amount of the 2026 debentures held by an institutional investor pursuant to an exchange agreement, dated July 27, 2010, by and among Digital Realty Trust, Inc., our operating partnership and such institutional investor.

On July 22, 2010, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. distributed a Notice of Redemption to all holders of record of its outstanding 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, or the Series A Preferred Stock, regarding its redemption of all 4,140,000 outstanding shares of the Series A Preferred Stock at a redemption price of \$25.31285 per share. The redemption price was equal to the original issuance price of \$25.00 per share, plus accrued and unpaid dividends. The redemption date was August 24, 2010. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. funded the redemption with borrowings under our revolving credit facility, which our operating partnership distributed to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. in connection with our operating partnership s redemption of all 4,140,000 of its outstanding 8.50% Series A Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units held by Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

On July 13, 2010, we completed the acquisition of the Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio. The purchase price was approximately \$725.0 million and was funded with proceeds from our common stock offering in June 2010 and notes offering in July 2010 along with borrowings under our revolving credit facility. The Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio, which comprises a total of approximately 919,000 square feet and consists of: 365 Main Street, San Francisco, California; 2260 East El Segundo Boulevard, El Segundo, California; 720 2nd Street, Oakland, California; 2121 South Price Road, Chandler, Arizona; and 4030-4050 Lafayette Center Drive, Chantilly, Virginia, was purchased from joint ventures that are majority-owned by affiliates of Rockwood Capital, LLC and managed by 365 Main, Inc. All data centers in the Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio were developed in 2000 or later. The Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio is leased to a diverse roster of over 200 tenants in various industries. Based on information provided by the sellers, we believe that, as of March 31, 2010, approximately 94% of the total square feet available for lease at the buildings in the Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio was occupied. The total square feet available for lease in the Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio is based on a number of factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area. Our estimate of the percentage of occupied rentable square feet in the Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio may change based on our experience operating the properties. The Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio includes approximately 250,000 square feet of additional new datacenter development potential at 2121 South Price Road in Chandler, Arizona and approximately \$13.0 million of uninstalled datacenter infrastructure improvements.

On July 8, 2010, we closed the issuance of \$375.0 million in aggregate principal amount of the 2015 notes. The purchase price paid by the initial purchasers was 99.697% of the principal amount thereof. The notes are general unsecured senior obligations of our operating partnership, rank equally in right of payment with all other senior unsecured indebtedness of our operating partnership and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by us. Interest on the notes is payable on January 15 and July 15 of each year, beginning on January 15, 2011. The net proceeds from the offering after deducting the original issue discount, underwriting commissions and estimated expenses was approximately \$370.6 million. We used the net proceeds from the offering to fund a portion of the acquisition of the Rockwood Capital/365 Main Portfolio.

90

# Our Competitive Strengths

We believe we distinguish ourselves from other owners, acquirors and managers of technology-related real estate through our competitive strengths, which include:

High-Quality Portfolio that is Difficult to Replicate. Our portfolio contains state-of-the-art data center facilities with extensive tenant improvements. Based on current market rents and the estimated replacement costs of our properties and their improvements, we believe that they could not be replicated today on a cost-competitive basis. Our portfolio of corporate and Internet gateway data center facilities is equipped to meet the power and cooling requirements for the most demanding corporate IT applications. Many of the properties in our portfolio are located on major aggregation points formed by the physical presence of multiple major telecommunications service providers, which reduces our tenants costs and operational risks and increases the attractiveness of our buildings.

**Presence in Key Markets.** Our portfolio is located in 28 metropolitan areas, 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 Amsterdam, Dublin, London and Paris markets in Europe, and is diversified so that no one market represented more than 13.7% of the aggregate annualized rent of our portfolio as of September 30, 2010.

**Proven Ability To Sign New Leases.** We have considerable experience in identifying and leasing to new tenants. The combination of our specialized data center leasing team and customer referrals continues to provide a robust pipeline of new tenants. During the year ended December 31, 2009, we commenced new leases totaling approximately 757,000 square feet, which represent approximately \$80.1 million in annualized GAAP rent. During the nine months ended September 30, 2010, we commenced new leases totaling approximately 509,000 square feet, which represent approximately \$51.0 million in annualized GAAP rent. These leases were comprised of Powered Base Buildings®, Turn-Key Datacenters®, and ancillary office and other uses.

Demonstrated Acquisition Capability. As of September 30, 2010, our portfolio consisted of 95 technology-related real estate properties, excluding two properties held through investments in unconsolidated joint ventures, that we or our predecessor acquired beginning in 2002, for an aggregate of 16.4 million net rentable square feet, including approximately 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment. We have developed detailed, standardized procedures for evaluating acquisitions, including income producing assets and vacant properties suitable for redevelopment, to ensure that they meet our financial, technical and other criteria. These procedures and our in-depth knowledge of the technology and data center industries allow us to identify strategically located properties and evaluate investment opportunities efficiently and, as appropriate, commit and close quickly. Our broad network of contacts within a highly fragmented universe of sellers and brokers of technology-related real estate enables us to capitalize on acquisition opportunities. As a result, we acquired more than half of our properties before they were broadly marketed by real estate brokers.

Flexible Datacenter Solutions. We provide flexible, customer oriented solutions designed to meet the needs of technology and corporate data center users, including Turn-Key Datacenter®, Powered Base Building® and build-to-suit options. Our Turn-Key Datacenters® are move-in ready, physically secure facilities with the power and cooling capabilities to support mission-critical IT enterprise applications. We believe our Turn-Key Datacenters® are effective solutions for tenants that lack the expertise, capital budget or desire to provide their own extensive data center infrastructure, management and security. For tenants that possess the ability to build and operate their own facility, our Powered Base Building® solution provides the physical location, required power and network access necessary to support a state-of-the-art data center. Our in-house engineering and design and construction professionals can also provide tenants with customized build-to-suit solutions to meet their unique specifications. Our Critical Facilities Management® services and team of technical engineers and data center operations experts provide 24/7 support for these mission-critical facilities.

Differentiating Development Advantages. Our extensive development activity, operating scale and process-based approach to data center design, construction and operations result in significant cost savings and added value for our tenants. We have leveraged our purchasing power by securing global purchasing agreements and developing relationships with major equipment manufacturers, reducing costs and shortening delivery timeframes on key components, including major mechanical and electrical equipment. Utilizing our innovative modular data center design referred to as POD Architecture®, we deliver what we believe to be a technically superior data center environment at significant cost savings. In addition, by utilizing our POD Architecture® to develop new Turn-Key Datacenters® in our existing Powered Base Buildings®, on average we are able to deliver a fully commissioned facility in just under 30 weeks. Finally, our access to capital allows us to provide financing options for tenants that do not want to invest their own capital.

Diverse Tenant Base Across a Variety of Industry Sectors. We use our in-depth knowledge of the requirements and trends for Internet and data communications and corporate data center users to market our properties to domestic and international tenants with specific technology needs. At September 30, 2010, we had approximately 530 tenants across a variety of industry sectors, ranging from information technology and Internet enterprises to financial services, energy and manufacturing companies. Our largest tenant accounted for only approximately 8.0% of the aggregate annualized rent of our portfolio as of September 30, 2010 and no other single tenant accounted for more than approximately 4.3% of the aggregate annualized rent of our portfolio.

**Experienced and Committed Management Team and Organization.** Our senior management team, including our Chairman, has an average of over 25 years of experience in the technology or real estate industries, including experience as investors in, advisors to and founders of technology companies. We believe that our company s senior management team s extensive knowledge of both the real estate and the technology industries provides us with a key competitive advantage. At September 30, 2010, our senior management team collectively owned common equity interests in our company of approximately 1.4%, which aligns management s interests with those of our stockholders.

**Long-Term Leases That Complement Our Growth.** We have long-term leases with stable cash flows. As of September 30, 2010, our weighted-average lease term was approximately 14 years, with a weighted-average of approximately seven years remaining, excluding renewal options. Our lease expirations through December 31, 2011 are 10.3% of our net rentable square feet excluding space held for redevelopment as of September 30, 2010.

# **Business and Growth Strategies**

Our primary business objectives are to maximize sustainable long-term growth in earnings, funds from operations and cash flow per share and unit and to maximize returns to our stockholders and our operating partnership s unitholders. Our business strategies to achieve these objectives are:

Achieve Superior Returns on Redevelopment Inventory. At September 30, 2010, we had approximately 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment. At September 30, 2010, approximately 209,000 square feet of our space held for redevelopment was undergoing construction for Turn-Key Datacenter® space in five U.S. markets and two European markets. These projects have sufficient power capacity to meet the power and cooling requirements of today s advanced data centers. We will continue to build-out our redevelopment portfolio when justified by anticipated returns.

Capitalize on Acquisition Opportunities. We believe that acquisitions enable us to increase cash flow and create long-term stockholder value. Our relationships with corporate information technology groups, technology tenants and real estate brokers who are dedicated to serving these tenants provide us with ongoing access to potential acquisitions and often enable us to avoid competitive bidding. Furthermore, the specialized nature of technology-related real estate makes it more difficult for traditional real estate investors to understand, which results in reduced competition for acquisitions relative to other property types. We believe this dynamic creates an opportunity for us to obtain better risk-adjusted returns on our capital.

92

Access and Use Capital Efficiently. We believe we can increase stockholder returns by effectively accessing and deploying capital. Since Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering in 2004, our company has raised over \$5.9 billion of capital through common, preferred and convertible preferred equity offerings, two exchangeable debt offerings, two non-exchangeable bond offerings, our revolving credit facility, secured mortgage financings and refinancings and sales of non-core assets. We will endeavor to maintain financial flexibility while using our liquidity and access to capital to support operations, including our acquisition, leasing, development and redevelopment programs, which are important sources of our growth.

Maximize the Cash Flow of our Properties. We aggressively manage and lease our assets to increase their cash flow. We often acquire properties with substantial in-place cash flow and some vacancy, which enables us to create upside through lease-up. Moreover, many of our properties contain extensive in-place infrastructure or buildout that may result in higher rents when leased to tenants seeking these improvements. We control our costs by negotiating expense pass-through provisions in tenant leases for operating expenses, including power costs and certain capital expenditures. Leases covering approximately 73% of the leased net rentable square feet in our portfolio as of September 30, 2010 required tenants to pay all or a portion of increases in operating expenses, including real estate taxes, insurance, common area charges and other expenses.

**Leverage Strong Industry Relationships.** We use our strong industry relationships with national and regional corporate enterprise information technology groups and technology-intensive companies to identify and comprehensively respond to their real estate needs. Our company s leasing and sales professionals are real estate and technology industry specialists who can develop complex facility solutions for the most demanding corporate data center and other technology tenants.

### Competition

We compete with numerous developers, owners and operators of real estate and datacenters, many of which own properties similar to ours in the same markets in which our properties are located, including DuPont Fabros Technology, Inc., CoreSite and various local developers in the U.S., and Global Switch, Centrum and various regional operators in Europe. If our competitors offer space that our tenants or potential tenants perceive to be superior to ours based on numerous factors, including available power, security considerations, location, or connectivity, or if they offer rental rates below current market rates, or below the rental rates we are offering, we may lose tenants or potential tenants or be required to incur costs to improve our properties or reduce our rental rates. In addition, recently many of our competitors have developed or redeveloped additional datacenter space. If the supply of datacenter space continues to increase as a result of these activities or otherwise, rental rates may be reduced or we may face delays in or be unable to lease our vacant space, including space that we develop or redevelop. Finally, if tenants or potential tenants desire services that we do not offer, we may not be able to lease our space to those tenants. Our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow, cash available for distribution and ability to satisfy our debt service obligations could be materially adversely affected as a result of any or all of these factors.

# Regulation

General

Office properties in our submarkets are subject to various laws, ordinances and regulations, including regulations relating to common areas. We believe that each of our properties as of September 30, 2010 has the necessary permits and approvals to operate its business.

Americans With Disabilities Act

Our properties must comply with Title III of the ADA to the extent that such properties are public accommodations as defined by the ADA. The ADA may require removal of structural barriers to access by persons with disabilities in certain public areas of our properties where such removal is readily achievable. We

93

believe that our properties are in substantial compliance with the ADA and that we will not be required to make substantial capital expenditures to address the requirements of the ADA. However, noncompliance with the ADA could result in imposition of fines or an award of damages to private litigants. The obligation to make readily achievable accommodations is an ongoing one, and we will continue to assess our properties and to make alterations as appropriate in this respect.

### **Environmental Matters**

Under various laws relating to the protection of the environment, a current or previous owner or operator of real estate may be liable for contamination resulting from the presence or discharge of hazardous or toxic substances at that property, and may be required to investigate and clean up such contamination at that property or emanating from that property. Such laws often impose liability without regard to whether the owner or operator knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of the contaminants, and the liability may be joint and several. Previous owners used some of our properties for industrial and retail purposes, so those properties may contain some level of environmental contamination. The presence of contamination or the failure to remediate contamination at our properties may expose us to third-party liability or materially adversely affect our ability to sell, lease or develop the real estate or to borrow using the real estate as collateral.

Some of the properties may contain asbestos-containing building materials. Environmental laws require that asbestos-containing building materials be properly managed and maintained, and may impose fines and penalties on building owners or operators for failure to comply with these requirements. These laws may also allow third parties to seek recovery from owners or operators for personal injury associated with exposure to asbestos-containing building materials.

In addition, some of our tenants, particularly those in the biotechnology and life sciences industry and those in the technology manufacturing industry, routinely handle hazardous substances and wastes as part of their operations at our properties, including chemical solvents, medical waste, hydrocarbons, batteries and pesticides. Environmental laws and regulations subject our tenants, and potentially us, to liability resulting from these activities or from previous industrial or retail uses of those properties. Environmental liabilities could also affect a tenant—s ability to make rental payments to us. We require our tenants to comply with these environmental laws and regulations and to indemnify us for any related liabilities.

Independent environmental consultants have conducted Phase I or similar environmental site assessments on all of the properties in our portfolio. Site assessments are intended to discover and evaluate information regarding the environmental condition of the surveyed property and surrounding properties. These assessments do not generally include soil samplings, subsurface investigations or an asbestos survey. None of the recent site assessments revealed any past or present environmental liability that we believe would have a material adverse effect on our business, assets or results of operations. However, the assessments may have failed to reveal all environmental conditions, liabilities or compliance concerns. Material environmental conditions, liabilities or compliance concerns may have arisen after the review was completed or may arise in the future; and future laws, ordinances or regulations may impose material additional environmental liability.

### Insurance

We carry comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage, earthquake, business interruption and rental loss insurance covering all of the properties in our portfolio under a blanket policy. We select policy specifications and insured limits which we believe to be appropriate given the relative risk of loss, the cost of the coverage and industry practice and, in the opinion of our company s management, the properties in our portfolio are currently adequately insured. We do not carry insurance for generally uninsured losses such as loss from war, or nuclear reaction. In addition, we carry earthquake insurance on our properties in an amount and with deductibles which we believe are commercially reasonable. Certain of the properties in our portfolio are located in areas known to be seismically active. See Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business and Operations Potential losses may not be covered by insurance.

94

# **Employees**

As of September 30, 2010, we had 420 employees. None of these employees are represented by a labor union.

# How to Obtain Our SEC Filings

All reports we file with the SEC will be available free of charge via EDGAR through the SEC website at www.sec.gov. In addition, the public may read and copy materials we file with the SEC at the SEC s public reference room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. We will also provide copies of our Forms 8-K, 10-K, 10-Q, Proxy Statement, Annual Report and amendments to those documents at no charge to investors upon request and make electronic copies of such reports available through our website at www.digitalrealtytrust.com as soon as reasonably practicable after filing such material with the SEC. The information found on, or otherwise accessible through, our website is not incorporated by reference into, nor does it form a part of, this prospectus, or any other document that we file with the SEC.

# Offices

Our headquarters are located in San Francisco. We have regional offices in Boston, Chicago, Dallas, Los Angeles, New York, Northern Virginia and Phoenix and international offices in Dublin, London and Paris.

# Reports to Security Holders

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. is required to send an annual report to its securityholders and to our operating partnership s unitholders.

### Legal Proceedings

In the ordinary course of our business, we may become subject to tort claims, breach of contract and other claims and administrative proceedings. As of September 30, 2010, we were not a party to any legal proceedings which we believe would have a material effect on us.

95

# **Properties**

# Our Portfolio

As of September 30, 2010, we owned 95 properties, excluding two properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures. These properties are primarily located throughout North America, with 14 properties located in Europe, and contain a total of approximately 16.4 million net rentable square feet, including 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment. The following table presents an overview of our portfolio of properties, excluding the two properties held as investments in unconsolidated joint ventures, based on information as of September 30, 2010. All properties are held in fee except as otherwise indicated. Please refer to note 5 to our condensed consolidated financial statements as of September 30, 2010 included elsewhere in this prospectus for a description of all applicable encumbrances as of September 30, 2010.

			Net				Annualized
			Rentable				Rent per
			Square Feet				Occupied
			Excluding		Annualized		Square
<b>D</b> (1)	Acquisition	M-4	Redevelopment Space <sup>(2)</sup>	Redevelopment	Rent (\$000) <sup>(4)</sup>	Percent Leased <sup>(5)</sup>	Foot (\$) <sup>(6)</sup>
Property <sup>(1)</sup> Internet Gateways	date	Metropolitan Area	Space(2)	Space <sup>(3)</sup>	(\$000)(4)	Leased	(\$)(0)
350 East Cermak Road	May-05	Chicago	1,129,226	4,513	61,770	96.3%	56.78
200 Paul Avenue 1-4	Nov-04	San Francisco	458,708	68,972	25,728	96.3%	58.21
120 E. Van Buren Street	Jul-06	Phoenix	254,497	33,017	21,437	97.5%	86.40
111 Eighth Avenue <sup>(7)</sup>	Mar-07	New York/New Jersey	116,843	33,017	18,494	100.0%	158.28
600 West Seventh Street	May-04	Los Angeles	482,089	7,633	17,674	95.8%	38.27
114 Rue Ambroise Croizat <sup>(8)</sup>	Dec-06	Paris, France	332,300	19,846	17,260	91.9%	56.51
2323 Bryan Street	Jan-02	Dallas	457,217	19,890	14,567	74.5%	42.79
1100 Space Park Drive	Nov-04	Silicon Valley	165,297	17,070	7,890	100.0%	47.73
600-780 S. Federal	Sep-05	Chicago	161,547		6,067	65.8%	57.07
36 NE 2nd Street	Jan-02	Miami	162,140		5,333	95.9%	34.32
6 Braham Street <sup>(9)</sup>	Jul-02	London, England	63,233		4,479	100.0%	70.83
900 Walnut Street	Aug-07	St Louis	112,266		3,722	90.6%	36.60
125 North Myers	Aug-05	Charlotte	25,402		1,282	100.0%	50.45
731 East Trade Street	Aug-05	Charlotte	40,879		1,236	100.0%	30.24
113 North Myers	Aug-05	Charlotte	29,218		780	100.0%	26.70
	8		,				
			3,990,862	153,871	207,719	92.5%	56.29
Corporate Datacenters			3,550,002	133,071	207,719	92.3 /0	30.29
2121 South Price Road	Jul-10	Phoenix	293,479		31,194	97.3%	109.23
365 Main Street	Jul-10	San Francisco	226,981		26,916	86.1%	137.79
128 First Avenue CDO	Jan-10	Boston	274,750		20,424	99.6%	74.65
720 Second Street	Jul-10	San Francisco	121,220		18,403	97.5%	155.66
43881 Devon Shafron Drive	Mar-07	Northern Virginia	180,000		17,978	98.5%	101.44
3 Corporate Place	Dec-05	New York/New Jersey	276,931		15,932	96.1%	59.85
300 Boulevard East	Nov-02	New York/New Jersey	311,950		14,730	100.0%	47.22
2440 Marsh Lane	Jan-03	Dallas	135,250		14,218	100.0%	105.13
60 & 80 Merritt Boulevard	Jan-10	New York/ New Jersey	169,540		12,073	100.0%	71.21
833 Chestnut Street	Mar-05	Philadelphia	588,770	65,988	11,469	85.7%	22.73
43915 Devin Shafron Drive	May-09	Northern Virginia	123,051	9,229	11,118	75.6%	119.54
2260 East El Segundo Boulevard	Jul-10	Los Angeles	132,240	-,	10,774	100.0%	81.47
43791 Devon Shafron Drive	Mar-07	Northern Virginia	132,806	2.194	10,045	100.0%	75.63
55 Middlesex Turnpike	Jan-10	Boston	106,000	2,12	10,031	87.9%	107.63
1350 Duane & 3080 Raymond	Oct-09	Silicon Valley	185,000		9,693	100.0%	52.40
3011 Lafayette Street	Jan-07	Silicon Valley	90,780		9,658	100.0%	106.39
Unit 9. Blanchardstown			,		-,		
Corporate Park <sup>(8)</sup>	Dec-06	Dublin, Ireland	111,691	8,309	9,036	99.0%	81.71
Clonshaugh Industrial	_ 20 00	,	111,071	0,007	,,,,,,	22.070	01.71
Estate II <sup>(8)</sup>	Feb-06	Dublin, Ireland	124,500		8,855	100.0%	71.12
365 S. Randolphville Road	Feb-08	New York/ New Jersey	77,085	187,707	8,833	74.5%	153.75
1500 Space Park Drive	Sep-07	Silicon Valley	51,615	-07,707	8,790	100.0%	170.29
Space I am Diffe	20P 07		31,013		3,770	100.070	170.27

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

1525 Comstock Street	Sep-09	Silicon Valley	42,385		8,682	100.0%	204.83
4025 Midway Road	Jan-06	Dallas	90,058	10,532	8,497	100.0%	94.35
2055 East Technology Circle <sup>(11)</sup>	Oct-06	Phoenix	76.350		7,785	100.0%	101.96

Property()				Net				Annualized
Property(1)				Rentable				Rent per
Property O				<b>Square Feet</b>				Occupied
Property				Excluding		Annualized		Square
Mundells Roundbout®	Property(1)	•	Metropolitan Area	•	•			
Cressex 199	Mundells Roundabout <sup>(9)</sup>		•	•		· · · /		(.,/
2045 & 2.025 LaFayette Street         May-04         Silicon Valley         300,000         6.660         19.3%         32.20           118 50 South First Street         Sep-04         Dallas         365,647         6.28         96.6%         17.63           118 10 Webb Chapel Road         Aug-04         Dallas         365,647         6.28         96.6%         17.63           38 K. Ames Boulevard?         Dec-07         London, England         36.668         59.716         6.129         79.5%         210.14           4030 Lafayette Center Drive         Jul-10         Northern Virginia         12.660         5.745         100.09         182.72           2334 Lundy Place         Dec-09         Silicon Valley         130.752         4.784         100.09         36.59           45901 & 48845 Nokes Blvd         Dec-09         Silicon Valley         24,000         4.247         100.09         26.01           1201 Comstock Street         Jun-08         Silicon Valley         24,000         4.247         4.115         100.09         8.744           4470 Chilum Place         Feb-17         Northern Virginia         195,440         4.115         100.09         7.749           1202 Constance         App-40         Hals         14.792	375 Riverside Parkway	•	Atlanta	248,268	1,923	7,146	100.0%	28.78
150 South First Street   Sep-04   Silicon Valley   179.761   6.644   98.39′, 37.60   11830 Web Chapel Road   Aug-04   Dallas   365.647   6.228   96.66   17.63   35t. Ame s Boulevard*   Dec-07   London, England   36.668   59.716   6.129   79.59′, 21.01.4   40.00   Laflayer Center Drive   Dal-10   Northern Virginia   72.696   57.45   100.09′   79.53   13901 EAA Boulevard   Jun-06   Dallas   263.700   4.817   100.09′   18.27   13901 EAA Boulevard   Jun-06   Dallas   263.700   4.817   100.09′   18.27   13901 EAA Boulevard   Dec-02   Silicon Valley   130.752   4.748   100.09′   25.01   1201 Constock Street   Jun-08   Silicon Valley   4.400   4.437   100.09′   25.01   1232 Alma Road   Sep-09   Dallas   71,579   34.147   4.115   100.09′   57.49   44.470 Chilum Place   Feb-07   Northern Virginia   95.440   4.103   100.09′   57.49   1201 North Freeway   Apc-06   Houston   280.483   20.222   4.019   75.49′   18.99   1201 North Freeway   Apc-06   Houston   66.730   4.99′   3.390   100.09′   23.09   1201 North Freeway   Apc-06   Houston   66.730   4.99′   3.390   100.09′   23.09   24.09   3.540   4.00°   3.05′   24.00°   3.05′   3.00°	Cressex 1 <sup>(9)</sup>	Dec-07	London, England	50,847		6,720	100.0%	132.17
1830 Webb Chapel Road   Ag-04   Dallas   36,5647   6,228   96,6%   17,63     354. Ames Boulevar@   Dec-07   London, England   36,6668   59,716   6,129   79,5%   21,014     4030 Lafayette Center Drive   Jul-10   Northern Virginia   72,696   5,745   100,0%   79,03     4301 FAA Boulevard   Jun-06   Dallas   263,700   4,817   100,0%   36,59     4350 La 4538 Nokes Bird   Dec-09   Silicon Valley   130,752   4,784   100,0%   36,59     4590 La 4538 Nokes Bird   Dec-09   Northern Virginia   167,160   4,347   100,0%   26,51     2120 Constock Street   Jun-08   Silicon Valley   24,000   4,333   100,0%   180,12     2123 Alma Road   Sep-09   Dallas   71,579   34,147   4,115   100,0%   57,49     44470 Chilum Place   Feb-07   Northern Virginia   95,440   4,103   100,0%   42,99     2201 North Freeway   Ap-06   Houston   280,483   20,222   4,019   75,4%   18,99     2201 Walsh Street   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   167,992   3,590   100,0%   20,99     2401 Walsh Street   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   167,992   3,590   100,0%   33,82     2590 Zanker Road   Apr-04   Dallas   84,552   40,986   2,860   100,0%   33,82     2590 Zanker Road   Apr-04   Dallas   84,552   40,986   2,860   100,0%   33,82     25161 & 2   2371 Beaumeade Cir   Da-07   Northern Virginia   135,513   2,739   100,0%   20,92     21561 & 2   2371 Beaumeade Cir   Dec-09   Northern Virginia   135,513   2,739   100,0%   40,31     2160 Wilchard Franday Court   Oct-06   Northern Virginia   135,588   48,000   2,484   82,0%   19,44     2160 North Nab Street   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   15,388   48,000   2,448   82,0%   19,44     2161 & 1267 Franday Court   Oct-06   Northern Virginia   19,237   2,613   100,0%   135,38     2161 & 1267 Franday Court   Oct-06   Northern Virginia   19,237   2,613   100,0%   135,38     2161 & 1267 Franday Court   Oct-06   Northern Virginia   19,237   2,613   100,0%	2045 & 2055 LaFayette Street	May-04		300,000		6,660	100.0%	
3 St. Anne s Boulevard**         Dec-07         London, England         36,668         59,716         6,129         79,5%         210,10           14901 FAA Boulevard         Jun-06         Dallas         26,3700         4,817         100,0%         18,27           234 Lundy Place         Dec-02         Silicon Valley         130,752         4,784         100,0%         36,50           45901 & 45845 Nokes Bivd         Dec-09         Northern Virginia         167,160         4,347         100,0%         26,01           1201 Constock Street         Jun-08         Silicon Valley         24,000         4,323         100,0%         75,49           4470 Chilum Place         Feb-07         Northern Virginia         95,440         4,103         100,0%         87,49           44470 Chilum Place         Feb-07         Northern Virginia         95,440         4,103         100,0%         42,99           2300 North Freeway         Apr-04         Houston         280,483         20,222         4,019         75,4%         84,99           2401 Walsh Street         Jun-05         Boston         66,730         3,540         100,0%         20,90           2510 Walsh Street         Jun-05         Boston         85,660         3,463		Sep-04	•	179,761		·		
4930 Lafayette Center Drive   Jul-10   Northern Virginia   72,996   5,745   100,0%   79,03   2334 Lundy Place   Dec-02   Silicon Valley   130,752   4,784   100,0%   36,59   4590 L. & 4535 Nokes Blvd   Dec-09   Northern Virginia   167,160   4,347   100,0%   26,01   1201 Comstock Street   Jun-08   Silicon Valley   24,000   4,33   100,0%   180,12   1232 Alma Road   Sep-09   Dallas   71,579   34,147   4,115   100,0%   26,79   1201 Comstock Street   Jun-08   Silicon Valley   24,000   4,33   100,0%   180,12   1232 Alma Road   Sep-09   Dallas   71,579   34,147   4,115   100,0%   42,99   12001 North Freeway   Apr-06   Houston   280,483   20,222   4,019   75,4%   18,99   12001 North Freeway   Apr-06   Houston   280,483   20,222   4,019   75,4%   18,99   12001 North Freeway   Apr-06   Houston   280,483   20,222   4,019   75,4%   18,99   100,0%   20,90   24,000								
14901 FAA Boulevard   Jun-06   Dalas   263,700   4,817   100.0%   18,27   234 Lundy Place   Dec-02   Silicon Valley   130,752   4,784   100.0%   36,59   45901 & 45845 Nokes Blvd   Dec-09   Northern Virginia   167,160   4,347   100.0%   26,01   1201 Constock Street   Jun-08   Silicon Valley   24,000   4,323   100.0%   180,12   1232 Alma Road   Sep-09   Dalas   71,579   34,147   4,115   100.0%   57,49   44470 Chilum Place   Feb-07   Northern Virginia   95,440   4,323   100.0%   42,99   12001 North Freeway   App-06   Houston   2804,883   20,222   4,103   70,54%   81,89   115 Second Avenue   Oct-05   Boston   66,730   3,540   100.0%   53,05   53,000   23,000   100.0%   35,000   23,000   23,000   20,000   8340 Concord Center Drive   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   167,932   3,500   100.0%   33,82   2500 Canker Road   App-04   Dallas   84,552   40,986   2,860   100.0%   40,13   40,13   40,14			, ,		59,716			
2334 Lundy Place         Dec-02         Silicon Valley         130,752         4,784         100.0%         36,50           45001. & 4585 Nokes Bird         Dec-09         Northern Wirginia         167,160         4,347         100.0%         26,01           1201 Comstock Street         Jun-08         Silicon Valley         2,4000         4,323         100.0%         180,12           1232 Alma Road         Sep-09         Dallas         71,579         34,147         4,115         100.0%         42,99           1201 North Freeway         Apr-06         Houston         280,483         20,222         4,019         75,4%         18,99           1215 Second Avenue         Oct-05         Boston         66,730         3,540         100.0%         20,90           2401 Walsh Street         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         167,932         3,509         100.0%         20,90           2590 Zanker Road         Apr-04         Dallas         84,552         40,986         2,860         100.0%         33,82           2595 Zanker Road         Aug-10         Silicon Valley         69,700         2,800         100.0%         40,217           2156 & 21571 Beaumeade Cir         Dec-09         Northern Wirginia         135,513         2,73	ř		•					
45901 & 45845 Nokes Blvd   Dec-09   Northern Virginia   167,160   4,347   100.0%   25,01								
1201 Comstock Street   Jun-08   Silicon Valley   24,000   4,323   100.0%   180.12   1232 Alma Road   Sep-09   Dallas   71,579   34,147   4,115   100.0%   57,49   44470 Chilum Place   Peb-07   Northern Virginia   95,440   4,103   100.0%   42.29   12001 North Freeway   Apr-06   Houston   280.483   20,222   4,019   75,4%   18.99   12001 North Freeway   Apr-06   Boston   66,730   3,540   100.0%   20.09   35,05   2401 Walsh Street   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   167,932   3,509   100.0%   20.09   35,44 Concord Center Drive   Jun-05   Denver   85,660   3,463   100.0%   40,43   4849 Alpha Road   Apr-04   Dallas   84,552   40,986   2,860   100.0%   33,82   2950 Zanker Road   Aug-10   Silicon Valley   69,700   2,800   100.0%   20,22   21561 & 21571 Beaumeade Cir   Dec-09   Northern Virginia   135,513   2,739   100.0%   20,22   21561 & 21571 Beaumeade Cir   Dec-09   Northern Virginia   164,453   2,682   100.0%   41,31   1807 Michael Faraday Court   Ot-06   Northern Virginia   19,237   2,613   100.0%   135,85   210 N Tucker Boulevard   Aug-07   St Louis   133,588   48,000   2,448   82,0%   19,44   200 North Nash Street   Jun-05   Los Angeles   113,606   2,374   100.0%   20,90	· ·		•					
1232 Alma Road   Sep-09   Dallas   71,579   34,147   4,115   100,0%   57,49			•	· ·				
44470 Chilum Place   Feb-07   Northern Virginia   95,440   2,99					3/1 1/17			
12001 North Freeway					34,147			
115 Second Avenue					20 222			
2401 Walsh Street   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   167,932   3,509   100.0%   20.90	•	•			20,222	·		
8534 Concord Center Drive         Jun-05         Denver         \$5,660         3,463         100.0%         40.43           849 Alpha Road         Apr-04         Dallas         84,552         40,986         2,860         100.0%         33.82           2950 Zanker Road         Aug-10         Silicon Valley         69,700         2,800         100.0%         40.17           21110 Ridgetop Circle         Jan-07         Northern Virginia         155,13         2,739         100.0%         20.22           21561 & 21571 Beaumeade Cir         Dec-09         Northern Virginia         164,453         2,682         100.0%         41.31           1807 Michael Faraday Court         Oe-07         Amsterdam, Netherlands         63,260         2,613         100.0%         41.31           210 N Tucker Boulevard         Aug-07         St Louis         153,588         48,000         2,448         82.0%         19.44           200 North Nash Street         Jun-05         Los Angeles         113,606         2,374         100.0%         20.90           Paul van Vilssingenstraat 16(8)         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         103,940         2,172         100.0%         20.90           Manchester, England         38,016         1,995         100.0%								
Asta   Alpha Road   Apr-04   Dallas   84,552   40,986   2,860   100.0%   33.82   2950 Zanker Road   Aug-10   Silicon Valley   69,700   2,800   100.0%   40.17   20110 Ridgetop Circle   Jan-07   Northern Virginia   135,513   2,739   100.0%   20.22   21561 & 21571 Beaumeade Cir   Dec-09   Northern Virginia   164,453   2,682   100.0%   16.31   Nariawag 52(%10)   Dec-07   Amsterdam, Netherlands   63,260   2,613   100.0%   41.31   1807 Michael Faraday Court   Oct-06   Northern Virginia   19,237   2,613   100.0%   315.85   210 N Tucker Boulevard   Aug-07   St Louis   135,588   48,000   2,448   82,0%   19,44   200 North Ans Street   Jun-05   Los Angeles   113,600   2,374   100.0%   20.90   200 North Ans Street   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   103,940   2,172   100.0%   20.90   200			•					
2950 Zanker Road   Aug-10   Silicon Valley   69,700   2,800   100.0%   40.17					40.986			
2110 Ridgetop Circle	•				10,700			
21561 & 21571   Beaumeade Cir   Dec-09   Northern Virginia   164,453   2,682   100.0%   16.31     Naritaweg 52(8)(10)   Dec-07   Amsterdam, Netherlands   63,260   2,613   100.0%   41.31     1807 Michael Faraday Court   Oct-06   Northern Virginia   19,237   2,613   100.0%   135.85     210 N Tucker Boulevard   Aug-07   St Louis   153,588   48,000   2,448   82.0%   19.44     200 North Nash Street   Jun-05   Los Angeles   113,606   2,374   100.0%   20.90     Paul van Viissingenstraat 16(8)   Aug-05   Amsterdam, Netherlands   77,472   35,000   2,213   58,8%   48,58     2403 Walsh Street   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   103,940   2,172   100.0%   20.90     Manchester Technopark, Plot C1(9)   Jun-08   Manchester, England   38,016   1,995   100.0%   20.90     Manchester Technopark, Plot C1(9)   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   90,139   1,884   100.0%   20.90     444 Toyama Drive   Sep-09   Silicon Valley   42,083   1,777   100.0%   42,22     4650 Old Ironsides Drive   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   84,383   1,763   100.0%   20.90     444 Toyama Drive   Sep-09   Silicon Valley   84,383   1,763   100.0%   15.82     3015 Winona Avenue   Dec-04   Los Angeles   82,911   1,640   100.0%   19.77     Chemin de I Epinglier ②   Nov-05   Geneva, Switzerland   59,190   1,628   100.0%   27.50     8000 Millcreek Drive   Apr-06   Toronto, Canada   83,758   1,576   100.0%   18.81     251 Exchange Place   Nov-05   Northern Virginia   17,0982   1,547   100.0%   26.27     43831 Devon Shafron Drive   Aug-10   Dallas   56,176   1,475   100.0%   21.79     900 Dorothy Drive   Aug-10   Dallas   56,176   1,475   100.0%   21.79     1025 East Birch Street   Aug-03   Los Angeles   68,807   1,458   100.0%   21.27     1030 East Birch Street   Aug-03   Los Angeles   68,807   1,458   100.0%   21.27     104 Aquila Way   Apr-06   Allanta   313,581   1,411   100.0%   4.50     107 Gyroscopweg 2E-2F(8)   Jul-06   Amsterdam, Netherlands   55,585   1,199   100.0%   21.57     108 Boone Boulevard <sup>(7)</sup>   Oct-06   Northern Virginia   17,015   929   100.0%   26.63     2000 Win	21110 Ridgetop Circle		•					
1807 Michael Faraday Court   Oct-06   Northern Virginia   19,237   2,613   100.0%   135.85   120 N Tucker Boulevard   Aug-07   St Louis   153,588   48,000   2,448   82.0%   19.44   200 North Nash Street   Jun-05   Los Angeles   113,606   2,374   100.0%   20.90   200 North Nash Street   Jun-05   Silicon Valley   103,940   2,172   100.0%   20.90		Dec-09		164,453		2,682	100.0%	16.31
210 N Tucker Boulevard   Aug-07   St Louis   153,588   48,000   2,448   82.0%   19.44   200 North Nash Street   Jun-05   Los Angeles   113,606   2,374   100.0%   20.90   20	Naritaweg 52 <sup>(8)(10)</sup>	Dec-07	Amsterdam, Netherlands	63,260		2,613	100.0%	41.31
200 North Nash Street   Jun-05   Los Angeles   113,606   2,374   100.0%   20.90	1807 Michael Faraday Court	Oct-06	Northern Virginia	19,237		2,613	100.0%	135.85
Paul van Vlissingenstraat 16(8)         Aug-05         Amsterdam, Netherlands         77,472         35,000         2,213         58,8%         48.58           2403 Walsh Street         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         103,940         2,172         100.0%         20.90           Manchester Technopark, Plot C1(9)         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         90,139         1,884         100.0%         20.90           444 Toyama Drive         Sep-09         Silicon Valley         42,083         1,777         100,0%         22.92           4650 Old Ironsides Drive         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         42,083         1,773         100,0%         22.92           4650 Old Ironsides Drive         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         42,083         1,773         100,0%         42.22           4650 Old Ironsides Drive         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         84,383         1,763         100.0%         21.58           7505 Mason King Court         Nov-08         Northern Virginia         109,650         1,735         100.0%         15.82           3015 Winona Avenue         Dec-04         Los Angeles         82,911         1,640         100.0%         21.79           Chemin de I Epinglier (2)         Nov-05         Geneva, Switzerland	210 N Tucker Boulevard	Aug-07		153,588	48,000	2,448	82.0%	19.44
2403 Walsh Street         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         103,940         2,172         100.0%         20.90           Manchester Technopark, Plot C1(9)         Jun-08         Manchester, England         38,016         1,995         100.0%         52,48           4700 Old Ironsides Drive         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         90,139         1,884         100.0%         20.90           444 Toyama Drive         Sep-09         Silicon Valley         42,083         1,777         100.0%         42.22           4650 Old Ironsides Drive         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         84,383         1,763         100.0%         20.90           7505 Mason King Court         Nov-08         Northern Virginia         109,650         1,735         100.0%         15.82           3015 Winona Avenue         Dec-04         Los Angeles         82,911         1,640         100.0%         19.77           Chemin de I Epinglier ®         Nov-05         Geneva, Switzerland         59,190         1,628         100.0%         27.50           6800 Millcreek Drive         Apr-06         Toronto, Canada         83,758         1,576         100.0%         18.81           251 Exchange Place         Nov-05         Northern Virginia         70,982         1,547		Jun-05	Los Angeles	113,606		2,374	100.0%	20.90
Manchester Technopark, Plot C1(9)         Jun-08         Manchester, England         38,016         1,995         100.0%         52.48           4700 Old Ironsides Drive         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         90,139         1,884         100.0%         20.90           444 Toyama Drive         Sep-09         Silicon Valley         42,083         1,777         100.0%         42.22           4650 Old Ironsides Drive         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         84,383         1,763         100.0%         22.90           7505 Mason King Court         Nov-08         Northern Virginia         109,650         1,735         100.0%         15.82           3015 Winona Avenue         Dec-04         Los Angeles         82,911         1,640         100.0%         19.77           Chemin de I Epinglier ®         Nov-05         Geneva, Switzerland         59,190         1,628         100.0%         21.79           6800 Millcreek Drive         Apr-06         Toronto, Canada         83,758         1,576         100.0%         18.81           251 Exchange Place         Nov-05         Northern Virginia         70,982         1,547         100.0%         21.79           900 Dorothy Drive         Aug-1         Dallas         56,176         1,475 <t< td=""><td>Paul van Vlissingenstraat 16<sup>(8)</sup></td><td>Aug-05</td><td></td><td></td><td>35,000</td><td></td><td>58.8%</td><td>48.58</td></t<>	Paul van Vlissingenstraat 16 <sup>(8)</sup>	Aug-05			35,000		58.8%	48.58
4700 Old Ironsides Drive Jun-05 Silicon Valley 90,139 1,884 100.0% 20.90 444 Toyama Drive Sep-09 Silicon Valley 42,083 1,777 100.0% 42.22 4650 Old Ironsides Drive Jun-05 Silicon Valley 84,383 1,763 100.0% 20.90 4650 Old Ironsides Drive Jun-05 Silicon Valley 84,383 1,763 100.0% 20.90 47505 Mason King Court Nov-08 Northern Virginia 109,650 1,735 100.0% 15.82 3015 Winona Avenue Dec-04 Los Angeles 82,911 1,640 100.0% 19.77 Chemin de I Epinglier № Nov-05 Geneva, Switzerland 59,190 1,628 100.0% 27.50 6800 Millcreek Drive Apr-06 Toronto, Canada 83,758 1,576 100.0% 18.81 251 Exchange Place Nov-05 Northern Virginia 70,982 1,547 100.0% 21.79 900 Dorothy Drive Aug-10 Dallas 56,176 1,475 100.0% 26.27 Clonshaugh Industrial Estate (8) Feb-06 Dublin, Ireland 20,000 1,472 100.0% 73.52 43831 Devon Shafron Drive Mar-07 Northern Virginia 117,071 1,472 100.0% 12.57 3300 East Birch Street Aug-03 Los Angeles 68,807 1,458 100.0% 21.19 1125 Energy Park Drive Mar-05 Minneapolis/St. Paul 112,827 1,437 100.0% 12.73 101 Aquila Way Apr-06 Atlanta 313,581 1,411 100.0% 4.50 Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F(8) Jul-06 Amsterdam, Netherlands 55,585 1,199 100.0% 21.57 8100 Boone Boulevard(7) Oct-06 Northern Virginia 17,015 929 100.0% 54.62 600 Winter Street Sep-06 Boston 30,400 810 100.0% 26.63 2300 NW 89th Place Sep-06 Miami 64,174 635 100.0% 9.89 6200 Metro Center Drive Jul-10 Northern Virginia 3063 Gold Camp Drive Oct-04 Sacramento 62,957 272 21.11% 20.45 1 St. Anne s Boulevar(8) Dec-07 London, England 20,219 260 100.0% 12.86			•					
444 Toyama Drive         Sep-09         Silicon Valley         42,083         1,777         100.0%         42.22           4650 Old Ironsides Drive         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         84,383         1,763         100.0%         20.90           7505 Mason King Court         Nov-08         Northern Virginia         109,650         1,735         100.0%         15.82           3015 Winona Avenue         Dec-04         Los Angeles         82,911         1,640         100.0%         19.77           Chemin de I Epinglier ®         Nov-05         Geneva, Switzerland         59,190         1,628         100.0%         27.50           6800 Millcreek Drive         Apr-06         Toronto, Canada         83,758         1,576         100.0%         21.79           900 Dorothy Drive         Aug-10         Dallas         56,176         1,475         100.0%         21.79           900 Dorothy Drive         Aug-10         Dallas         56,176         1,475         100.0%         25.27           43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         117,071         1,472         100.0%         21.57           3300 East Birch Street         Aug-03         Los Angeles         68,807         1,458         100.0% <td< td=""><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></td<>								
4650 Old Ironsides Drive         Jun-05         Silicon Valley         84,383         1,763         100.0%         20.90           7505 Mason King Court         Nov-08         Northern Virginia         109,650         1,735         100.0%         15.82           3015 Winona Avenue         Dec-04         Los Angeles         82,911         1,640         100.0%         19.77           Chemin de I Epinglier Dough         Nov-05         Geneva, Switzerland         59,190         1,628         100.0%         27.50           6800 Millcreek Drive         Apr-06         Toronto, Canada         83,758         1,576         100.0%         27.50           6800 Dorothy Drive         Aug-10         Dallas         56,176         1,475         100.0%         21.79           900 Dorothy Drive         Aug-10         Dallas         56,176         1,475         100.0%         26.27           Clonshaugh Industrial Estate(**)         Feb-06         Dublin, Ireland         20,000         1,472         100.0%         32.52           43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         117,071         1,472         100.0%         12.57           3300 East Birch Street         Aug-03         Los Angeles         68,807         1,458         10								
7505 Mason King Court         Nov-08         Northern Virginia         109,650         1,735         100.0%         15.82           3015 Winona Avenue         Dec-04         Los Angeles         82,911         1,640         100.0%         19.77           Chemin de I Epinglier (2)         Nov-05         Geneva, Switzerland         59,190         1,628         100.0%         27.50           6800 Millcreek Drive         Apr-06         Toronto, Canada         83,758         1,576         100.0%         18.81           251 Exchange Place         Nov-05         Northern Virginia         70,982         1,547         100.0%         21.79           900 Dorothy Drive         Aug-10         Dallas         56,176         1,475         100.0%         26.27           Clonshaugh Industrial Estate(8)         Feb-06         Dublin, Ireland         20,000         1,472         100.0%         73.52           43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         117,071         1,472         100.0%         12.57           3300 East Birch Street         Aug-03         Los Angeles         68,807         1,458         100.0%         21.57           101 Aquila Way         Apr-06         Atlanta         313,581         1,411         100.0% <td>•</td> <td>•</td> <td>•</td> <td>· ·</td> <td></td> <td>•</td> <td></td> <td></td>	•	•	•	· ·		•		
3015 Winona Avenue   Dec-04   Los Angeles   82,911   1,640   100.0%   19.77			· ·					
Chemin de I Epinglier ②         Nov-05         Geneva, Switzerland         59,190         1,628         100.0%         27.50           6800 Millcreek Drive         Apr-06         Toronto, Canada         83,758         1,576         100.0%         18.81           251 Exchange Place         Nov-05         Northern Virginia         70,982         1,547         100.0%         21.79           900 Dorothy Drive         Aug-10         Dallas         56,176         1,475         100.0%         26.27           Clonshaugh Industrial Estate <sup>(8)</sup> Feb-06         Dublin, Ireland         20,000         1,472         100.0%         73.52           43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         117,071         1,472         100.0%         12.57           43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         117,071         1,472         100.0%         12.57           43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         112,827         1,458         100.0%         21.19           1125 Energy Park Drive         Mar-05         Minneapolis/St. Paul         112,827         1,437         100.0%         12.73           101 Aquila Way         Apr-06         Atlanta         313,581         1,41			•			·		
6800 Millcreek Drive         Apr-06         Toronto, Canada         83,758         1,576         100.0%         18.81           251 Exchange Place         Nov-05         Northern Virginia         70,982         1,547         100.0%         21.79           900 Dorothy Drive         Aug-10         Dallas         56,176         1,475         100.0%         26.27           Clonshaugh Industrial Estate <sup>(8)</sup> Feb-06         Dublin, Ireland         20,000         1,472         100.0%         73.52           43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         117,071         1,472         100.0%         12.57           3300 East Birch Street         Aug-03         Los Angeles         68,807         1,458         100.0%         21.19           1125 Energy Park Drive         Mar-05         Minneapolis/St. Paul         112,827         1,437         100.0%         12.73           101 Aquila Way         Apr-06         Atlanta         313,581         1,411         100.0%         4.50           Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F <sup>(8)</sup> Jul-06         Amsterdam, Netherlands         55,585         1,199         100.0%         21.57           8100 Boone Boulevard <sup>(7)</sup> Oct-06         Northern Virginia         17,015         929								
251 Exchange Place						·		
900 Dorothy Drive         Aug-10         Dallas         56,176         1,475         100.0%         26.27           Clonshaugh Industrial Estate(8)         Feb-06         Dublin, Ireland         20,000         1,472         100.0%         73.52           43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         117,071         1,472         100.0%         12.57           3300 East Birch Street         Aug-03         Los Angeles         68,807         1,458         100.0%         21.19           1125 Energy Park Drive         Mar-05         Minneapolis/St. Paul         112,827         1,437         100.0%         12.73           101 Aquila Way         Apr-06         Atlanta         313,581         1,411         100.0%         4.50           Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F(8)         Jul-06         Amsterdam, Netherlands         55,585         1,199         100.0%         21.57           8100 Boone Boulevard(7)         Oct-06         Northern Virginia         17,015         929         100.0%         54.62           600 Winter Street         Sep-06         Boston         30,400         810         100.0%         26.63           2300 NW 89th Place         Sep-06         Miami         64,174         635         100.0%         9.8		•						
Clonshaugh Industrial Estate(8)         Feb-06         Dublin, Ireland         20,000         1,472         100.0%         73.52           43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         117,071         1,472         100.0%         12.57           3300 East Birch Street         Aug-03         Los Angeles         68,807         1,458         100.0%         21.19           1125 Energy Park Drive         Mar-05         Minneapolis/St. Paul         112,827         1,437         100.0%         12.73           101 Aquila Way         Apr-06         Atlanta         313,581         1,411         100.0%         4.50           Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F(8)         Jul-06         Amsterdam, Netherlands         55,585         1,199         100.0%         21.57           8100 Boone Boulevard(7)         Oct-06         Northern Virginia         17,015         929         100.0%         54.62           600 Winter Street         Sep-06         Boston         30,400         810         100.0%         26.63           2300 NW 89th Place         Sep-06         Miami         64,174         635         100.0%         9.89           7620 Metro Center Drive         Dec-05         Austin         45,000         605         100.0%								
43831 Devon Shafron Drive         Mar-07         Northern Virginia         117,071         1,472         100.0%         12.57           3300 East Birch Street         Aug-03         Los Angeles         68,807         1,458         100.0%         21.19           1125 Energy Park Drive         Mar-05         Minneapolis/St. Paul         112,827         1,437         100.0%         12.73           101 Aquila Way         Apr-06         Atlanta         313,581         1,411         100.0%         4.50           Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F <sup>(8)</sup> Jul-06         Amsterdam, Netherlands         55,585         1,199         100.0%         21.57           8100 Boone Boulevard <sup>(7)</sup> Oct-06         Northern Virginia         17,015         929         100.0%         54.62           600 Winter Street         Sep-06         Boston         30,400         810         100.0%         26.63           2300 NW 89th Place         Sep-06         Miami         64,174         635         100.0%         9.89           7620 Metro Center Drive         Dec-05         Austin         45,000         605         100.0%         13.44           4040 Lafayette Center Drive         Jul-10         Northern Virginia         30,333         376         100.0%		-						
3300 East Birch Street         Aug-03         Los Angeles         68,807         1,458         100.0%         21.19           1125 Energy Park Drive         Mar-05         Minneapolis/St. Paul         112,827         1,437         100.0%         12.73           101 Aquila Way         Apr-06         Atlanta         313,581         1,411         100.0%         4.50           Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F <sup>(8)</sup> Jul-06         Amsterdam, Netherlands         55,585         1,199         100.0%         21.57           8100 Boone Boulevard <sup>(7)</sup> Oct-06         Northern Virginia         17,015         929         100.0%         54.62           600 Winter Street         Sep-06         Boston         30,400         810         100.0%         26.63           2300 NW 89th Place         Sep-06         Miami         64,174         635         100.0%         9.89           7620 Metro Center Drive         Dec-05         Austin         45,000         605         100.0%         13.44           4040 Lafayette Center Drive         Jul-10         Northern Virginia         30,333         376         100.0%         12.38           3065 Gold Camp Drive         Oct-04         Sacramento         62,957         272         21.1%         20.45     <	- · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	,				
1125 Energy Park Drive         Mar-05         Minneapolis/St. Paul         112,827         1,437         100.0%         12.73           101 Aquila Way         Apr-06         Atlanta         313,581         1,411         100.0%         4.50           Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F <sup>(8)</sup> Jul-06         Amsterdam, Netherlands         55,585         1,199         100.0%         21.57           8100 Boone Boulevard <sup>(7)</sup> Oct-06         Northern Virginia         17,015         929         100.0%         54.62           600 Winter Street         Sep-06         Boston         30,400         810         100.0%         26.63           2300 NW 89th Place         Sep-06         Miami         64,174         635         100.0%         9.89           7620 Metro Center Drive         Dec-05         Austin         45,000         605         100.0%         13.44           4040 Lafayette Center Drive         Jul-10         Northern Virginia         30,333         376         100.0%         12.38           3065 Gold Camp Drive         Oct-04         Sacramento         62,957         272         21.1%         20.45           1 St. Anne s Boulevar®         Dec-07         London, England         20,219         260         100.0%         12.86			•					
101 Aquila Way         Apr-06         Atlanta         313,581         1,411         100.0%         4.50           Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F <sup>(8)</sup> Jul-06         Amsterdam, Netherlands         55,585         1,199         100.0%         21.57           8100 Boone Boulevard <sup>(7)</sup> Oct-06         Northern Virginia         17,015         929         100.0%         54.62           600 Winter Street         Sep-06         Boston         30,400         810         100.0%         26.63           2300 NW 89th Place         Sep-06         Miami         64,174         635         100.0%         9.89           7620 Metro Center Drive         Dec-05         Austin         45,000         605         100.0%         13.44           4040 Lafayette Center Drive         Jul-10         Northern Virginia         30,333         376         100.0%         12.38           3065 Gold Camp Drive         Oct-04         Sacramento         62,957         272         21.1%         20.45           1 St. Anne s Boulevar®         Dec-07         London, England         20,219         260         100.0%         12.86								
Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F(8)         Jul-06         Amsterdam, Netherlands         55,585         1,199         100.0%         21.57           8100 Boone Boulevard(7)         Oct-06         Northern Virginia         17,015         929         100.0%         54.62           600 Winter Street         Sep-06         Boston         30,400         810         100.0%         26.63           2300 NW 89th Place         Sep-06         Miami         64,174         635         100.0%         9.89           7620 Metro Center Drive         Dec-05         Austin         45,000         605         100.0%         13.44           4040 Lafayette Center Drive         Jul-10         Northern Virginia         30,333         376         100.0%         12.38           3065 Gold Camp Drive         Oct-04         Sacramento         62,957         272         21.1%         20.45           1 St. Anne s Boulevar(2)         Dec-07         London, England         20,219         260         100.0%         12.86			•					
8100 Boone Boulevard <sup>(7)</sup> Oct-06         Northern Virginia         17,015         929         100.0%         54.62           600 Winter Street         Sep-06         Boston         30,400         810         100.0%         26.63           2300 NW 89th Place         Sep-06         Miami         64,174         635         100.0%         9.89           7620 Metro Center Drive         Dec-05         Austin         45,000         605         100.0%         13.44           4040 Lafayette Center Drive         Jul-10         Northern Virginia         30,333         376         100.0%         12.38           3065 Gold Camp Drive         Oct-04         Sacramento         62,957         272         21.1%         20.45           1 St. Anne s Boulevar®         Dec-07         London, England         20,219         260         100.0%         12.86		•						
600 Winter Street         Sep-06         Boston         30,400         810         100.0%         26.63           2300 NW 89th Place         Sep-06         Miami         64,174         635         100.0%         9.89           7620 Metro Center Drive         Dec-05         Austin         45,000         605         100.0%         13.44           4040 Lafayette Center Drive         Jul-10         Northern Virginia         30,333         376         100.0%         12.38           3065 Gold Camp Drive         Oct-04         Sacramento         62,957         272         21.1%         20.45           1 St. Anne s Boulevar®         Dec-07         London, England         20,219         260         100.0%         12.86								
2300 NW 89th Place     Sep-06     Miami     64,174     635     100.0%     9.89       7620 Metro Center Drive     Dec-05     Austin     45,000     605     100.0%     13.44       4040 Lafayette Center Drive     Jul-10     Northern Virginia     30,333     376     100.0%     12.38       3065 Gold Camp Drive     Oct-04     Sacramento     62,957     272     21.1%     20.45       1 St. Anne s Boulevar@     Dec-07     London, England     20,219     260     100.0%     12.86	600 Winter Street	Sep-06	•			810		
7620 Metro Center Drive         Dec-05         Austin         45,000         605         100.0%         13.44           4040 Lafayette Center Drive         Jul-10         Northern Virginia         30,333         376         100.0%         12.38           3065 Gold Camp Drive         Oct-04         Sacramento         62,957         272         21.1%         20.45           1 St. Anne s Boulevar®         Dec-07         London, England         20,219         260         100.0%         12.86		-						
3065 Gold Camp Drive         Oct-04         Sacramento         62,957         272         21.1%         20.45           1 St. Anne s Boulevardth         Dec-07         London, England         20,219         260         100.0%         12.86	7620 Metro Center Drive	Dec-05	Austin	45,000		605	100.0%	13.44
3065 Gold Camp Drive         Oct-04         Sacramento         62,957         272         21.1%         20.45           1 St. Anne s Boulevard         Dec-07         London, England         20,219         260         100.0%         12.86	4040 Lafayette Center Drive	Jul-10	Northern Virginia			376	100.0%	12.38
	3065 Gold Camp Drive							
1301 International Parkway Sep-09 Dallas 20 500 0 0%		Dec-07	London, England	20,219		260	100.0%	12.86
	1301 International Parkway	Sep-09	Dallas		20,500		0.0%	
1400 N Bowser Way Sep-09 Dallas 246,940 0.0%		•						
1725 Comstock Street Apr-10 Silicon Valley 39,643 0.0%	1725 Comstock Street	Apr-10	Silicon Valley		39,643		0.0%	

Table of Contents

139

Property(1) 3105 & 3115 Alfred Street 4050 Lafayette Center Drive 650 Randolph Road 7500 Metro Center Drive 800 Central Expressway 900 Quality Way 904 Quality Way	Acquisition date May-10 Jul-10 Jun-08 Dec-05 Aug-10 Sep-09 Sep-09	Metropolitan Area Silicon Valley Northern Virginia New York/ New Jersey Austin Silicon Valley Dallas Dallas	Net Rentable Square Feet Excluding Redevelopment Space <sup>(2)</sup>	Redevelopment Space <sup>(3)</sup> 49,858 42,374 127,790 74,962 150,000 112,253 46,750	Annualized Rent (\$000) <sup>(4)</sup>	Percent Leased(5) 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0% 0.0%	Annualized Rent per Occupied Square Foot (\$)(6)
905 Security Row	Sep-09	Dallas		249,657		0.0%	
Cateringweg 5 <sup>(8)</sup>	Jun-10	Amsterdam, Netherlands	9,303,797	55,972 1,740,652	453,630	0.0% <b>95.6</b> %	50.98
Technology Manufacturing							
34551 Ardenwood Boulevard 1-4 47700 Kato Road & 1055	Jan-03	Silicon Valley	307,657		9,035	100.0%	29.37
Page Avenue	Sep-03	Silicon Valley	183,050		3,908	100.0%	21.35
2010 East Centennial Circle <sup>(12)</sup> 2 St. Anne s Boulevard	May-03 Dec-07	Phoenix London, England	113,405	30,612	2,852	100.0%	25.15
			604,112	30,612	15,795	100.0%	26.14
Technology Office							
100 & 200 Quannapowitt							
Parkway	Jun-04	Boston	386,956		7,222	94.9%	19.68
1 Savvis Parkway	Aug-07	St Louis	156,000		2,644	100.0%	16.95
908 Quality Way	Sep-09	Dallas	14,400		24	100.0%	1.67
			557,356		9,890	96.4%	18.40
Portfolio Total/Weighted Average			14,456,127 (4)	1,925,135	\$ 687,034	95.0%	50.04

- (1) We have categorized the properties in our portfolio by their principal use based on annualized rent. However, many of our properties support multiple uses.
- (2) Net rentable square feet at a building represents the current square feet at that building under lease as specified in the lease agreements plus management s estimate of space available for lease based on engineering drawings. Net rentable square feet includes tenants proportional share of common areas but excludes space held for redevelopment.
- (3) Redevelopment space is unoccupied space that requires significant capital investment in order to develop datacenter facilities that are ready for use. Most often this is shell space. However, in certain circumstances this may include partially built datacenter space that was not completed by previous ownership or tenants and requires a large capital investment in order to build out the space.
- (4) Annualized rent represents the monthly contractual rent under existing leases as of September 30, 2010 multiplied by 12.
- (5) Excludes space held for redevelopment. Includes unoccupied space for which we are receiving rent and excludes space for which leases had been executed as of September 30, 2010, but for which we are not receiving rent. We estimate the total square feet available for lease based on a number of factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area.
- (6) Annualized rent per square foot represents annualized rent as computed above, divided by the total square footage under lease as of the same date.
- (7) 111 Eighth Avenue (2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> floors), 8100 Boone Boulevard and 111 Eighth Avenue (3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> floors) are leased by us pursuant to leases that expire in June 2014, September 2017 and February 2022, respectively.
- (8) Rental amounts for Unit 9, Blanchardstown Corporate Park, 114 Rue Ambroise Croizat, Naritaweg 52, Paul van Vlissingenstraat 16, Chemin de 1 Epinglier 2, Clonshaugh Industrial Estate, Clonshaugh Industrial Estate II, Gyroscoopweg 2E-2F and Cateringweg 5 were calculated based on the exchange rate in effect on September 30, 2010 of \$1.36 to 1.00. Paul Van Vlissingenstraat 16, Chemin de 1 Epinglier 2, Clonshaugh Industrial Estate and Cateringweg 5 are subject to ground leases, which expire in the years 2054, 2074, 2981 and 2059, respectively.

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

- (9) Rental amounts for 6 Braham Street, Mundells Roundabout, Cressex 1, Manchester Technopark, 1 St. Anne s Boulevard and 3 St. Anne s Boulevard were calculated based on the exchange rate in effect on September 30, 2010 of \$1.57 to £1.00. Manchester Technopark is subject to a ground lease, which expires in the year 2125.
- (10) We are party to a ground sublease for this property. This is a perpetual ground sublease. Lease payments were prepaid by the prior owner of this property through December 2036.
- (11) We are party to a ground sublease for this property. The term of the ground sublease expires in September 2083. All of the lease payments were prepaid by the prior owner of this property.
- (12) We are party to a ground sublease for this property. The term of the ground sublease expires in the year 2082.

98

# **Tenant Diversification**

As of September 30, 2010, our portfolio was leased to approximately 530 companies, many of which are nationally recognized firms. The following table sets forth information regarding the 20 largest tenants in our portfolio based on annualized rent as of September 30, 2010 (dollar amounts in thousands).

	Tenant	Number of Locations	Total Occupied Square Feet <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Net Rentable Square Feet	Annualized Rent <sup>(2)</sup>	Percentage of Annualized Rent	Weighted Average Remaining Lease Term in Months
1	Savvis Communications	19	2,000,638	13.8%	\$ 54,794	8.0%	104
2	Equinix Operating Company, Inc.	8	736,950	5.1%	29,714	4.3%	90
3	Facebook, Inc.	4	198,963	1.4%	25,903	3.8%	92
4	Morgan Stanley	5	155,481	1.1%	22,961	3.3%	46
5	Qwest Communications International, Inc.	17	637,801	4.4%	21,082	3.1%	72
6	TelX Group, Inc.	11	166,717	1.2%	20,732	3.0%	193
7	NTT Communications Company	5	307,887	2.1%	18,521	2.7%	56
8	AT&T	18	610,384	4.2%	16,396	2.4%	97
9	JPMorgan Chase & Co.	3	149,935	1.0%	14,701	2.1%	111
10	Level 3 Communications, LLC	25	327,090	2.3%	11,990	1.7%	99
11	Pfizer, Inc.	1	87,049	0.6%	10,568	1.5%	87
12	Yahoo! Inc.	2	110,847	0.8%	10,056	1.5%	85
13	TATA Communications (UK)	2	105,366	0.7%	9,875	1.4%	87
14	Microsoft Corporation	3	329,254	2.3%	9,848	1.4%	59
15	Sprint Communications Co., LP	6	173,319	1.2%	9,148	1.3%	48
16	BT Americas, Inc.	3	47,286	0.3%	9,128	1.3%	87
17	eircom Limited	1	124,500	0.9%	8,854	1.3%	106
18	T-Systems North America, Inc.	2	77,610	0.5%	8,145	1.2%	42
19	Internap	4	56,801	0.4%	8,023	1.2%	36
20	Carpathia Hosting	3	51,784	0.4%	8,000	1.2%	80
	Total/Weighted Average		6,455,662	44.7%	\$ 328,439	47.7%	90

- (1) Occupied square footage is defined as leases that have commenced on or before September 30, 2010. For some of our properties, we calculate occupancy based on factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area.
- (2) Annualized rent represents the monthly contractual rent under existing leases as of September 30, 2010 multiplied by 12. We estimate the total net rentable square feet available for lease based on a number of factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area.

# **Lease Distribution**

The following table sets forth information relating to the distribution of leases in the properties in our portfolio, based on net rentable square feet (excluding approximately 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment at September 30, 2010) under lease as of September 30, 2010.

				Percentage of		
	Number			Net		Percentage of
	of	Percentage	<b>Total Net Rentable</b>	Rentable	Annualized	Annualized
Square Feet Under Lease	Leases(1)	of All Leases	Square Feet(2)	Square Feet <sup>(2)</sup>	Rent(000)(3)	Rent
Available			726,783	5.0%		0.0%
2,500 or less	1,026	66.6%	537,415	3.7%	64,933	9.5%
2,501 - 10,000	254	16.5%	1,490,101	10.3%	123,788	18.0%

Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

10,001 - 20,000 20,001 - 40,000	105 74	6.8% 4.8%	1,808,009 2,173,702	12.5% 15.0%	123,848 136,882	18.0% 19.9%
40,001 - 100,000	53	3.4%	3,459,421	23.9%	130,137	18.9%
Greater than 100,000	29	1.9%	4,260,696	29.6%	107,444	15.7%
Portfolio Total	1,541	100.0%	14,456,127	100.0%	\$ 687,032	100.0%

- Includes license and similar agreements that upon expiration will be automatically renewed, primarily on a month-to-month basis. Number
  of leases represents the leased-unit count; a lease could include multiple units.
- (2) For some of our properties, we calculate square footage based on factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area.
- (3) Annualized rent represents the monthly contractual rent under existing leases as of September 30, 2010 multiplied by 12. We estimate the total net rentable square feet available for lease based on a number of factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area.

# **Lease Expirations**

The following table sets forth a summary schedule of the lease expirations for leases in place as of September 30, 2010 plus available space for ten calendar years at the properties in our portfolio, excluding approximately 1.9 million square feet held for redevelopment at September 30, 2010. Unless otherwise stated in the footnotes, the information set forth in the table assumes that tenants exercise no renewal options and all early termination rights.

						Annualized Rent			
Year	Number of Leases Expiring <sup>(1)</sup>	Square Footage of Expiring Leases <sup>(2)</sup>	Percentage of Net Rentable Square Feet <sup>(2)</sup>	Annualized Rent(000) <sup>(3)</sup>	Percentage of Annualized Rent	Annualized Rent Per Occupied Square Foot	Per Occupied Square Foot at Expiration	Annualized Rent at Expiration(000)	
Available		726,783	5.0%		0.0%				
2010	120	92,613	0.6%	\$ 13,331	1.9%	\$ 143.94	\$ 144.02	\$ 13,338	
2011	336	1,394,386	9.7%	55,220	8.0%	39.60	39.06	54,470	
2012	198	257,643	1.8%	27,354	4.0%	106.17	110.82	28,551	
2013	162	1,241,754	8.6%	76,398	11.1%	61.52	65.58	81,438	
2014	150	1,291,606	8.9%	83,404	12.2%	64.57	68.64	88,657	
2015	114	2,096,720	14.5%	85,110	12.4%	40.59	42.74	89,612	
2016	78	1,100,276	7.6%	45,235	6.6%	41.11	47.75	52,536	
2017	46	750,613	5.2%	30,149	4.4%	40.17	47.81	35,884	
2018	71	805,241	5.6%	40,705	5.9%	50.55	64.73	52,127	
2019	69	1,572,493	10.9%	92,354	13.4%	58.73	72.45	113,933	
Thereafter	197	3,125,999	21.6%	137,772	20.1%	44.07	61.77	193,084	
Portfolio Total / Weighted Average	1,541	14,456,127	100.0%	\$ 687,032	100.0%	\$ 50.04	\$ 58.53	\$ 803,630	

- (1) Includes license and similar agreements that upon expiration will be automatically renewed, primarily on a month-to-month basis. Number of expiring leases represents the expiring leased-unit count; a lease could include multiple units.
- (2) For some of our properties, we calculate square footage based on factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area.
- (3) Annualized rent represents the monthly contractual rent under existing leases as of September 30, 2010 multiplied by 12. We estimate the total net rentable square feet available for lease based on a number of factors in addition to contractually leased square feet, including available power, required support space and common area.

# 350 East Cermak Road, Chicago, Illinois

350 East Cermak Road is an eight-story telecommunications carrier facility and data center located in the south loop area of the Chicago central business district. The building contains 1,122,749 rentable square feet, excluding 4,513 square feet of space held for redevelopment, and is on the historic register. This noted Chicago landmark was completely renovated in 1999-2000 to create a state-of-the-art datacenter and Internet gateway facility. The property is a premier Internet gateway facility in the Midwestern region of the country, and it houses numerous carriers, including AT&T, Deutsche Telekom, Qwest Communications International, XO

100

Communications, 360 Networks, Verio and Verizon. Additionally, the property provides mission critical data center space for several large enterprise tenants, including Computer Sciences Corporation and Fidelity Information Services. Most of these tenants have invested significant amounts of their own capital into improving their spaces within the building.

The aggregation of service providers in this building creates a cost-effective operating environment for cross connections and passing traffic (voice, data and Internet) between networks without costly local access charges. Both long-haul, backbone networks and local/regional metropolitan area networks operate in the building, and several have a point-of-presence in the building-managed colocation facility. The abundance of bandwidth and telecom carriers operating in the building also attracts large-scale data center users requiring cost-efficient bandwidth solutions from multiple providers.

The facility offers tenants superior electrical and mechanical systems infrastructure, including abundant electrical power and UPS/backup power generation, telecommunications quality HVAC capacity and distribution, ample telecommunications and electrical riser and conduit capacity, and multiple telecommunications networks that provide service to, and interconnect within, the building. Because it was initially constructed as an RR Donnelley book publishing and printing plant, the building also features heavy floor loading capacity which is well suited to data center users. Cooling capacity is provided via an adjacent chilled water plant operated by the Metropolitan Pier Expo Authority (MPEA).

We acquired a fee simple interest in this property from an unrelated party in May 2005. We have agreed with the seller to share a portion, not to exceed \$135,000 per month, of rental revenue, adjusted for our costs to lease the premises, from the lease of the 192,000 square feet of space held for redevelopment. This revenue sharing agreement will terminate in May 2012.

The property is currently 96.3% leased, excluding 4,513 square feet held for redevelopment, to 37 tenants, primarily as telecommunications or data center/colocation facilities. The following table summarizes information regarding the primary tenants of the property as of September 30, 2010:

Principal Nature of Business	Lease Expiration	Renewal Options	Annualized Rent	Percentage of Property Annualized Rent
Data Centers	Dec. 2019	2 x 5 yrs	\$ 6,408,600	10.4%
Data Centers			10,896,392	17.6
	Mar. 2015	1x 5 yrs	4,013,144	6.5
	Jul. 2021	1x 5 yrs	6,883,248	11.1
Data Centers	Nov. 2026	2 x 10 yrs	6,687,434	10.8

101

The following table sets forth the lease expirations for leases in place at the property as of September 30, 2010 plus available space for each of the ten full or partial calendar years beginning October 1, 2010, assuming that tenants exercise no renewal options and all early termination options. As of September 30, 2010, the weighted average lease term remaining in the building was 5.9 years.

Year of Lease Expiration	Number of Leases Expiring	Square Footage of Expiring Leases <sup>(1)</sup>	Percentage of Property Square Feet	Annualized Rent	Percentage of Property Annualized Rent	Annualized Rent Per Leased Square Foot	Annualized Rent Per Leased Square Foot at Expiration
Available		45,827	4.0%	\$	%	\$	\$
2010	3		0.0		0.0		
2011	7	3,924	0.3	435,155	0.7	110.90	113.28
2012	8	43,549	3.8	1,944,811	3.1	44.66	46.04
2013	13	110,516	9.7	9,493,545	15.4	85.90	91.55
2014	11	163,085	14.4	9,453,731	15.3	57.97	61.29
2015	10	431,495	38.1	11,644,945	18.9	26.99	19.92
2016	7	20,367	1.8	649,038	1.1	31.87	37.07
2017	6	42,622	3.8	441,505	0.7	10.36	12.39
2018	3	50,770	4.5	2,795,125	4.5	55.05	67.71
2019	2	58,429	5.2	6,408,600	10.4	109.68	118.89
Thereafter	20	163,155	14.4	18,503,326	29.9	113.41	154.07
Total/Weighted Average	90	1,133,739	100.0%	\$ 61,769,781	100.0%	\$ 56.78	\$ 62.47

# (1) Excludes 4,513 square feet of space held for redevelopment.

The following table sets forth the percentage leased, annualized rent per leased square foot and annualized net effective rent per leased square foot for 350 East Cermak Road as of the indicated date.

Date	Percent Leased <sup>(1)</sup>			Annualized Net Effective Rent Per Leased Square Foot		
September 30, 2010	96.3%	\$	56.78	\$	54.43	
December 31, 2009	92.3%	\$	52.01	\$	49.68	
December 31, 2008	96.0%	\$	43.81	\$	42.08	
December 31, 2007	98.3%	\$	33.54	\$	31.40	
December 31, 2006	94.2%	\$	27.69	\$	25.51	
December 31, 2005	92.2%	\$	23.23	\$	20.22	

# (1) Excludes space held for redevelopment.

The current real estate tax rate for 350 East Cermak Road is \$48 per \$1,000 of equalized assessed value. The total annual tax for the property at this rate for the 2010 tax year is \$9,577,540 (at a taxable equalized assessed value of \$198,869,416). There were no direct assessments imposed on the property by the City of Chicago for the 2009 tax year.

The following table sets forth the (i) federal tax basis, (ii) rate, (iii) method and (iv) life claimed with respect to 350 East Cermak Road and each component thereof for purposes of depreciation.

Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

	Federal Tax			
	Basis	Rate	Method	Life
Land	\$ 8,466,000	0%	n/a	0
Personal Property	330,656	10%	Straight line	10
Building	285,646,783	2.5%	Straight line	40

\$ 294,443,439

Total

# INVESTMENT POLICIES AND POLICIES WITH RESPECT TO CERTAIN ACTIVITIES

The following is a discussion of certain of our investment, financing and other policies. These policies have been determined by our board of directors and management and, in general, may be amended or revised from time to time by our board of directors or management without a vote of our securityholders.

#### **Investment Policies**

#### Investments in Real Estate or Interests in Real Estate

We conduct all of our investment activities through our operating partnership and its subsidiaries. Our investment objectives are to maximize the cash flow of our properties, provide quarterly cash distributions and achieve long-term capital appreciation for our stockholders and our operating partnership s unitholders through increases in the value of our company. We have not established a specific policy regarding the relative priority of these investment objectives. For a discussion of the properties and our acquisition and other strategic objectives, see Business and Properties.

We expect to pursue our investment objectives primarily through the ownership by our operating partnership of currently owned properties and other acquired properties and assets. We currently intend to invest primarily in technology-related real estate. Future investment or development activities will not be limited to any geographic area, property type or to a specified percentage of our assets. While we may diversify in terms of property locations, size and market, we do not have any limit on the amount or percentage of our assets that may be invested in any one property or any one geographic area. We intend to engage in future investment activities in a manner that is consistent with maintaining our status as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes. In addition, we may purchase or lease income-producing technology-related and other types of properties for long-term investment, expand and improve the properties we presently own or subsequently acquire, or sell such properties, in whole or in part, when circumstances warrant.

We may also participate with third parties in property ownership, through joint ventures or other types of co-ownership. These types of investments may permit us to own interests in larger assets without unduly restricting our diversification and, therefore, provide us with flexibility in structuring our portfolio. We will not, however, enter into a joint venture or other partnership arrangement to make an investment that would not otherwise meet our investment policies.

Equity investments in acquired properties may be subject to existing mortgage financing and other indebtedness or to new indebtedness which may be incurred in connection with acquiring or refinancing these investments. Debt service on such financing or indebtedness will have a priority over any distributions on our operating partnership s units or distributions to our stockholders. Investments are also subject to our policy not to be treated as an investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended, or the 1940 Act.

# Investments in Real Estate Mortgages

While our current portfolio consists of, and our business objectives emphasize, equity investments in technology-related real estate, we may, at the discretion of our board of directors, invest in mortgages and other types of real estate interests consistent with our qualification as a REIT. We do not presently intend to invest in mortgages or deeds of trust, but may invest in participating or convertible mortgages if we conclude that we may benefit from the gross revenues or any appreciation in value of the property. Investments in real estate mortgages run the risk that one or more borrowers may default under the mortgages and that the collateral securing those mortgages may not be sufficient to enable us to recoup our full investment.

# Securities of or Interests in Persons Primarily Engaged in Real Estate Activities and Other Issuers

Subject to the percentage of ownership limitations and gross income tests necessary for our REIT qualification, we may invest in securities of other REITs, other entities engaged in real estate activities or securities of other issuers, including for the purpose of exercising control over such entities.

103

# **Dispositions**

We do not currently intend to dispose of any of our properties, although we reserve the right to do so if, based upon management s periodic review of our portfolio, our board of directors determines that such action would be in the best interest of our stockholders. Any decision to dispose of a property will be made by our board of directors and may be delegated to management in certain circumstances. We may be obligated to indemnify certain contributors against adverse tax consequences to them in the event that we sell or dispose of certain properties in taxable transactions under the tax indemnification provisions of the contribution agreement related to the 200 Paul Avenue and 1100 Space Park Drive properties. See Conflict of Interest Policies.

# **Financing Policies**

Our board of directors has adopted a policy of limiting our debt to 60% of our total enterprise value. Our total enterprise value is defined as the sum of the market value of our outstanding common stock (which may decrease, thereby increasing our debt to total enterprise value ratio) and liquidation preference of our preferred stock, excluding options issued under our incentive award plan, plus the aggregate value of our operating partnership units not owned by us, plus the book value of our total consolidated debt. Since this ratio is based, in part, upon market values of equity, it will fluctuate with changes in the price of our common and preferred stock; however, we believe that this ratio provides an appropriate indication of leverage for a company whose assets are primarily real estate. Our charter and bylaws do not limit the amount of debt that we may incur or the ratio of our debt to our total enterprise value. We are, however, subject to certain debt limitations pursuant to the restrictive covenants of our outstanding indebtedness. Our board of directors may from time to time modify our debt policy in light of then-current economic conditions, relative costs of debt and equity capital, market values of our properties, general conditions in the market for debt and equity securities, fluctuations in the market price of our common and preferred stock, growth and acquisition opportunities and other factors. Accordingly, we may increase or decrease our ratio of debt to total enterprise value beyond the limits described above. If these policies were changed, we could become more highly leveraged, resulting in an increased risk of default on our obligations and a related increase in debt service requirements that could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations and our ability to make distributions to the operating partnership s unitholders and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders. We have adopted a policy not to use derivatives for speculative or trading purposes and will only enter into contracts with major financial institutions based on their credit rating and other factors. See Risk Factors Risks Related to Our Business and Operations We have substantial debt and face risks associated with the use of debt to fund our business activities, including refinancing and interest rate risks and Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Parent Company and Liquidity and Capital Resources of the Operating Partnership.

#### **Conflict of Interest Policies**

# Sale or Refinancing of Properties

Upon the sale of certain of our properties and on the repayment of indebtedness, certain unitholders of the operating partnership could incur adverse tax consequences which are different from the tax consequences to holders of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common and preferred stock. Consequently, unitholders may have differing objectives regarding the appropriate pricing and timing of any such sale or repayment of indebtedness.

While Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has the exclusive authority under the partnership agreement to determine whether, when, and on what terms to sell a property or when to refinance or repay indebtedness, any such decision would require the approval of our board of directors, subject to delegation to management. The limited partners of our operating partnership have agreed that in the event of a conflict in the fiduciary duties owed by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to its stockholders and, in its capacity as our operating partnership s general partner, to such limited partners, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will fulfill its fiduciary duties to Digital Realty Trust, L.P. by acting in the best interests of its stockholders. See Description of the Partnership Agreement of Digital Realty Trust, L.P.

104

# Policies Applicable to All Directors and Officers

We have adopted policies that are designed to eliminate or minimize certain potential conflicts of interest. We have also adopted a code of business conduct and ethics that prohibits conflicts of interest between our employees, officers and directors and our company without the approval of our board of directors. In addition, our board of directors is subject to certain provisions of Maryland law, which are also designed to eliminate or minimize conflicts.

However, there can be no assurance that these policies or provisions of law will always be successful in eliminating the influence of such conflicts, and if they are not successful, decisions could be made that might fail to reflect fully the interests of all our stockholders.

#### **Interested Director and Officer Transactions**

Pursuant to the MGCL, a contract or other transaction between us and a director or between us and any other corporation or other entity in which any of our directors is a director or has a material financial interest is not void or voidable solely on the grounds of such common directorship or interest, the presence of such director at the meeting at which the contract or transaction is authorized, approved or ratified or the counting of the director s vote in favor thereof, provided that:

the fact of the common directorship or interest is disclosed or known to our board of directors or a committee of our board of directors, and our board of directors or committee authorizes, approves or ratifies the transaction or contract by the affirmative vote of a majority of disinterested directors, even if the disinterested directors constitute less than a quorum;

the fact of the common directorship or interest is disclosed or known to our stockholders entitled to vote thereon, and the transaction or contract is authorized, approved or ratified by a majority of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote other than the votes of shares owned of record or beneficially by the interested director or corporation, firm or other entity; or

the transaction or contract is fair and reasonable to us.

Furthermore, under Maryland law (where the operating partnership is formed), Digital Realty Trust, Inc. as the operating partnership is general partner has a fiduciary duty to our operating partnership and, consequently, such transactions are also subject to the duties of care and loyalty that Digital Realty Trust, Inc. owes to limited partners in our operating partnership (to the extent such duties have not been eliminated pursuant to the terms of the partnership agreement). Digital Realty Trust, Inc. adopted a policy which requires that all contracts and transactions between it, our operating partnership or any of our subsidiaries, on the one hand, and any of our directors or executive officers or any entity in which such director or executive officer is a director or has a material financial interest, on the other hand, must be approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of our disinterested directors even if less than a quorum. Where appropriate in the judgment of the disinterested directors, our board of directors may obtain a fairness opinion or engage independent counsel to represent the interests of nonaffiliated securityholders, although our board of directors will have no obligation to do so.

# **Policies With Respect To Other Activities**

We have authority to offer common stock, preferred stock or options to purchase stock in exchange for property and to repurchase or otherwise acquire our common stock or other securities in the open market or otherwise, and we may engage in such activities in the future. As described in Description of the Partnership Agreement of Digital Realty Trust, L.P., Digital Realty Trust, Inc. expects, but is not obligated, to issue common stock to holders of our operating partnership units upon exercise of their redemption rights. We may from time to time seek to retire, redeem or repurchase our outstanding preferred equity or debt through cash purchases and/or exchanges for equity securities in open market purchases, privately negotiated transactions or otherwise. Our board of directors has the power, without further stockholder approval, to increase the number of authorized shares of common stock or preferred stock and issue additional shares of common stock or preferred

Table of Contents 151

105

stock, in one or more series, in any manner, and on the terms and for the consideration, it deems appropriate. We have not engaged in trading, underwriting or agency distribution or sale of securities of other issuers other than our operating partnership and do not intend to do so. At all times, we intend to make investments in such a manner as to qualify as a REIT, unless because of circumstances or changes in the Code, or the Treasury Regulations, our board of directors determines that it is no longer in its best interest to qualify as a REIT. We have not made any loans to third parties, although we may in the future make loans to third parties, including, without limitation, to joint ventures in which we participate. We intend to make investments in such a way that we will not be treated as an investment company under the 1940 Act.

# **Reporting Policies**

We make available to our stockholders our annual reports, including our audited financial statements. We are subject to the information reporting requirements of the Exchange Act. Pursuant to those requirements, we are required to file annual and periodic reports, proxy statements and other information, including audited financial statements, with the SEC.

106

#### DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

This section reflects information with respect to the directors and executive officers of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. The operating partnership is managed by Digital Realty Trust, Inc., its sole general partner. Consequently, the operating partnership does not have its own separate directors or executive officers.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. held its annual meeting of stockholders on April 27, 2010. At that time, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders voted on the election of directors. At the annual meeting, all of the nominees for election as directors of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. were elected.

The following table sets forth the names and ages as of November 19, 2010 of the directors of Digital Realty Trust, Inc.:

Name	Age	Position	<b>Director Since</b>
Richard A. Magnuson	53	Director and Chairman of the Board	2004
Michael F. Foust	54	Chief Executive Officer and Director	2004
Laurence A. Chapman	61	Director	2004
Kathleen Earley	58	Director	2004
Ruann F. Ernst, Ph.D.	64	Director	2004
Dennis E. Singleton	66	Director	2004
Robert H. Zerbst	64	Director	2009

The following are biographical summaries for the directors of Digital Realty Trust, Inc.:

Richard A. Magnuson has served as a director since Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s inception. Mr. Magnuson is the Chairman of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board from its inception through 2006. Mr. Magnuson is a founder of, and since February 2001 has served as Chief Executive Officer of, GI Partners, an international private equity fund manager which oversees the activities of GI Partners Funds I, II and III. From November 1999 until May 2007, Mr. Magnuson served as Executive Managing Director of CB Richard Ellis Investors, where he formed and managed the investments and activities of GI Partners Fund I. From 1994 through 1999, Mr. Magnuson held various positions with Nomura Securities, most recently as Deputy Managing Director of their London-based Principal Finance Group. From 1989 until 1994, Mr. Magnuson was a director in the Investment Banking division of Merrill Lynch.

Mr. Magnuson previously served as a director of Glenborough Realty Trust until its sale and is presently a director of two private companies.

Mr. Magnuson received a Bachelor of Arts degree with honors from Dartmouth College and a Master of Business Administration degree from Stanford University Graduate School of Business. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board selected Mr. Magnuson to serve as a director because it believes he possesses valuable financial and real estate industry expertise, including extensive experience with real estate investments and management and experience serving on the board of directors of a public REIT.

Michael F. Foust has served as Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Executive Officer and as a director since Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s inception. Mr. Foust is a founder of GI Partners and served as a managing director of GI Partners advisor from its inception in February 2001 until Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering. During his tenure at GI Partners, Mr. Foust directed technical property acquisitions and portfolio management. Mr. Foust has over 24 years of experience in institutional real estate investments and portfolio management. Prior to the founding of GI Partners, from 1999 to 2001, he was a senior director at CB Richard Ellis Investors. From 1995 to 1999, Mr. Foust was a Senior Vice President at CB Richard Ellis, where he managed regional asset services operations. During the period from 1985 to 1995, Mr. Foust held senior portfolio management and investment positions at UBS Asset Management, Karsten Realty Advisors and Trammell Crow Company. Prior to his real estate career, from 1979 to 1985, Mr. Foust participated in the origination of two related international telecommunications companies, Consortium Communications International and Progressive Systems Inc. The companies provided message switching and turn-key networks for multinational corporations. Mr. Foust received

107

a Bachelor of Arts degree *magna cum laude* from Harvard University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard Business School. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board selected Mr. Foust to serve as a director because it believes he possesses valuable financial and real estate industry expertise, including extensive experience with property acquisition, operations, development and management.

Laurence A. Chapman has served as a director of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. since 2004. Mr. Chapman is currently Chair of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Audit Committee and a member of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Mr. Chapman served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Goodrich Corp. from 1999 until his retirement in 2000. Mr. Chapman served as Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Rohr, Inc., an aerospace company, from 1994 until 1999, when Rohr, Inc. merged with Goodrich Corp. His responsibilities at both companies included accounting, treasury, tax, insurance, investor relations, financial planning and information technology functions. Prior to his service at Rohr, Inc., Mr. Chapman was employed at Westinghouse Electric Corporation from 1981 through 1994. From 1992 through 1994, Mr. Chapman was the Vice President and Treasurer of Westinghouse Electric Corporation where he was responsible for the financing activities of Westinghouse Electric Corporation and Westinghouse Credit Corp. His responsibilities included supervising corporate finance, cash and short-term funding, project finance, bank relations and international treasury. Mr. Chapman received a Bachelor of Commerce degree with Great Distinction from McGill University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard Business School. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board selected Mr. Chapman to serve as a director because it believes he possesses valuable financial and accounting expertise, including at companies with extensive real estate interests and his extensive experience in his prior positions of Chief Financial Officer.

Kathleen Earley has served as a director of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. since 2004. Ms. Earley is currently Chair of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and a member of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Compensation Committee. Ms. Earley is the former President and Chief Operating Officer of TriZetto Group, Inc. where she worked from November 2004 until she retired in September 2008. From 1994 through September 2001, Ms. Earley was employed at AT&T Corporation. While at AT&T Corporation, Ms. Earley served as Senior Vice President of Enterprise Networking and Chief Marketing Officer, where she oversaw all AT&T Corporation business-related brand, image and advertising and marketing strategy. One of Ms. Earley s largest contributions was as President of AT&T Data & Internet Services, a business unit that provided Internet Protocol (IP), web hosting, data and managed network services. Under her leadership, AT&T s network became one of the largest Internet backbones in the industry. Prior to joining AT&T Corporation, Ms. Earley was employed by IBM Corporation for 17 years with positions in sales, marketing, planning and strategy development. Ms. Earley is currently a member of the board of directors of one other public company, Switch & Data Facilities Company, and a privately-held company, Gateway EDI, and previously served on the board of Vignette Corp. prior to its sale. Ms. Earley received a Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration degree, both from the University of California, Berkeley. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board selected Ms. Earley to serve as a director because it believes she possesses valuable expertise in the telecommunications and co-location industries, as well as in strategic planning and operations, including extensive experience with sales, marketing and technology-related operations.

Ruann F. Ernst, Ph.D. has served as a director of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. since 2004. Ms. Ernst is currently a member of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Audit Committee, Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Ms. Ernst served as Chief Executive Officer of Digital Island, Inc., an e-business delivery network company, from June 1998 until her retirement in January 2002. Ms. Ernst was Chairperson of the Board of Digital Island from December 1999 through July 2001, when the company was acquired by Cable & Wireless, Plc. From 1988 through 1998, Ms. Ernst worked for Hewlett Packard Company, an electronics equipment and computer company, in various management positions, most recently as General Manager, Financial Services Business Unit, and also worked as a Vice President for General Electric Information Services Company. Prior to her work in industry, Ms. Ernst served on the faculty of The Ohio State University, was Director of Medical Research and Computing and served as a Congressional Fellow in the Office of Technology Assessment. Ms. Ernst serves on the board of directors for IHS Inc., which is listed on the New York

108

Stock Exchange. She also serves on the board of directors of Red Planet for NASA and on two non-profit entities: Azimuth Foundation (Kids Sports Stars) and The Ohio State University Foundation. Ms. Ernst received a Bachelor of Science, a Master of Science and a Ph.D. from The Ohio State University. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board selected Ms. Ernst to serve as a director because it believes she possesses valuable expertise in the telecommunications and co-location industries, including extensive experience working with and leading technology companies.

Dennis E. Singleton has served as a director of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. since 2004. Mr. Singleton is currently Chair of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Compensation Committee and a member of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Audit Committee. Mr. Singleton was a founding partner of Spieker Partners, the predecessor of Spieker Properties, Inc., one of the largest owners and operators of commercial property on the west coast prior to its \$7.2 billion acquisition by Equity Office Properties Trust in 2001. Mr. Singleton served as Chief Financial Officer and Director of Spieker Properties, Inc. from 1993 to 1995, Chief Investment Officer and Director from 1995 to 1997 and Vice Chairman and Director from 1998 until his retirement in 2001. During his tenure, Mr. Singleton was involved in identifying and analyzing strategic portfolio acquisition and operating opportunities and oversaw the acquisition and development of more than 20 million square feet of commercial property. From 2001 to the present, Mr. Singleton has managed personal investments in real estate. Mr. Singleton is currently a member of the board of directors and serves on the audit committee of BRE Properties, Inc. Mr. Singleton received a Bachelor of Science degree from Lehigh University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Harvard Business School. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board selected Mr. Singleton to serve as a director because it believes he possesses valuable financial and real estate industry expertise, including extensive experience with acquisition, financing and operation of commercial property.

Robert H. Zerbst has served as a director of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. since October 2009. Mr. Zerbst is a member of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (effective 2010). Mr. Zerbst currently serves as a Special Advisor to CB Richard Ellis Investors. Mr. Zerbst joined CB Richard Ellis Investors as President in 1997. He served as Chief Executive Officer from 1998 through 2006 and served as Chairman during 2007 and 2008. In 1981, Mr. Zerbst founded and served as Chief Executive Officer of Piedmont Realty Advisors, a San Francisco-based real estate investment manager. In 1991, Piedmont merged with The RREEF Funds. While a partner at RREEF, Mr. Zerbst was responsible for all investments in the western United States and opportunistic investments nationally. Mr. Zerbst is a member of the Pension Real Estate Association (PREA), current Chairman of the National Association of Real Estate Investment Managers (NAREIM), board member of the National Council of Real Estate Investment Fiduciaries (NCREIF), Real Estate Round Table, Los Angeles World Affairs Council, Asia Society and the Policy Advisory Board of the Fisher Center at the Haas School of Business, University of California at Berkeley and a Trustee of the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. Mr. Zerbst received a Bachelor of Arts from Miami University and a Master of Arts in Economics, a Master of Business Administration and a Ph.D. in Finance and Real Estate Economics from The Ohio State University. He has also earned the CRE and MAI professional designations. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board selected Mr. Zerbst to serve as a director because it believes he possesses valuable financial and real estate industry expertise, including extensive experience with real estate acquisition and investment.

109

#### **Executive Officers**

The following table sets forth the names, ages as of November 19, 2010 and positions of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Executive Officer, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Financial Officer and the other three most highly compensated officers of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. for the year ended December 31, 2009, including Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chairman (the named executive officers):

Name	Age	Position	<b>Executive Officer Since</b>
Michael F. Foust	54	Chief Executive Officer and Director	2004
		(principal executive officer)	
A. William Stein	56	Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment	2004
		Officer and Secretary (principal financial	
		officer)	
Scott E. Peterson	49	Chief Acquisitions Officer	2004
Christopher J. Crosby, Jr.	38	Senior Vice President, Corporate	2004
		Development	
Richard A. Magnuson	53	Chairman of the Board	2004
TT	C D1 1 1D 1 7D		1.77

The following are biographical summaries for Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s executive officers other than Messrs. Magnuson and Foust, for whom biographical summaries can be found in the preceding section.

A. William Stein joined GI Partners as a consultant in April 2004 and has served as Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer and Secretary since July 2004. Mr. Stein has over 30 years of investment, financial and operating management experience in both large company environments and small, rapidly growing companies. Prior to joining Digital Realty Trust, Inc., Mr. Stein provided turnaround management advice to both public and private companies. From 2000 to 2001, Mr. Stein served as Co-Head of VentureBank@PNC and Media and Communications Finance at The PNC Financial Services Group where he was responsible for directing the delivery of PNC s products and services to VentureBank s high technology and emerging growth client base. Before joining PNC, Mr. Stein was President and Chief Operating Officer of TriNet Corporate Realty Trust, a REIT that was acquired by Starwood Financial Trust (now called iStar Financial) in late 1999. Prior to being named President of TriNet, Mr. Stein was Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Secretary. TriNet s portfolio consisted of office, industrial and retail properties throughout the U.S. Before joining TriNet in 1995, Mr. Stein held a number of senior investment and financial management positions with Westinghouse Electric, Westinghouse Financial Services and Duquesne Light Company. Mr. Stein practiced law for eight years, specializing in financial transactions and litigation. Mr. Stein received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Princeton University, a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Pittsburgh and a Master of Science degree with Distinction from the Graduate School of Industrial Administration at Carnegie Mellon University.

Scott E. Peterson is Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Acquisitions Officer, responsible for acquisition activities and has served in such role since November 2010. Prior to this role, Mr. Peterson served as Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Senior Vice President of Acquisitions since October 2004. Mr. Peterson was a managing director of GI Partners from August 2002 until October 2004. While at GI Partners, Mr. Peterson was responsible for property acquisitions with an emphasis on technical properties. Mr. Peterson has over 22 years of real estate experience and was most recently a Senior Vice President with GIC Real Estate, the real estate investment entity for the Government of Singapore Investment Corporation, from May 1994 to August 2002. Previously, Mr. Peterson was active in investments, development and asset management with LaSalle Partners, a real estate services company, and Trammell Crow Company, a real estate developer. Mr. Peterson received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Northwestern University and a Master of Business Administration degree from Northwestern University.

*Christopher J. Crosby, Jr.* has served as Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Senior Vice President of Corporate Development since August 2009. Prior to this role, Mr. Crosby served as Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Senior Vice President of Sales and Technical Services since October 2005. Mr. Crosby joined Digital Realty Trust, Inc. in October 2004 as Vice President of our sales and technical services activities. From 2003 until joining Digital

Realty Trust, Inc., Mr. Crosby was a Managing Director of Proferian, LLC, a former service provider to GI Partners. While at Proferian, Mr. Crosby was responsible for leasing and sales within the GI Partners portfolio with an emphasis on technology-related leasing, including turn-key datacenter space. Mr. Crosby has over 17 years of technology and technology leasing experience. From 2001 to 2002, Mr. Crosby was a consultant for CRG West, LLC, an operating partner of The Carlyle Group, formed in 2001 to oversee and enhance strategic telecom assets managed by Carlyle Realty Group. Previously, Mr. Crosby was active in sales, sales management and product development at Nortel Networks, then a leading supplier of products and services that support the Internet and other public and private data, voice and multimedia communications networks. Mr. Crosby received a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Texas at Austin.

111

#### **EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION**

This section reflects information with respect to the directors and executive officers of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. The operating partnership is managed by Digital Realty Trust, Inc., its sole general partner. Consequently, the operating partnership does not have its own separate directors or executive officers.

#### **Compensation Discussion and Analysis**

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis section discusses the compensation policies and programs for Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s named executive officers, which consist of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer and three other most highly compensated executive officers, as determined under the rules of the SEC.

# Overview of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Executive Compensation Program

# Objectives of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Executive Compensation Program

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing, modifying and approving the compensation program for Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s executive compensation program is to attract, retain and motivate experienced and talented executives who can help maximize Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholder value. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. believes that a significant portion of the compensation paid to executive officers should be closely aligned with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s performance on both a short-term and long-term basis. In order to achieve this objective, in addition to annual base salaries, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s executive compensation program uses a combination of annual incentives through cash bonuses and long-term incentives through equity-based compensation. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. uses equity-based awards as long-term incentives because it views its company-wide performance and growth as the relevant long-term metric, while its annual cash awards can be targeted to reward the attainment of narrower, short-term performance objectives. The program is intended to encourage high performance, promote accountability and ensure that the interests of the executives are aligned with the interests of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders by linking a significant portion of executive compensation directly to achievement of corporate goals and increases in stockholder value. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. seeks to provide total compensation to its executive officers that is competitive with the total compensation paid by comparable REITs and other real estate companies in its peer group, as discussed in more detail below.

The following are Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s principal objectives in establishing compensation for executive officers:

Attract and retain individuals with superior ability, managerial talent and leadership capability;

Ensure that executive officer compensation is aligned with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s corporate strategies, business objectives and the long-term interests of its stockholders;

Incentivize management to achieve key strategic and financial performance measures by linking incentive award opportunities to the achievement of performance goals in these areas; and

Enhance the officers incentive to increase Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stock price and maximize stockholder value, as well as promote retention of key executives, by providing a portion of total compensation opportunities for senior management in the form of direct ownership in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. through equity awards, including awards of long-term incentive units in the operating partnership.

# **Elements of Compensation**

The major elements of compensation for the named executive officers are (1) a base salary, intended to provide a stable annual income for each executive officer at a level consistent with such officer s individual

112

contributions, (2) annual cash performance bonuses, intended to link each executive officer—s compensation to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s performance and to such officer—s performance, and (3) long-term compensation, which includes grants of long-term incentive units in the operating partnership and other equity-based compensation intended to encourage actions to maximize stockholder value. Each of these elements is discussed in more detail below.

The named executive officers are also entitled to certain benefits upon a change in control of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., including severance benefits and full vesting of all long-term incentive units (other than certain performance-based vesting units that have not met their performance-based vesting requirement) and stock options. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. provides these benefits to the named executive officers in order to give them the personal security and stability necessary for them to focus on the performance of their duties and responsibilities to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and to encourage retention through a potential change in control. These items are described below under Executive Compensation Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. believes that each of these elements plays an important role in the overall executive compensation program and together serve to achieve Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s compensation objectives. The Compensation Committee allocates total compensation between the cash components and equity compensation based on review of the practices of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s peer group, while considering the balance among providing stability, short-term incentives and long-term incentives to align the interests of management with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders. In 2009, the percentage of salary and cash bonus (including annual cash incentive awards paid under Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan) to total compensation ranged from 40% to 65% for the named executive officers and is set forth for each named executive officer in footnote 6 to our Summary Compensation Table below.

#### **Determination of Compensation Awards**

The Compensation Committee annually reviews and determines the total compensation to be paid to the named executive officers. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s management, after reviewing competitive market data and advice from compensation consultants engaged by the Compensation Committee, makes recommendations regarding the compensation packages for its officers. The Compensation Committee in its review of these recommendations and in establishing the total compensation for each of the named executive officers considers several factors, including each executive s roles and responsibilities, each executive s performance, any significant accomplishments of the executive, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s financial and operating performance and competitive market data applicable to each executive s position and functional responsibilities.

# Competitive Market Data and Compensation Consultant

In December 2008 and January and February 2009, the Compensation Committee reviewed the salary, bonus and equity compensation paid to the named executive officers and directors. In conducting this review, the Compensation Committee retained the services of Watson Wyatt as the Compensation Committee s independent compensation consultant. Watson Wyatt does not provide any other services to Digital Realty Trust, Inc..

For its consulting services, Watson Wyatt was instructed to review Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s existing compensation program, provide current data with regard to industry trends, provide information regarding long-term compensation plan alternatives, identify and provide commentary on a peer group and provide cash and equity incentive award information for the peer group and to provide recommendations as to possible modification to the design and implementation of the long-term incentive program.

# Peer Group Review

The Compensation Committee reviews total cash and long-term compensation levels against those of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s peer group companies in order to ensure executive compensation is set at levels that

113

will attract and motivate qualified executives while rewarding performance based on corporate objectives. However, the Compensation Committee does not target compensation levels against any particular percentile within Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s peer group of companies. The Compensation Committee sets compensation levels for each executive officer on the basis of several factors, including the executive officer s level of experience, tenure with Digital Realty Trust, Inc., competitive market data applicable to the executive officer s positions and functional responsibilities, the performance of the executive officer and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s annual and long-term performance.

The peer group used to review 2009 base salaries, bonus targets and long-term equity awards consisted of the following 23 companies: Alexandria Real Estate Equities, Inc., AMB Property Corporation, AvalonBay Communities, Inc., BioMed Realty Trust, Inc., Boston Properties, Inc., Brandywine Realty Trust, CBL & Associates Properties Inc., Corporate Office Properties Trust Inc., Duke Realty Corporation, DuPont Fabros Technology, Inc., Essex Property Trust, Inc., Federal Realty Investment Trust, Health Care REIT, Inc., Kilroy Realty Corporation, KIMCO Realty Corporation, Lexington Realty Trust, Liberty Property Trust, Mack-Cali Realty Corporation, Nationwide Health Properties, Inc., PS Business Parks, Inc., Simon Property Group, Inc., Washington Real Estate Investment Trust and Weingarten Realty Investors. In reviewing Mr. Magnuson s 2009 base salary, bonus targets and long-term incentive awards, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. did not rely on information from the peer group, in part because Digital Realty Trust, Inc. did not expect to, nor did Digital Realty Trust, Inc., modify Mr. Magnuson s compensation levels (except for a minimal increase to Mr. Magnuson s base salary which was generally provided to all employees without regard to performance and market criteria), and in part because it is difficult to identify positions within the peer group that are truly comparable to Mr. Magnuson s position of Chairman of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board.

In order to review 2009 base salaries, bonus targets and long-term incentive awards, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. adjusted its 2008 peer group. Additions to and deletions from Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s peer group resulted from an in-depth review of its 2008 peer group with advice from its compensation consultant. The Compensation Committee and management, along with the consultant, reviewed a wide array of publicly-traded REITS and co-location service providers in order to select appropriate and comparable peers based on their industries, their business focus and their size, as measured by sales, market capitalization and enterprise value. Based on this review, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. deleted the following companies from its peer group: Akamai Technologies, Inc., Equinix, Inc., Healthcare Realty Trust Incorporated, Infospace, Inc., Internap Network Services Corporation, Switch & Data Facilities Company, Inc., Savvis, Inc. and Terremark Worldwide, Inc. In addition, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. added the following companies to its peer group: AMB Property Corporation, AvalonBay Communities, Inc., Boston Properties, Inc., Essex Property Trust, Inc., Federal Realty Investment Trust, Health Care REIT, Inc., PS Business Parks, Inc., Simon Property Group, Inc., Washington Real Estate Investment Trust and Weingarten Realty Investors.

# **Annual Performance Reviews**

To aid the Compensation Committee in setting base salaries, cash incentive targets and long-term equity awards, management provides recommendations annually to the Compensation Committee regarding the compensation of all named executive officers. The Board annually reviews the performance of its Chairman and its Chief Executive Officer, and its Chief Executive Officer reviews the performance of the remaining named executive officers. All of these reviews are presented to the Compensation Committee to provide input about their contributions to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s success for the period being assessed.

# **Description of Individual Elements of Compensation**

During the year ended December 31, 2009, compensation for the named executive officers was composed of base salary, annual performance-based cash bonuses and equity compensation awards.

114

# **Annual Base Salary**

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. provides named executive officers and other employees with base salaries to compensate them for services rendered each year. Base salaries comprise the stable part of the compensation program that is not dependent on Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s performance. This compensation element is necessary to provide the financial certainty that Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s executives seek when they are considering whether to join or remain with Digital Realty Trust, Inc.. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Compensation Committee approved new base salaries for each of the named executive officers in February 2009. The new base salaries became effective in March 2009. The base salaries for each of the named executive officers for 2009 with the exception of Mr. Magnuson, as discussed under Peer Group Review above, were determined based in part on the analysis by Watson Wyatt of the compensation practices of companies in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s peer group. The Compensation Committee also considered the performance of each of the named executive officers and their contributions to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s overall success. Based on their review, the Compensation Committee increased the salaries of the named executive officers for 2009. The 2009 salaries are set forth below under the heading Executive Compensation Summary Compensation Table.

#### **Annual Incentive Bonuses**

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s annual incentive bonus program is structured to reward named executive officers based on Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s performance and the individual executive s contribution to that performance. Annual incentive bonuses are paid in cash if and to the extent performance objectives established by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of the year are achieved. The Compensation Committee believes that the payment of the annual incentive bonus in cash provides the incentive necessary to retain executive officers and reward them for short-term company performance.

Each named executive officer s annual incentive bonus opportunity for 2009 was established by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Compensation Committee and is described in Executive Compensation Grants of Plan-Based Awards. Each named executive officer s bonus opportunity provides for target and maximum bonus amounts, expressed as a percentage of base salary. In setting these amounts, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Compensation Committee considers, among other factors, each executive s roles and responsibilities within Digital Realty Trust, Inc., the total compensation package associated with that position and competitive market data applicable to that position.

For 2009, the target and maximum bonus amounts, expressed as a percentage of base salary, were 150% and 200% for Mr. Magnuson, 100% and 150% for Mr. Foust, 75% and 100% for Mr. Stein and 100% and 100% for Mr. Peterson. The target bonus for Mr. Crosby was equal to 50% of base salary, plus a bonus based on leasing results up to a maximum of \$300,000. The target and maximum bonus payout percentages for each of the named executive officers, and the differences in such percentages among the named executive officers, were determined by reference to competitive market data and practices, with the exception of Mr. Magnuson, as discussed under Peer Group Review above, as well as consideration of each named executive officer s performance, role and responsibilities at the company. These amounts contemplate the target and maximum percentages set forth in each named executive officer s employment agreement, and were the subject of arms-length negotiation between Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and the named executive officer at the time that the agreement was entered into.

For 2009, based on the recommendations of management, a review of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s business plan and the analysis provided by Watson Wyatt, the Compensation Committee established financial and operating goals and organizational development goals for each named executive officer. The financial and operating goals included funds from operations (FFO) targets, financing objectives, acquisitions targets, leasing and marketing objectives, operations objectives and organizational development objectives. FFO is used by industry analysts and investors as a supplemental performance measure of a REIT. FFO represents net income (loss) available to common stockholders and unitholders (computed in accordance with U.S. GAAP), excluding gains (or losses) from sales of property, real estate-related depreciation and amortization (excluding amortization of deferred financing costs), after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. In excluding real estate-related depreciation and amortization and gains and losses from property dispositions, FFO provides a performance measure that, when compared year over year, captures trends in occupancy rates, rental rates and operating costs.

115

The target and maximum levels of FFO established by the Compensation Committee were \$2.81 and \$2.86, respectively, per diluted share and unit and were equivalent to the midpoint and high end of the range of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial guidance for 2009. These amounts were set by the Compensation Committee based on a number of factors, including expectations surrounding acquisitions and leasing assumptions, financing assumptions, earnings growth, general economic conditions, real estate and technology fundamentals and other specific circumstances facing Digital Realty Trust, Inc.. For the purpose of determining bonuses, the Compensation Committee may adjust FFO to exclude profits, losses or expenses which the Compensation Committee determines to be non-recurring to give a more accurate picture of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s annual performance. 2009 FFO was \$2.93 per diluted share and unit, and was not adjusted by the Compensation Committee for purposes of determining bonuses. The financing objective included many factors, including those related to ensuring adequate liquidity to comfortably meet Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s business needs, achieving the lowest cost of capital for market conditions, maximizing risk-adjusted equity returns while maintaining financial flexibility, obtaining debt or equity financing appropriate for business needs, seeking out equity joint venture opportunities for Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s portfolio assets and ensuring timely and accurate financial reporting, tax and forecasting. The acquisitions target set by the Compensation Committee for 2009 included completion of \$50 to \$100 million of income producing properties at an average cash capitalization rate of 10%, completion of the acquisition of certain redevelopment assets and assistance in underwriting prospective joint venture opportunities for Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s assets.

For 2009, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. completed \$196.5 million of income producing properties at a cash capitalization rate in excess of 10.5%. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. calculates cash capitalization rate by dividing the expected net operating income to be derived from the property by the total purchase price of the property. Net operating income represents rental revenue and tenant reimbursement revenue from the acquired property less rental property operating and maintenance, property taxes and insurance expense. The leasing objective was based on achieving certain leasing targets in 2009. Management met each of the objectives in 2009 and exceeded the maximum FFO target.

The organizational development goals for 2009 included achievement of certain organizational targets, leadership, development and motivation of employees to achieve high performance and to focus on company goals and the fostering of cross-organizational teamwork. The operations objectives for 2009 included implementation of consistent operations reporting and forecasting, continued implementation of the customer service program and web-based tenant portal and implementation of an appropriate staffing plan. The operations objectives for 2009 also included meeting or exceeding property level operating budgets, meeting or exceeding a portfolio level gross operating margin target and the achievement of tenant retention goals.

The specific financial and operating goals and organizational development goals for each named executive officer were established by the Compensation Committee based on their areas of responsibility. Mr. Foust s bonus was based 70% on financial and operating goals and 30% on organizational development goals. Mr. Stein s bonus was based 80% on financial and operating goals and 20% on organizational development goals. Mr. Peterson s bonus was based 90% on financial and operating goals and 10% on organizational development goals. The portion of Mr. Crosby s bonus that was not based on leasing results was based 80% on financial and operating goals and 20% on organizational development goals. Mr. Magnuson s bonus was based on the same criteria, however, the percentages for each category were not specified.

The Compensation Committee, based in part on the recommendations of management, determined each named executive officer s bonus based on the achievement of the established goals. For 2009, the Compensation Committee determined that all established goals had been achieved or exceeded. Accordingly, the Compensation Committee awarded Mr. Magnuson, Mr. Foust, Mr. Stein and Mr. Peterson their maximum bonus for 2009 plus an additional amount in consideration of their performance under challenging economic conditions.

#### **Equity Incentive Compensation**

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has historically granted to the executive officers stock options and long-term incentive units in the operating partnership under Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan. Digital

116

Realty Trust, Inc. believes that a significant portion of the compensation paid to executive officers should be closely aligned with its performance on both a short-term and long-term basis. The Compensation Committee believes that, while Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s annual bonus program provides awards for positive short-term performance, equity participation creates a vital long-term partnership between executive officers and stockholders. The program is intended to encourage high performance, promote accountability and ensure that the interests of the executives are aligned with the interests of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders by linking a significant portion of executive compensation directly to increases in stockholder value.

The Compensation Committee allocates annual incentive compensation between the cash components and equity compensation based on a review of the practices of our peer group and competitive market data (except with respect to Mr. Magnuson for 2009, as discussed under Peer Group Review above), while considering the balance among providing short-term incentives and long-term incentives to align the interests of management with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders. The Compensation Committee did not utilize a formulaic approach in allocating the cash and equity-based portions of incentive compensation.

# 2009 Long-Term Incentive Unit Awards

The Compensation Committee believes that long-term incentive units are an effective incentive to retain the executive officers and increase their performance and closely align the interests of the executive officers with the long-term interests of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders. Long-term incentive units may be issued to eligible participants for the performance of services to or for the benefit of the operating partnership. Long-term incentive units, other than class C profits interest units, whether vested or not, receive the same quarterly per-unit distributions as common units in the operating partnership, which equal the per-share distributions on Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock.

Initially, long-term incentive units do not have full parity with common units with respect to liquidating distributions. If such parity is reached, vested long-term incentive units may be converted into an equal number of common units of the operating partnership at any time, and thereafter enjoy all the rights of common units of the operating partnership, including redemption rights.

In order to achieve full parity with common units, long-term incentive units must be fully vested and the holder s capital account balance in respect of such long-term incentive units must be equal to the capital account balance of a holder of an equivalent number of common units. (The capital account balance attributable to each common unit is generally expected to be the same, in part because of the amount credited to a partner s capital account upon their contribution of property to the operating partnership, and in part because the partnership agreement provides, in most cases, that allocations of income, gain, loss and deduction (which will adjust the partners capital accounts) are to be made to the common units on a proportionate basis. As a result, with respect to a number of long-term incentive units, it is possible to determine the capital account balance of an equivalent number of common units by multiplying the number of long-term incentive units by the capital account balance with respect to a common unit.)

A partner s initial capital account balance is equal to the amount the partner paid (or contributed to the operating partnership) for its units and is subject to subsequent adjustments, including with respect to the partner s share of income, gain or loss of the operating partnership. Because a holder of long-term incentive units generally will not pay for the long-term incentive units, the initial capital account balance attributable to such long-term incentive units will be zero. However, the operating partnership is required to allocate income, gain, loss and deduction to the partners capital accounts in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreement, subject to applicable Treasury Regulations. The partnership agreement provides that holders of long-term incentive units will receive special allocations of gain in the event of a sale or hypothetical sale of assets of the operating partnership prior to the allocation of gain to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or other limited partners with respect to their common units. The amount of such allocation will, to the extent of any such gain, be equal to the difference between the capital account balance of a holder of long-term incentive units attributable to such units and the capital account balance attributable to an equivalent number of common units. If and when such gain allocation is fully made, a holder of long-term incentive units will have achieved full parity with holders of common units. To the extent that,

117

upon an actual sale or a hypothetical sale of the operating partnership s assets as described above, there is not sufficient gain to allocate to a holder s capital account with respect to long-term incentive units, or if such sale or hypothetical sale does not occur, such units will not achieve parity with common units.

The term hypothetical sale refers to circumstances that are not actual sales of the operating partnership s assets but that require certain adjustments to the value of the operating partnership s assets and the partners capital account balances. Specifically, the partnership agreement provides that, from time to time, in accordance with applicable Treasury Regulations, the operating partnership will adjust the value of its assets to equal their respective fair market values, and adjust the partners capital accounts, in accordance with the terms of the partnership agreement, as if the operating partnership sold its assets for an amount equal to their value. Times for making such adjustments generally include the liquidation of the operating partnership, the acquisition of an additional interest in the operating partnership by a new or existing partner in exchange for more than a de minimis capital contribution, the distribution by the operating partnership to a partner of more than a de minimis amount of partnership property as consideration for an interest in the operating partnership (other than a de minimis interest) as consideration for the performance of services to or for the benefit of the operating partnership (including the grant of a long-term incentive unit), and at such other times as may be desirable or required to comply with the Treasury Regulations.

The Compensation Committee approves awards of long-term incentive units on the basis of several factors, including the executive officer s total compensation package, the executive officer s roles and responsibilities within Digital Realty Trust, Inc., the executive officer s performance, any significant accomplishments of the executive officer, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s financial and operating performance and competitive market data applicable to each executive officer s position and functional responsibilities.

On February 24, 2009, the Compensation Committee approved an award of long-term incentive profits interest units in the operating partnership to all of the named executive officers, other than Mr. Magnuson, as set forth below in the Executive Compensation Grants of Plan-Based Awards table. The awards were granted to the executives on March 2, 2009. Except for accelerated vesting in the event of a change in control of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., long-term incentive units awarded in 2009 were subject to either time-based vesting or both time-based and performance-based vesting. Each executive received a number of performance-based long-term incentive units equal to 125% of the number of time-based long-term incentive units received by the executive. Based on the recommendations of management and a review of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s business plan, the vesting of the performance-based long-term incentive units was based on Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s achievement of FFO per diluted share and unit results for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009 (the Performance Condition ). The Compensation Committee may adjust FFO to exclude profits, losses or expenses which the Compensation Committee determines to be non-recurring to give a more accurate picture of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s annual performance. If Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s 2009 FFO had been less than \$2.76 per diluted share and unit, none of the long-term incentive units would have satisfied the Performance Condition. If Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s 2009 FFO per diluted share and unit had been between \$2.76 and \$2.86, then a number of performance-based long-term incentive units equal to between 75% and 125% of the time-based long term incentive units would have satisfied the Performance Condition. Based on Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s 2009 FFO per diluted share and unit of \$2.93, all of these long-term incentive units satisfied the Performance Condition. FFO was not adjusted by the Compensation Committee for purposes of the long-term incentive unit awards. All of the long-term incentive units granted in 2009 are subject to time-based vesting based on the executive s satisfaction of certain service conditions. The time-based service conditions of the awards provide for 20% vesting on each of the first and second anniversaries of the grant date and 30% vesting on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the grant date, provided the executive continues to be employed with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. on each anniversary date.

# **Employment Agreements**

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has entered into employment agreements with the named executive officers to help provide stability and security and encourage them to remain with Digital Realty Trust, Inc.. These agreements

118

include severance and change in control benefits, among other things. The terms of these severance and change in control arrangements are described below in more detail under the caption 

Executive Compensation Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. provides these benefits to the named executive officers in order to give them the personal security and stability necessary for them to focus on the performance of their duties and responsibilities to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and to encourage retention through a potential change in control.

# **Perquisites**

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. generally provides the named executive officers with perquisites and other personal benefits that apply uniformly to all of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s employees. The Compensation Committee periodically reviews the levels of perquisites and other personal benefits provided to named executive officers. In 2009, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. provided the named executive officers other than Mr. Magnuson with basic life insurance, medical, dental, vision and disability plan benefits, for which the named executive officers were charged the same rates as all other employees, 401(k) matching funds and parking. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. provided Mr. Magnuson with basic life insurance benefits. Other than these standard benefits, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. does not provide any other perquisites.

# **Tax and Accounting Considerations**

# Internal Revenue Code Section 162(m)

Section 162(m) of the Code disallows a tax deduction for any publicly held corporation for individual compensation of more than \$1.0 million in any taxable year to certain executive officers other than compensation that is performance-based under a plan that is approved by the stockholders and that meets certain other technical requirements. Despite the fact that Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s annual incentive bonuses and certain equity-based compensation awards are determined based on the evaluation of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s performance and take into consideration certain financial and strategic goals, the Compensation Committee does not apply these factors on a strict formulaic basis. As a result, this compensation may not satisfy the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. believes that it qualifies as a REIT under the Code and generally is not subject to federal income taxes, provided Digital Realty Trust, Inc. distributes to its stockholders at least 100% of its taxable income each year. As a result, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. does not expect that the payment of compensation that does not satisfy the requirements of Section 162(m) of the Code will have a material adverse federal income tax consequence to it, provided it continues to distribute at least 100% of its taxable income each year. In appropriate circumstances, the Compensation Committee therefore may elect to implement programs that recognize a full range of performance criteria important to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s success and to ensure its executive officers are compensated in a manner consistent with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s best interests and those of its stockholders, even where the compensation paid under such programs may not be deductible under Section 162(m) of the Code.

# ASC Topic 718

Accounting Standards Codification Topic 718, Compensation Stock Compensation ( ASC Topic 718 ) (formerly known as Financial Accounting Standard No. 123(R), Share-Based Payments) requires Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to recognize an expense for the fair value of equity-based compensation awards. Grants of stock-based compensation are accounted for under ASC Topic 718. The Compensation Committee regularly considers the accounting implications of significant compensation decisions, especially in connection with decisions that relate to equity compensation awards. As accounting standards change, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. may revise certain programs to appropriately align accounting expenses of its equity awards with its overall executive compensation philosophy and objectives.

# **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

There are no Compensation Committee interlocks, and none of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s employees participates on the Compensation Committee.

119

#### COMPENSATION RISK ASSESSMENT

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. believes that its compensation policies and practices appropriately balance near-term performance improvement with sustainable long-term value creation, and that they do not encourage unnecessary or excessive risk taking. In 2010, the Compensation Committee and management conducted an extensive review of the design and operation of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s compensation program and presented their findings to the Board. The review included an assessment of the level of risk associated with the various elements of compensation. Based on this review and assessment, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. believes that its compensation policies and practices are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the company.

# **Executive Compensation**

# **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table summarizes the total compensation paid to or earned by each of the named executive officers for the years ended December 31, 2009, 2008 and 2007.

Name and Principal Position	Year	<b>Salary</b> (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Option Awards (\$)(3)	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)(4)	All Other Compensation (\$)(5)	<b>Total</b> (\$) <sup>(6)</sup>
Michael F. Foust,	2009	\$ 591,000	\$ 263,500 <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 2,250,001	\$	\$ 886,500 <sup>(7)</sup>	\$ 214,930(8)	\$ 4,205,931
Chief Executive Officer	2008 2007	542,500 508,333		1,687,496 1,770,000	105,050	813,750 762,500	102,095 50,052	3,145,841 3,195,935
A. William Stein, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer and	2009 2008	386,567 372,000	115,933 <sup>(9)</sup> 93,000 <sup>(9)</sup>	1,349,995 1,012,490		386,567 <sup>(9)</sup> 372,000 <sup>(9)</sup>	141,877 <sup>(10)</sup> 68,581	2,380,939 1,918,071
Secretary	2007	356,667	89,175(9)	885,000	105,050	267,525(9)	40,014	1,743,431
Scott E. Peterson, Chief Acquisitions Officer	2009 2008 2007	337,155 325,500 312,500	162,845 <sup>(11)</sup>	562,493 337,484 826,000	105,050	337,155 <sup>(11)</sup> 325,500 312,500	79,522 <sup>(12)</sup> 50,737 41,825	1,479,170 1,039,221 1,597,875
Christopher J. Crosby, Jr., Senior Vice President, Corporate Development	2009 2008 2007	267,583 258,333 241,667		871,859 871,865 1,332,497	210,100	410,000 429,167 420,900	113,536 <sup>(13)</sup> 69,217 38,118	1,662,978 1,628,582 2,243,282
Richard A. Magnuson, Chairman	2009 2008 2007	214,067 206,667 191,667	2,427 <sup>(14)</sup>	1,770,000		428,133 <sup>(14)</sup> 413,333 383,400	705 <sup>(15)</sup> 694 5,089	645,332 620,694 2,350,156

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents salaries paid during each applicable year.

The amounts shown include the grant date fair value of performance-based long-term incentive units granted in March 2009, based on the probable outcome of the performance conditions to which such long-term incentive units are subject, calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718. These long-term incentive units are subject to achievement of the performance conditions as described in the heading above entitled Compensation Discussion and Analysis Description of Individual Elements of Compensation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Unit Awards.

The grant date fair value of the performance-based long-term incentive units granted in March 2009 based on the maximum level of performance is as follows: \$1,250,000 for Mr. Foust; \$750,000 for Mr. Stein; \$312,493 for Mr. Peterson; and \$484,363 for Mr. Crosby. Mr. Magnuson did not receive a performance-based long-term incentive unit award during 2009.

<sup>(2)</sup> The amounts in this column represent the full grant date fair value of long-term incentive units and class C profits interest units granted during the applicable fiscal year in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For additional information on the valuation assumptions for 2009, refer to Note 9 to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, included in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

(3) The amounts in this column represent the full grant date fair value of stock options granted during 2007 in accordance with ASC Topic 718. None of the named executive officers were granted stock options during 2008 or 2009. For additional information on the valuation assumptions, refer to Note 9 to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, included in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

120

- (4) The amounts in this column represent performance-based cash incentive award payments that were earned during the specified year and paid in the following year.
- (5) The amounts in this column represent medical, dental, vision and disability insurance premiums, basic life insurance premiums, 401(k) matching funds, parking and distributions on unvested long-term incentive units, but exclude distributions paid on vested long-term incentive units.
- (6) Total salary paid in 2009 plus bonus and cash incentive awards paid in 2010 that were earned during 2009 constituted the following percentages of total compensation for each named executive officer:

Michael F. Foust	47.6%
A. William Stein	44.0%
Scott E. Peterson	57.8%
Christopher J. Crosby, Jr.	40.3%
Richard A. Magnuson	64.5%

- (7) See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Description of Individual Elements of Compensation Annual Incentive Bonuses for a discussion of Mr. Foust s actual bonus relative to his target bonus for 2009. The portion of Mr. Foust s 2009 bonus in excess of the maximum bonus target of 150% of base salary in 2009 does not constitute Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation and therefore is presented separately under the heading Bonus.
- (8) Includes \$12,233 for medical, dental, vision and disability insurance premiums, \$189,732 from distributions on unvested long-term incentive units and other amounts related to parking, basic life insurance premiums and 401(k) matching funds.
- (9) See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Description of Individual Elements of Compensation Annual Incentive Bonuses for a discussion of Mr. Stein s actual bonus relative to his target bonus for 2009. The portions of Mr. Stein s 2009, 2008 and 2007 bonuses in excess of the maximum bonus targets of 100% of base salary in 2009, 100% of base salary in 2008 and 75% of base salary in 2007 do not constitute Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation and therefore are presented separately under the heading Bonus.
- (10) Includes \$15,676 for medical, dental, vision and disability insurance premiums, \$113,236 from distributions on unvested long-term incentive units and other amounts related to parking, basic life insurance premiums and 401(k) matching funds.
- (11) See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Description of Individual Elements of Compensation Annual Incentive Bonuses for a discussion of Mr. Peterson s actual bonus relative to his target bonus for 2009. The portion of Mr. Peterson s 2009 bonus in excess of the maximum bonus target of 100% of base salary in 2009 does not constitute Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation and therefore is presented separately under the heading Bonus.
- (12) Includes \$18,262 for medical, dental, vision and disability insurance premiums, \$48,295 from distributions on unvested long-term incentive units and other amounts related to parking, basic life insurance premiums and 401(k) matching funds.
- (13) Includes \$18,262 for medical, dental, vision and disability insurance premiums, \$84,769 from distributions on unvested long-term incentive units and other amounts related to basic life insurance premiums and 401(k) matching funds.
- (14) See Compensation Discussion and Analysis Description of Individual Elements of Compensation Annual Incentive Bonuses for a discussion of Mr. Magnuson s actual bonus relative to his target bonus for 2009. The portion of Mr. Magnuson s 2009 bonus in excess of the maximum bonus target of 200% of base salary in 2009 does not constitute Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation and therefore is presented separately under the heading Bonus.
- (15) Includes basic life insurance premiums.

121

#### **Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

The following table provides information concerning target payouts under plan-based awards granted or awarded during 2009 to each of the named executive officers.

	Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards <sup>(</sup>			Payou	mated Future ts Under Equity ve Plan Awards <sup>(2)</sup>	All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of Stocks	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and Option
Name	Grant The Date	resholdFarget (\$) (\$)	Maximum (\$)	Threshold (#)	Target Maximum (#) (#)	or Units (#) <sup>(3)</sup>	Awards (\$) <sup>(4)</sup>
Michael F. Foust, Chief Executive Officer	03/02/2009 03/02/2009	\$ 591,000 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 886,500	27,819	46,365	37,092	\$ 1,250,000 1,000,000
A. William Stein, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer and Secretary	03/02/2009 03/02/2009	289,925 <sup>(5)</sup>	386,567	16,691	27,819	22,255	750,000 599,995
Scott E. Peterson, Chief Acquisitions Officer	03/02/2009 03/02/2009	337,155 <sup>(5)</sup>	337,155	6,955	11,591	9,273	312,493 250,000
Christopher J. Crosby, Jr., Senior Vice President, Corporate Development	03/02/2009 03/02/2009	433,792 <sup>(5)</sup>	433,792	10,780	17,966	14,373	484,363 387,496
Richard A. Magnuson, Chairman		321,100 <sup>(5)</sup>	428,133				

- (1) Represents cash incentive awards payable in 2010 based on 2009 performance. There were no threshold bonus award amounts. See the Summary Compensation Table under the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column for actual 2009 bonuses paid.
- (2) Represents performance-based long-term incentive units the operating partnership awarded in 2009. Indicated threshold and maximum amounts correspond to the number of long-term incentive units that would have been earned in the event that specified minimum and maximum FFO targets, respectively, were achieved. For more information on 2009 long-term incentive unit awards, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis Description of Individual Elements of Compensation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Unit Awards.
- (3) Represents time-based long-term incentive units in the operating partnership awarded in 2009. For more information on the 2009 long-term incentive unit awards, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis Description of Individual Elements of Compensation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Unit Awards.
- (4) Represents the full grant date fair value of performance-based long-term incentive units and time-based long-term incentive units granted during 2009 in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For additional information on the valuation assumptions, refer to Note 9 to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, included in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.

The amounts shown include the grant date fair value of performance-based long-term incentive units granted in March 2009, based on the probable outcome of the performance conditions to which such long-term incentive units are subject, calculated in accordance with ASC Topic 718. These long-term incentive units are subject to achievement of the performance conditions as described in the heading above entitled Compensation Discussion and Analysis Description of Individual Elements of Compensation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Unit Awards.

The grant date fair value of the performance-based long-term incentive units granted in March 2009 based on the maximum level of performance is as follows: \$1,250,000 for Mr. Foust; \$750,000 for Mr. Stein; \$312,493 for Mr. Peterson; and \$484,363 for Mr. Crosby. Mr. Magnuson did not receive a performance-based long-term incentive unit award during 2009.

(5) Represents target cash incentive awards based on amounts established for 2009. Actual cash incentive awards reflect salaries actually paid in 2009.

122

# Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table

# 2007 Outperformance Awards

On May 2, 2007, the Compensation Committee approved the grant to each of the named executive officers of an award of class C profits interest units of the operating partnership under Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan. If the performance condition and the other vesting conditions are satisfied with respect to a class C profits interest unit, the class C profits interest unit will be treated in the same manner as the existing long-term incentive units issued by the operating partnership. Initially, class C profits interest units, like other long-term incentive units, will not have full parity with common units with respect to liquidating distributions. If such parity is reached, vested class C profits interest units may be converted into an equal number of common units of the operating partnership at any time, and thereafter enjoy all the rights of common units of the operating partnership, including redemption rights. For a discussion of the manner in which class C profits interest units may achieve parity with common units, see Compensation Discussion and Analysis Description of Individual Elements of Compensation 2009 Long-Term Incentive Unit Awards.

The class C profits interest units subject to each 2007 award will satisfy the performance condition based on the achievement of a total stockholder return (which Digital Realty Trust, Inc. refers to as the performance condition) as measured on November 1, 2008 (which Digital Realty Trust, Inc. refers to as the first measurement date) and May 1, 2010 (which Digital Realty Trust, Inc. refers to as the second measurement date). If:

with respect to the first measurement date, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. achieves a total stockholder return equal to at least 18% over a period commencing on May 2, 2007 and ending on November 1, 2008; and

with respect to the second measurement date, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. achieves a total stockholder return equal to at least 36% over a period commencing on May 2, 2007 and ending on the earlier of May 1, 2010 and the date of a change in control of Digital Realty Trust. Inc.

the performance condition will be deemed satisfied with respect to a number of class C profits interest units that is based on the executive s allocated percentage of an aggregate performance award pool. For purposes of calculating the total stockholder return during this period, the initial value of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock will be equal to \$40.51 (which represents the five day trailing average of the closing prices of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock ending on May 1, 2007) and the ending value of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock will be based on the thirty day trailing average as of the applicable measurement date and will include an amount that would have been realized if all cash dividends paid during the performance period were reinvested in common stock on the applicable dividend payment date. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. did not satisfy the performance condition at the first measurement date.

The aggregate amount of the performance award pool will be equal to 8% of the excess stockholder value created during the applicable performance period, but in no event will the amount of the pool exceed:

\$17 million for the first measurement date; or

\$40 million (less the amount of the performance award pool as of the first measurement date) for the second measurement date. Excess stockholder value is equal to the excess of:

the aggregate market value of the total number of shares of common stock and units outstanding at the end of the performance period, plus the cumulative value of dividends paid during the performance period (assuming reinvestment in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock), over

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

an increase in the aggregate market value of the common stock and units as of May 1, 2007 of 18% with respect to the first measurement date and 36% with respect to the second measurement date, plus in each case a prorated increase in the aggregate market value of new shares of common stock and units issued by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or the operating partnership during the performance period.

123

The first and second measurement dates may be accelerated as follows:

in the event that during any 60 consecutive calendar days ending prior to November 1, 2008 the performance award pool, if calculated on each trading day during such period, equals or exceeds \$17 million on each such trading day, the first measurement date will be accelerated to the last calendar day of the 60-day period; and

in the event that during any 60 consecutive calendar days ending prior to May 1, 2010, the performance award pool, if calculated on each trading day during such period, equals or exceeds \$40 million on each such trading day, the second measurement date will instead be accelerated to the last calendar day of the 60-day period.

Except in the event of a change in control of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., 60% of the class C profits interest units that satisfy the performance condition will vest at the end of the three-year performance period ending on May 1, 2010 and an additional 1/60th of such class C profits interest units will vest on the date of each monthly anniversary thereafter, provided that the executive service has not terminated prior to the applicable vesting date. If, however, a change in control of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. occurs on or before April 30, 2010 and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. achieves a total annual stockholder return (based on the price per share paid in the change in control transaction) equivalent to at least 36% (prorated to the date of the change of control), 100% of the class C profits interest units that satisfy the performance condition as of the change in control date will vest immediately prior to the change in control. In addition, if a change in control of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. occurs after the second measurement date and the executive remains a service provider, the class C profits interest units that satisfied the performance condition will fully vest immediately prior to the change in control.

If the executive s service is terminated due to death or disability (or without cause or for good reason if the executive s employment agreement defines cause or contemplates a good reason termination) prior to the end of the performance period or change in control date and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. later satisfies the performance condition, a pro rata portion of the class C profits interest units will then vest based on the executive s length of service during the performance period (20% if the executive remained in service through May 1, 2008 and 1/60th on each subsequent monthly anniversary thereafter).

To the extent that any class C profits interest units fail to satisfy the performance condition at the end of the performance period (or the change in control date, if earlier), such class C profits interest units will automatically be cancelled and forfeited by the executive. In addition, any class C profits interest units which are not eligible for pro rata vesting in the event of a termination of the executive s employment due to death or disability (or without cause or for good reason, if applicable) will automatically be cancelled and forfeited upon a termination of the executive s employment.

In the event that the value of the executive s allocated portion of the award pool that satisfies the performance condition equates to a number of class C profits interest units that is greater than the number of class C profits interest units awarded to the executive, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will make an additional payment to the executive in the form of a number of shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s restricted stock equal to the difference. Sixty percent of the shares of restricted stock will be vested at the time of issuance and 1/60th of such shares will vest on each monthly anniversary thereafter, subject to full accelerated vesting in the event of a subsequent change in control of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. If, however, this additional payment is made in connection with a change in control of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. that satisfies the performance condition, all of the shares issued will be fully vested at the time of issuance. If the executive s service is terminated due to death or disability (or without cause or for good reason, if applicable) prior to the end of the performance period or change in control date, the executive will be entitled to receive a similar pro rata payment, based on his service during the performance period, in the form of shares of fully vested common stock rather than restricted stock, subject to compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws.

All determinations, interpretations and assumptions relating to the vesting and calculation of the awards under the class C profits interest units agreements will be made by the administrator of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan (presently the Compensation Committee). In addition, the administrator may,

124

in its discretion, adjust or modify the methodology for calculating the vesting of the awards (other than the executive s allocated percentage of the performance award pool) to account for events affecting the value of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock which the administrator of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan does not consider indicative of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s performance, such as the issuance of new common stock, stock repurchases, stock splits, issuances and/or exercises of stock grants or stock options, and similar events.

# **Employment Agreements**

Michael F. Foust

On August 7, 2008, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. entered into a new employment agreement with Mr. Foust, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Executive Officer. On December 24, 2008, the employment agreement was amended for further compliance with Section 409A of the Code. The current term of Mr. Foust s employment agreement extends until August 6, 2011, subject to automatic renewal for successive one-year periods unless either party provides notice of such party s intention not to renew the employment agreement not less than 60 days prior to August 6, 2011.

Mr. Foust s annual base salary pursuant to the employment agreement, as adjusted, is currently \$700,000, subject to increase in accordance with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s policies in effect from time to time. Mr. Foust is eligible for an annual cash performance bonus under Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s incentive bonus plan based on the satisfaction of performance criteria established in accordance with the terms of such plan. The target and maximum annual bonuses for Mr. Foust are currently 100% and 150%, respectively, of his base salary. Mr. Foust is eligible to participate in all incentive, savings and retirement plans, practices, policies and programs, and medical and other group welfare plan coverage and fringe benefits provided to similarly-situated executives.

Mr. Foust s employment agreement provides that if his employment is terminated (i) by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. without cause, (ii) by Mr. Foust for good reason (each as defined in the employment agreement) or (iii) by Mr. Foust for any reason on or within 30 days after the six month anniversary of a change in control (as defined in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan), then, subject to Mr. Foust s execution and non-revocation of a general release of claims, he will be entitled to a lump-sum termination payment within 30 days after the date of such termination in an amount equal to the sum of (a) three times the sum of his then-current annual base salary plus his maximum annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs, (b) the prorated portion of 150% of his then-current annual base salary for the partial fiscal year in which the termination date occurs (the stub year bonus ) and (c) if the termination occurs after a fiscal year-end but before annual bonuses are paid or determined for such preceding fiscal year, an amount equal to such unpaid bonus, if determined, or 150% of his base salary actually paid for such preceding year (the prior year bonus ), if any. In addition, all outstanding unvested stock options and other equity-based awards held by Mr. Foust, other than any equity award that is subject to performance-based vesting (including unvested class C profits interest units and 2009 long-term incentive unit awards), shall become fully vested and exercisable. With respect to any outstanding unvested stock options and other equity-based awards subject to performance-based vesting (including unvested class C profits interest units and 2009 long-term incentive unit awards), Mr. Foust will continue to be deemed a service provider under the applicable award agreements until all such awards that ultimately satisfy the performance conditions, if any, vest. Further, in the event of any such termination described in this paragraph, Mr. Foust will be entitled to continued health insurance coverage at least equal to the coverage that would have been provided to him if his employment had not been terminated, for a period ending on the earlier of the first anniversary of such termination or the date on which he becomes eligible to receive comparable health insurance under a subsequent employer s plan.

Mr. Foust s employment agreement further provides that upon death or disability, he will be entitled to a lump-sum severance payment in an amount equal to the sum of (i) his then-current annual base salary, (ii) his maximum annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs, (iii) the stub year bonus and (iv) the prior year bonus, if any. In addition, all equity-based awards held by Mr. Foust will be subject to the severance provisions described in the preceding paragraph.

125

Mr. Foust is entitled to an additional tax gross-up payment under his employment agreements if any amounts paid or payable to him would be subject to the excise tax on certain so-called excess parachute payments under Section 4999 of the Code. However, if a reduction in the payments of 10% or less would render the excise tax inapplicable, then the payments will be reduced by such amount and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will not be required to make the gross-up payment.

The employment agreement of Mr. Foust contains confidentiality provisions which apply indefinitely and non-solicitation provisions which will apply during the term of his employment and for a one-year period thereafter. In addition, the employment agreement provides that, except in limited circumstances, Mr. Foust generally may not compete with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. through the acquisition or ownership of technology-related real estate properties in the United States or Europe during the term of his employment with Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

#### A. William Stein

On August 7, 2008, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. entered into a new employment agreement with Mr. Stein, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Financial Officer and Chief Investment Officer. On December 24, 2008, the employment agreement was amended for further compliance with Section 409A of the Code. The current term of Mr. Stein s employment agreement extends until August 6, 2011, subject to automatic renewal for successive one-year periods unless either party provides notice of such party s intention not to renew the employment agreement not less than 60 days prior to August 6, 2011.

Mr. Stein s annual base salary pursuant to the employment agreement, as adjusted, is currently \$445,000, subject to increase in accordance with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s policies in effect from time to time. Mr. Stein is eligible for an annual cash performance bonus under Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s incentive bonus plan based on the satisfaction of performance criteria established in accordance with the terms of such plan. The target annual bonus for Mr. Stein is 100% of his base salary. Subject to amendment of his employment agreement, the maximum annual bonus for Mr. Stein will be 150% of his base salary. Mr. Stein is eligible to participate in all incentive, savings and retirement plans, practices, policies and programs, and medical and other group welfare plan coverage and fringe benefits provided to similarly-situated executives.

Mr. Stein s employment agreement provides that if his employment is terminated by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. without cause or by Mr. Stein for good reason (each as defined in the employment agreement), then, subject to Mr. Stein s execution and non-revocation of a general release of claims, he will be entitled to receive a lump-sum severance payment within 60 days after the date of such termination in an amount equal to the sum of (i) his then-current annual base salary, (ii) the prorated portion of the maximum annual bonus for the partial fiscal year in which the termination date occurs (the stub year bonus ) and (iii) if the termination occurs after a fiscal year-end but before annual bonuses are paid or determined for such preceding fiscal year, an amount equal to such unpaid bonus, if determined, or the maximum bonus (the prior year bonus ), if any.

Pursuant to Mr. Stein s employment agreement, in the event of a termination of Mr. Stein s employment by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. without cause or by the executive for good reason on or within one year after a change in control (as defined in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan), in lieu of the severance payment set forth in the preceding paragraph, Mr. Stein will be entitled to receive a lump-sum severance payment within 60 days after the date of such termination in an amount equal to the sum of (i) two times the amount of his then-current base salary, (ii) two times the greater of (a) his target annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs or (b) the annual bonus paid for the immediately preceding fiscal year, (iii) the stub year bonus and (iv) the prior year bonus, if any. Mr. Stein will also be entitled to continued health insurance coverage at least equal to the coverage that would have been provided to him if his employment had not been terminated, for a period ending on the earlier of the first anniversary of such termination or the date on which he becomes eligible to receive comparable health insurance under a subsequent employer s plan. In addition, all outstanding unvested stock options and other equity-based awards held by Mr. Stein, other than any equity award that is subject to performance-based vesting (including unvested class C profits interest units and

126

other outperformance awards), shall become fully vested and exercisable; provided, that with respect to any stock options and other equity-based awards that were subject to a performance condition (including unvested class C profits interest units and 2009 long-term incentive unit awards), such stock options or other equity-based awards shall only vest to the extent provided in the applicable award agreement.

Mr. Stein s employment agreement further provides that upon death or disability, he will be entitled to a lump-sum severance payment in an amount equal to the sum of (i) his then-current annual base salary, (ii) his maximum annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs, (iii) the stub year bonus and (iv) the prior year bonus, if any. In addition, all equity-based awards held by Mr. Stein will be subject to the severance provisions described in the preceding paragraph, except that with respect to any outstanding unvested stock options and other equity-based awards subject to performance-based vesting (including unvested class C profits interest units and 2009 long-term incentive unit awards), Mr. Stein will continue to be deemed a service provider under the applicable award agreements until all such awards that ultimately satisfy the performance conditions, if any, vest.

Mr. Stein is entitled to an additional tax gross-up payment under his employment agreements if any amounts paid or payable to him would be subject to the excise tax on certain so-called excess parachute payments under Section 4999 of the Code. However, if a reduction in the payments of 10% or less would render the excise tax inapplicable, then the payments will be reduced by such amount and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will not be required to make the gross-up payment.

The employment agreement of Mr. Stein contains confidentiality provisions which apply indefinitely and non-solicitation provisions which will apply during the term of his employment and for a one-year period thereafter. In addition, the employment agreement provides that, except in limited circumstances, Mr. Stein generally may not compete with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. through the acquisition or ownership of technology-related real estate properties in the United States or Europe during the term of his employment with Digital Realty Trust, Inc..

Scott E. Peterson

On December 24, 2008, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. entered into an amended and restated employment agreement with Mr. Peterson, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chief Acquisitions Officer. Mr. Peterson s employment under this agreement is at-will and either party may terminate his employment for any reason or for no reason by giving 30 days notice to the other party.

Mr. Peterson s annual base salary pursuant to the employment agreement, as adjusted, is currently \$425,000, subject to increase in accordance with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s policies in effect from time to time. Mr. Peterson is eligible for an annual cash performance bonus under Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s incentive bonus plan based on the satisfaction of performance criteria established in accordance with the terms of such plan. The target and maximum annual bonuses for Mr. Peterson are currently 100% and 120%, respectively, of his base salary. Mr. Peterson is eligible to participate in all incentive, savings and retirement plans, practices, policies and programs, and medical and other group welfare plan coverage and fringe benefits provided to similarly-situated employees.

Mr. Peterson's employment agreement provides that if his employment is terminated by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. without cause (as defined in the employment agreement), then, subject to Mr. Peterson's execution and non-revocation of a general release of claims, he will be entitled to receive a lump-sum severance payment within 60 days after the date of such termination in an amount equal to 50% of the sum of (i) his then-current annual base salary and (ii) his target bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs.

Pursuant to Mr. Peterson s employment agreement, in the event of a termination of Mr. Peterson s employment by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. without cause on or within one year after a change in control (as defined in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan), in lieu of the severance payment set forth in the

127

preceding paragraph, Mr. Peterson will be entitled to receive a lump-sum severance payment within 60 days after the date of such termination in an amount equal to the sum of (i) his then-current base salary and (ii) the greater of (a) his target annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs or (b) the annual bonus paid for the immediately preceding fiscal year. Mr. Peterson s employment agreement further provides that in the event of a termination of Mr. Peterson s employment by us without cause within the six-month period immediately preceding a change in control in connection with such change in control, Mr. Peterson will be entitled to receive a lump-sum severance payment, within the earlier of (i) the six-month anniversary of his date of termination or (ii) the date on which the change in control occurs, in an amount equal to the excess of the amount of severance payable under the preceding sentence over the amount of severance payable under the preceding paragraph. Further, in the event of any such termination described in this paragraph, all outstanding unvested stock options and other equity-based awards held by Mr. Peterson, other than any equity award that is subject to performance-based vesting (including unvested class C profits interest units), shall become fully vested and exercisable; provided, that with respect to any stock options and other equity-based awards that were subject to a performance condition (including unvested class C profits interest units and 2009 long-term incentive unit awards), such stock options or other equity-based awards shall only vest to the extent provided in the applicable award agreement.

Mr. Peterson s employment agreement does not provide for any payments or benefits upon death or disability, or additional tax gross-up payment on so-called excess parachute payments under Section 4999 of the Code.

The employment agreement of Mr. Peterson contains confidentiality provisions which apply indefinitely and non-solicitation provisions which will apply during the term of his employment and for a six-month period thereafter.

Christopher J. Crosby, Jr.

On August 7, 2008, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. entered into a new employment agreement with Mr. Crosby, Senior Vice President, Corporate Development. On December 24, 2008, the employment agreement was amended for further compliance with Section 409A of the Code. The current term of Mr. Crosby s employment agreement extends until August 6, 2011, subject to automatic renewal for successive one-year periods unless either party provides notice of such party s intention not to renew the employment agreement not less than 60 days prior to August 6, 2011.

Mr. Crosby s annual base salary pursuant to the employment agreement, as adjusted, is currently \$300,000, subject to increase in accordance with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s policies in effect from time to time. Mr. Crosby is eligible for an annual cash performance bonus under Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s incentive bonus plan based on the satisfaction of performance criteria established in accordance with the terms of such plan. In connection with his new role as Senior Vice President, Corporate Development, the target annual bonus for Mr. Crosby will be 75% of his base salary. Subject to amendment of his employment agreement, the maximum annual bonus for Mr. Crosby will be 115% of his base salary. Mr. Crosby is eligible to participate in all incentive, savings and retirement plans, practices, policies and programs, and medical and other group welfare plan coverage and fringe benefits provided to similarly-situated executives.

Mr. Crosby s employment agreement provides that if his employment is terminated by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. without cause or by Mr. Crosby for good reason (each as defined in the employment agreement), then, subject to Mr. Crosby s execution and non-revocation of a general release of claims, he will be entitled to receive a lump-sum severance payment within 60 days after the date of such termination in an amount equal to the sum of (i) his then-current annual base salary, (ii) the prorated portion of the maximum annual bonus for the partial fiscal year in which the termination date occurs (the stub year bonus ) and (iii) if the termination occurs after a fiscal year-end but before annual bonuses are paid or determined for such preceding fiscal year, an amount equal to such unpaid bonus, if determined, or the maximum bonus (the prior year bonus ), if any.

128

Pursuant to Mr. Crosby s employment agreement, in the event of a termination of Mr. Crosby s employment by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. without cause or by the executive for good reason on or within one year after a change in control (as defined in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan), in lieu of the severance payment set forth in the preceding paragraph, Mr. Crosby will be entitled to receive a lump-sum severance payment within 60 days after the date of such termination in an amount equal to the sum of (i) two times the amount of his then-current base salary, (ii) two times the greater of (a) his target annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs or (b) the annual bonus paid for the immediately preceding fiscal year, (iii) the stub year bonus and (iv) the prior year bonus, if any. Mr. Crosby will also be entitled to continued health insurance coverage at least equal to the coverage that would have been provided to him if his employment had not been terminated, for a period ending on the earlier of the first anniversary of such termination or the date on which he becomes eligible to receive comparable health insurance under a subsequent employer s plan. In addition, all outstanding unvested stock options and other equity-based awards held by Mr. Crosby, other than any equity award that is subject to performance-based vesting (including unvested class C profits interest units and other outperformance awards), shall become fully vested and exercisable; provided, that with respect to any stock options and other equity-based awards that were subject to a performance condition (including unvested class C profits interest units and 2009 long-term incentive unit awards), such stock options or other equity-based awards shall only vest to the extent provided in the applicable award agreement.

Mr. Crosby s employment agreement further provides that upon death or disability, he will be entitled to a lump-sum severance payment in an amount equal to the sum of (i) his then-current annual base salary, (ii) his maximum annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs, (iii) the stub year bonus and (iv) the prior year bonus, if any. In addition, all equity-based awards held by Mr. Crosby will be subject to the severance provisions described in the preceding paragraph, except that with respect to any outstanding unvested stock options and other equity-based awards subject to performance-based vesting (including unvested class C profits interest units and 2009 long-term incentive unit awards), Mr. Crosby will continue to be deemed a service provider under the applicable award agreements until all such awards that ultimately satisfy the performance conditions, if any, vest.

Mr. Crosby is entitled to an additional tax gross-up payment under his employment agreements if any amounts paid or payable to him would be subject to the excise tax on certain so-called excess parachute payments under Section 4999 of the Code. However, if a reduction in the payments of 10% or less would render the excise tax inapplicable, then the payments will be reduced by such amount and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will not be required to make the gross-up payment.

The employment agreement of Mr. Crosby contains confidentiality provisions which apply indefinitely and non-solicitation provisions which will apply during the term of his employment and for a one-year period thereafter. In addition, the employment agreement provides that, except in limited circumstances, Mr. Crosby generally may not compete with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. through the acquisition or ownership of technology-related real estate properties in the United States or Europe during the term of his employment with Digital Realty Trust, Inc..

# Richard A. Magnuson

On August 7, 2008, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. entered into a new employment agreement with Mr. Magnuson, the Chairman of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board. On December 24, 2008, the employment agreement was amended for further compliance with Section 409A of the Code. The current term of Mr. Magnuson s employment agreement extends until August 6, 2011, subject to automatic renewal for successive one-year periods unless either party provides notice of such party s intention not to renew the employment agreement not less than 60 days prior to August 6, 2011.

Mr. Magnuson has agreed to waive his right to receive all cash compensation payable to him for serving as a member of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board. Mr. Magnuson s annual base salary pursuant to the employment agreement, as adjusted, is currently \$215,280, subject to increase in accordance with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s

129

policies in effect from time to time. Mr. Magnuson is eligible for an annual cash performance bonus under Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s incentive bonus plan based on the satisfaction of performance criteria established in accordance with the terms of such plan. The target and maximum annual bonuses for Mr. Magnuson are currently 150% and 200%, respectively, of his base salary.

Mr. Magnuson s employment agreement provides that if he is terminated (i) by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. without cause, (ii) by Mr. Magnuson for good reason (each as defined in the employment agreement) or (iii) by Mr. Magnuson for any reason on or within 30 days after the six month anniversary of a change in control (as defined in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan), then, subject to Mr. Magnuson s execution and non-revocation of a general release of claims, he will be entitled to a lump-sum termination payment within 30 days after the date of such termination in an amount equal to the sum of (a) three times the sum of his then-current annual base salary plus his target annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs, (b) the prorated portion of the target annual bonus for the partial fiscal year in which the termination date occurs (the stub year bonus) and (c) if the termination occurs after a fiscal year-end but before annual bonuses are paid or determined for such preceding fiscal year, an amount equal to such unpaid bonus, if determined, or the target bonus (the prior year bonus), if any. In addition, all outstanding unvested stock options and other equity-based awards held by Mr. Magnuson, other than any equity award that is subject to performance-based vesting (including unvested class C profits interest units), shall become fully vested and exercisable. With respect to any outstanding unvested stock options and other equity-based awards subject to performance-based vesting (including unvested class C profits interest units), Mr. Magnuson will continue to be deemed a service provider under the applicable award agreements until all such awards that ultimately satisfy the performance conditions, if any, vest. Further, termination of Mr. Magnuson as an employee of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or operating partnership will not automatically affect his status as a director or as the Chairman of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board.

Mr. Magnuson s employment agreement further provides that upon death or disability, he will be entitled to a lump-sum severance payment in an amount equal to the sum of (i) his then-current annual base salary, (ii) his target annual bonus for the fiscal year in which the termination date occurs, (iii) the stub year bonus and (iv) the prior year bonus, if any. In addition, all equity-based awards held by Mr. Magnuson will be subject to the severance provisions described in the preceding paragraph.

Mr. Magnuson is entitled to an additional tax gross-up payment under his employment agreements if any amounts paid or payable to him would be subject to the excise tax on certain so-called excess parachute payments under Section 4999 of the Code. However, if a reduction in the payments of 10% or less would render the excise tax inapplicable, then the payments will be reduced by such amount and Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will not be required to make the gross-up payment.

Mr. Magnuson s employment agreement contains confidentiality provisions which apply indefinitely and fiduciary duty provisions that will apply during the term of his employment.

**Definitions** 

As used in the employment agreements of each of the named executive officers, cause shall generally mean the occurrence of any one or more of the following events:

With respect to Messrs. Foust, Stein, Crosby and Magnuson: (i) willful and continued failure to substantially perform the executive s duties with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (other than any such failure resulting from the executive s incapacity due to physical or mental illness); (ii) willful commission of an act of fraud or dishonesty resulting in economic or financial injury to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or its subsidiaries or affiliates; (iii) conviction of, or entry of a guilty or no contest plea to, the commission of a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude; (iv) willful breach by the executive of any fiduciary duty owed to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. which results in economic or other injury to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or its subsidiaries or affiliates; (v) willful and gross misconduct in the performance of the executive s

130

duties that results in economic or other injury to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or its subsidiaries or affiliates; (vi) willful and material breach of the restrictive covenants set forth in the employment agreement; or (vii) material breach by the executive of any of his other obligations under the employment agreement. Solely with respect to Messrs. Foust and Magnuson, each of their employment agreements provides that in the event of a termination of employment by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (other than by reason of death or disability or pursuant to clause (iii) of this paragraph) on or within one year after a change in control or within the six month period immediately preceding a change in control in connection with such change in control, it shall be presumed that such termination was effected by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. other than for cause unless the contrary is established by Digital Realty Trust, Inc..

With respect to Mr. Peterson: (i) willful and gross misconduct which materially injures the general reputation of any member of Digital Realty Trust, Inc.; (ii) conviction of, or entry of a guilty or no contest plea to, a felony or any crime involving moral turpitude; (iii) fraud, misrepresentation, or breach of trust by him in the course of his employment which adversely affects any member of Digital Realty Trust, Inc.; (iv) willful and gross misconduct in the performance of his duties hereunder that results in economic or other injury to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or its subsidiaries or affiliates; (v) a material breach of the restrictive covenants set forth in the employment agreement; or (vi) a material breach by him of any of his obligations under the employment agreement.

As used in the employment agreements of Messrs. Foust, Stein, Crosby and Magnuson, disability shall mean a disability that qualifies or, had the executive been a participant, would qualify him to receive long-term disability payments under Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s group long-term disability insurance plan or program, as it may be amended from time to time.

As used in the employment agreements of Messrs. Foust, Stein, Crosby and Magnuson, good reason shall generally mean the occurrence of any one or more of the following events without the executive s prior written consent, along with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s failure to cure within 30 days after the receipt of notice thereof:

With respect to Messrs. Foust, Stein and Crosby: (i) assignment of any duties materially inconsistent with his position (including status, offices, titles and reporting requirements), authority, duties or responsibilities as contemplated by the employment agreement, or any other action by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. which results in a material diminution in such position, authority, duties or responsibilities, excluding for this purpose an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent action not taken in bad faith and which is remedied by Digital Realty Trust, Inc.; (ii) reduction in the case of Mr. Foust, and material reduction in the case of Messrs. Stein and Crosby, of annual base salary or bonus opportunity, each as in effect on the date of the employment agreement or as the same may be increased from time to time; (iii) the relocation of our offices at which the executive is principally employed to a location more than 45 miles from such location, or Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s requiring him to be based at a location more than 45 miles from such principal place of employment, except for required travel on company business; or (iv) failure to obtain a satisfactory agreement from any successor to assume and agree to perform Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s obligations under the employment agreement.

With respect to Mr. Magnuson: (i) assignment of any duties materially inconsistent with those duties or responsibilities as contemplated by the employment agreement, or any other action by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. which results in a material diminution in his position, duties or responsibilities, excluding for this purpose an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent action not taken in bad faith and which is remedied by the; (ii) reduction of annual base compensation or bonus opportunity, each as in effect on the date of the employment agreement or as the same may be increased from time to time; (iii) the relocation of our offices at which he is principally employed to a location more than 45 miles from such location, or Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s requiring him to be based at a location more than 45 miles from such principal place of employment, except for required travel on company business; (iv) failure to obtain a satisfactory agreement from any successor to assume and agree to perform Digital Realty

131

Trust, Inc. s obligations under the employment agreement; or (v) the failure of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders to re-elect him to the Board (other than by reason of his choosing not to stand for re-election), or Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s (or a successor s) removal of him from, or failure to nominate him to, the Board (unless cause exists for such removal or failure).

As used in the employment agreements of each of the named executive officers, change in control means the occurrence of any of the following events:

the acquisition, directly or indirectly, by any person or group of beneficial ownership of securities entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (referred to as voting securities) that represent 35% or more of the combined voting power of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s then outstanding voting securities, subject to certain exceptions;

individuals who, as of the date of the closing of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering constitute the Board cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board, provided that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date of the agreement whose election by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders, or nomination for election by the Board, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the incumbent Board will be considered as though such individual were a member of the incumbent Board:

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s consummation (whether directly or indirectly through one or more intermediaries) of a merger, consolidation, reorganization or business combination or a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of its assets or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity, in each case, other than a transaction;

which results in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s voting securities outstanding immediately before the transaction continuing to represent (either by remaining outstanding or by being converted into voting securities of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or the person that, as a result of the transaction, controls, directly or indirectly, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or owns, directly or indirectly, all or substantially all of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s assets or otherwise succeeds to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s business) directly or indirectly, at least a majority of the combined voting power of the successor entity s outstanding voting securities immediately after the transaction, and

after which no person or group, other than Global Innovation Partners, LLC or CALPERS, or any affiliate thereof, beneficially owns voting securities representing 35% or more of the combined voting power of the successor entity; or

approval by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s liquidation or dissolution.

132

#### **OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT FISCAL YEAR-END**

Name		Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Unearned Options	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)(1)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)(2)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)(3)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)(4)
Michael F. Foust, Chief Executive Officer	5,683	5,317		\$ 41.73	05/02/17	126,290	\$ 6,349,861	112,608	
A. William Stein, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer and Secretary	5,683	5,317		41.73	05/02/17	75,488	3,795,537	56,304	
Scott E. Peterson, Chief Acquisitions Officer	5,683	5,317		41.73	05/02/17	31,464	1,582,010	52,551	
Christopher J. Crosby, Jr., Senior Vice President, Corporate Development	834 11,366	9,167 10,634		20.37 41.73	11/08/15 05/02/17	56,380	2,834,786	65,688	
Richard A. Magnuson, Chairman	125,263			12.00	10/28/14			112,608	

- (1) Represents long-term incentive units in the operating partnership. Each award will vest with respect to 20% of the long-term incentive units subject thereto on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant, and with respect to 30% of the long-term incentive units subject thereto on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant.
- (2) Based on the closing market price of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock on December 31, 2009 (the last trading day of the 2009 fiscal year) of \$50.28 per share.
- (3) Represents class C profits interest units in the operating partnership granted in 2007. The vesting of such class C profits interest units depends on satisfaction of the performance condition at the second measurement date and the other factors described under Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table 2007 Outperformance Awards.
- (4) Represents a zero payout value for the class C profits interest units issued in 2007, assuming the measurement date for determining satisfaction of the performance condition was December 31, 2009. On May 1, 2010, we determined that 613,485 of the Class C Units granted in 2007 satisfied the market condition on the second measurement date (May 1, 2010), with the value of these units equal to the maximum amount of the award pool payable pursuant to the 2007 Grant on the second measurement date. Of the Class C Units that satisfied the market condition on May 1, 2010, 60% vested on May 1, 2010 and the remaining 40% are scheduled to vest ratably each month thereafter for 24 months.

## **Option Exercises and Stock Vested**

The following table discloses the number of options exercised by the named executive officers during 2009, and the value realized by these officers on exercise. The following table also discloses the number of long-term incentive units and class C profits interest units which vested during 2009, and the value realized by these officers on vesting.

	Option	ı Awards	Stock Awards		
Name	Number of Shares Acquired on Exercise (#)	Value Realized on Exercise (\$)(1)	Number of Shares Acquired on Vesting (#)	Value Realized on Vesting (\$)(2)	
Michael F. Foust, Chief Executive Officer	31,316	\$ 1,019,412	17,144	\$ 559,224	
A. William Stein, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer and Secretary	36,312	1,100,092	9,912	321,415	
Scott E. Peterson, Chief Acquisitions Officer			5,867	204,314	
Christopher J. Crosby, Jr., Senior Vice President, Corporate Development	29,319	645,087	8,418	271,906	
Richard A. Magnuson, Chairman					

- (1) Value realized on exercise of stock options is calculated based on the difference between the per share closing market price of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock on the date of exercise and the exercise price of such options.
- (2) Value realized on vesting of long-term incentive units is calculated based on the per share closing market price of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock on the vesting dates of such units and assumes those units were exchanged for common stock and sold on that date.

## Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control

The named executive officers are entitled to certain benefits upon a change in control of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., including that all long-term incentive units (other than certain performance-based vesting units) and stock options held by them will become fully vested and exercisable upon a change in control, even absent a termination of employment. In addition, class C profits interest units will vest to the extent that specified performance targets are satisfied at the time of the change in control. The named executive officers are also entitled to severance payments pursuant to the terms of their employment agreements, as set forth under Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table Employment Agreements above.

The following table sets forth an estimate of the payments to be made to the named executive officers in the event any of the terminations described above or a change in control occurs, assuming that the triggering event took place on December 31, 2009.

Name	Without Cause or for Good Reason (without Change in Control)		Death or Disability	(wit	nout Cause or for Good Reason h Change in Control)
Michael F. Foust, Chief Executive Officer Severance Payment Unvested Stock Options Unvested Profits Interest Units Class C Profits Interest Units Health Insurance 280G Tax Gross-up Payment	\$	5,359,500 45,460 6,349,861 (2) 12,233	\$ 2,386,500 45,460 6,349,861	\$	5,359,500 45,460 6,349,861 (2) 12,233 2,230,913
A. William Stein, Chief Financial Officer, Chief Investment Officer and Secretary Severance Payment Unvested Stock Options Unvested Profits Interest Units Class C Profits Interest Units Health Insurance 280G Tax Gross-up Payment	\$	775,567	\$ 1,162,133 45,460 3,795,537	\$	2,094,567 45,460 3,795,537 15,676 865,371
Scott E. Peterson, Chief Acquisitions Officer Severance Payment Unvested Stock Options Unvested Profits Interest Units Class C Profits Interest Units	\$	338,111 <sup>(3)</sup>		\$	676,221 <sup>(3)</sup> 45,460 1,582,010
Christopher J. Crosby, Jr., Senior Vice President, Corporate Development Severance Payment Unvested Stock Options Unvested Profits Interest Units Class C Profits Interest Units Health Insurance 280G Tax Cutback Amount	\$	702,892	\$ 1,136,683 365,106 2,834,786	\$	1,839,575 365,106 2,834,786 18,262 (116,570) <sup>(4)</sup>
Richard A. Magnuson, Chairman Severance Payment Unvested Stock Options Unvested Profits Interest Units Class C Profits Interest Units 280G Tax Gross-up Payment	\$	1,930,240	\$ 857,480	\$	(1) 1,930,240 (2) 726,808

<sup>(1)</sup> Pursuant to the executive s employment agreement, this includes a resignation by the executive for any reason on or within 30 days after the six month anniversary of a change in control (as defined in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan).

<sup>(2)</sup> Pursuant to the executive s employment agreement, the executive will continue to be deemed a service provider under all performance-based vesting awards, including the 2007 class C profits interest units, until all such awards that ultimately satisfy their

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

performance conditions, if any, vest. Table assumes no further

135

vesting of the 2007 class C profits interest units subsequent to December 31, 2009. Determination of the number and value of class C units that meet the performance condition is subject to calculation by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Compensation Committee based on numerous factors and considerations. For purposes of this table, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has assumed that none of the class C units met the performance condition assuming a termination as a result of a change of control as of December 31, 2009. Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will need to include the value of any class C units that satisfy the performance condition in connection with calculating any gross-up payment it is required to make upon the termination of an executive, and these amounts may be significant. For a discussion of how the Compensation Committee will calculate the number of class C units that will meet the performance condition, see Narrative Disclosure to Summary Compensation Table and Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table 2007 Outperformance Awards.

- (3) Mr. Peterson s employment agreement does not provide for any benefits upon termination by Mr. Peterson for good reason.
- (4) Pursuant to the terms of Mr. Crosby s employment agreement, the tax gross-up payment to which Mr. Crosby is entitled may be reduced if a reduction in the payments to him upon a change of control of 10% or less would render the excise tax inapplicable. Accordingly, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. estimates that Mr. Crosby s payments upon a change of control on December 31, 2009 would have been reduced by \$116,570 had the triggering event took place on December 31, 2009.

#### 2010 Salary and Bonus Targets

In February 2010, the Compensation Committee set the following salaries for the named executive officers. The 2010 salaries became effective March 1, 2010, except with respect to Mr. Crosby whose salary became effective retroactive to January 1, 2010.

	2010
Name	Salary
Michael F. Foust	\$ 700,000
A. William Stein	445,000
Scott E. Peterson	350,940
Christopher J. Crosby	300,000
Richard A. Magnuson	215,280

The Compensation Committee increased Mr. Stein s target bonus amount to 100% of base salary. Subject to amendment of his employment agreement, Mr. Stein s maximum bonus amount will be 150% of his base salary. In addition, the Compensation Committee fixed Mr. Crosby s target bonus amount at 75%. Subject to amendment of his employment agreement, Mr. Crosby s maximum bonus amount will be 115% of his base salary. Target and maximum bonus amounts were not changed for Mr. Foust, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Magnuson.

On November 2, 2010, the Board promoted Scott Peterson from Senior Vice President, Acquisitions to Chief Acquisitions Officer. In connection with the promotion, Mr. Peterson s annual base salary was increased to \$425,000 and his maximum annual bonus opportunity was increased to 120% of his base salary actually paid.

For 2010, based on the recommendations of management, a review of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s business plan and the analysis provided by the Compensation Committee s compensation consultant, the Compensation Committee established financial and operating goals and organizational development goals for each named executive officer. The financial and operating goals include FFO, financing objectives, acquisitions targets, leasing and marketing objectives and operations objectives. For the purpose of determining bonuses, the Compensation Committee may adjust FFO to exclude profits, losses or expenses which the Compensation Committee determined to be non-recurring to give a more accurate picture of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s annual performance.

The organizational development goals for 2010 include the achievement of certain organizational targets, leadership, development and motivation of employees to achieve high performance and to focus on company goals, and the fostering of cross-organizational teamwork. The operations objectives for 2010 include integration of the customer service organization into Europe, reduction of the cost of certain national contracts and transfer of the West region property management in house by year end. The operations objectives for 2010 also include meeting or exceeding property level operating budgets, meeting or exceeding a portfolio level gross operating margin target and the achievement of tenant retention goals.

The specific financial and operating goals and organizational development goals for each named executive officer were established by the Compensation Committee based on their areas of responsibility. Mr. Foust s bonus will be based 70% on financial and operating goals and 30% on organizational development goals. Mr. Stein s bonus will be based 85% on financial and operating goals and 15% on organizational development goals. Mr. Peterson s bonus will be based 80% on financial and operating goals and 20% on organizational development goals. Mr. Crosby s bonus will be based 80% on financial and operating goals and 20% on organizational development goals. Mr. Magnuson s bonus will be based on the same criteria, however, the percentages for each category were not specified.

137

#### NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. uses a combination of cash and equity-based incentive compensation to attract and retain qualified non-employee director candidates to serve on its Board. In setting non-employee director compensation, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. considers the significant amount of time that directors spend in fulfilling their duties to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. as well as the skill level Digital Realty Trust, Inc. requires of members of its Board.

#### **Compensation of Directors**

On October 27, 2009, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board approved certain changes to its director compensation program. Each of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s directors who is not an employee of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or any of its subsidiaries receives an annual cash retainer of \$40,000 for services as a director. Directors receive annual fees for service on the following committees, in addition to the foregoing retainer of \$40,000: Audit Committee (\$7,500), Compensation Committee (\$5,000) and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (\$2,500). The director who serves as the chair of the Audit Committee receives an additional annual retainer of \$15,000; the director who serves as the chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee receives an additional annual retainer of \$5,000. Directors are reimbursed separately for out-of-pocket expenses incurred while performing their duties.

Prior to October 27, 2009, each of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s directors who was not an employee of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or any of its subsidiaries received an annual fee of \$25,000 for services as a director and received \$1,500 for each meeting attended in person and \$750 for each meeting attended telephonically. Directors who served on the Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance and/or Compensation Committees received a fee of \$1,000 for each committee meeting attended in person and \$750 for each committee meeting attended telephonically. The director who served as the chair of the Audit Committee received an additional annual retainer of \$15,000; the director who served as the chair of the Compensation Committee received an additional annual retainer of \$7,500; and the director who served as the chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee received an additional annual retainer of \$5,000.

Directors who are also Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s employees or employees of any of its subsidiaries do not receive compensation for their services as directors.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan was amended on October 27, 2009 to provide for new formula grants of long-term incentive units to non-employee directors as follows:

*Pro Rata Grant.* Commencing after the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, each person who first becomes a non-employee director on a date other than the date of an annual meeting of stockholders will, on the date of such person first becoming a non-employee director, be granted a number of long-term incentive units equal to the product of (A) the quotient obtained by dividing (x) \$70,000 by (y) the fair market value of a share of common stock on such date, multiplied by (B) the quotient obtained by dividing (x) 12 minus the number of months that have elapsed since the immediately preceding annual meeting of stockholders, by (y) 12. The award will be fully vested on the date of grant.

Annual Grant. Commencing as of the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, each person who first becomes a non-employee director at such annual meeting and each person who otherwise continues to be a non-employee director immediately following such annual meeting will, on the date of such annual meeting, be granted a number of long-term incentive units equal to the quotient obtained by dividing (x) \$70,000 by (y) the fair market value of a share of common stock on the date of such annual meeting. The award will be fully vested on the date of grant.

In addition, effective for any grant of long-term incentive units to a non-employee director after the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the director may elect in advance to receive in lieu thereof an equivalent number of

138

shares in the form of a stock payment or restricted stock, as applicable, subject to the same vesting schedule (if any) as would have applied to the corresponding grant of long-term incentive units. If a non-employee director does not qualify as an accredited investor within the meaning of Regulation D of the Securities Act, on the date of any grant of long-term incentive units to such director, then the director will not receive such grant of long-term incentive units, and in lieu thereof will automatically be granted an equivalent number of shares in the form of a stock payment or restricted stock, as applicable, subject to the same vesting schedule (if any) as would have applied to the corresponding grant of long-term incentive units.

Prior to the October 27, 2009 amendment, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan provided for formula grants of long-term incentive units to non-employee directors as follows:

Each person who was a non-employee director as of the date of the pricing of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering in 2004 (the pricing date ) was granted 6,448 fully vested long-term incentive units on that date. Pursuant to the terms of the Incentive Award Plan, each person who was a non-employee director as of the pricing date will automatically be granted 1,000 long-term incentive units on the date of each annual meeting of stockholders after the date of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering at which the director is re-elected to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board, commencing with the third annual meeting after the date of its initial public offering. Pursuant to the terms of the Incentive Award Plan, each person who is initially elected to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board after the pricing date and who is a non-employee director at the time of his or her initial election will automatically be granted (i) 6,448 fully vested long-term incentive units on the date of the initial election and (ii) 1,000 long-term incentive units on the date of each annual meeting of stockholders after the initial election at which the director is re-elected to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board, commencing with the third annual meeting after the initial election. If a non-employee director does not qualify as an accredited investor within the meaning of Regulation D of the Securities Act on the date of any grant of long-term incentive units to the director, then he or she will not receive a grant of long-term incentive units, and instead will automatically be granted an equivalent number of shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock at a per share purchase price equal to the par value of the stock, and subject to the same vesting schedule as would have applied to the corresponding grant of long-term incentive units.

All initial grants of long-term incentive units awarded to non-employee directors as described above will be vested in full as of the date of grant. On May 5, 2008, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Incentive Award Plan was amended to provide that, effective for all subsequent annual grants awarded to non-employee directors on or after the fourth annual meeting of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stockholders following Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering, each award will vest with respect to 20% of the long-term incentive units subject thereto on each of the first and second anniversaries of the date of grant, and with respect to 30% of the long-term incentive units subject thereto on each of the third and fourth anniversaries of the date of grant. Any subsequent annual grants made prior to the amendment will continue to vest with respect to 20% of the long-term incentive units subject thereto on the first anniversary of the grant date and with respect to an additional 1/60th of the long-term incentive units subject thereto on each monthly anniversary thereafter.

Effective for any grant of long-term incentive units to a non-employee director on or after the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, the director was entitled to elect in advance to receive in lieu thereof an equivalent number of shares of restricted stock, subject to the same vesting schedule as would have applied to the corresponding grant of long-term incentive units.

139

The table below summarizes the compensation Digital Realty Trust, Inc. paid to non-employee directors for the year ended December 31, 2009.

	Fees Earned or Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	Option Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Change in Pension Value and Nonqualified Deferred Compensation	Com	l Other pensation	Total
Name	(\$)	(\$) <sup>(1)</sup> (2)	(\$)	(\$)	Earnings		$(\$)^{(3)}$	(\$)
Laurence A. Chapman	\$ 28,750	\$ 36,600			N/A	\$	3,194	\$ 68,544
Kathleen Earley	24,625	36,600			N/A		3,194	64,419
Ruann F. Ernst, Ph.D.	28,250	36,600			N/A		3,194	68,044
Dennis E. Singleton	24,625	36,600			N/A		3,194	64,419
Robert H. Zerbst	10,000	35,019			N/A			45,019

- (1) The amounts in this column represent the full grant date fair value of long-term incentive units granted during 2009 in accordance with ASC Topic 718. For additional information on the valuation assumptions for 2009, refer to Note 9 to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, included in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009.
- (2) As of December 31, 2009, the following number of shares of common stock are issuable upon redemption of outstanding long-term incentive units held by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s non-employee directors as of December 31, 2009: Mr. Chapman, 1,284; Ms. Earley, 2,684; Ms. Ernst, 3,000; Mr. Singleton, 9,448; and Mr. Zerbst, 771.
- (3) Reflects distributions on unvested long-term incentive units and restricted stock. Excludes distributions on vested long-term incentive units.

## **Stock Ownership Guideline**

Effective 2009, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board adopted guidelines encouraging each director to hold shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stock, which may include long-term incentive units in the operating partnership, in an amount equal to 2.5 times the aggregate number of shares and units granted to such director pursuant to the Incentive Award Plan during the preceding fiscal year, and to achieve this ownership level by the sixth year of such director s Board membership. This guideline is non-binding and the number of shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s stock owned by any director is a personal decision.

#### CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS, AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

### 200 Paul Avenue and 1100 Space Park Drive Contribution Agreement

In connection with the consummation of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering, the operating partnership entered into a contribution agreement with San Francisco Wave Exchange, LLC, Santa Clara Wave Exchange, LLC and Exchange Colocation, LLC, referred to below as the eXchange parties, pursuant to which the eXchange parties contributed their interests in 200 Paul Avenue, 1100 Space Park Drive, the eXchange colocation business and other specified assets and liabilities to the operating partnership in exchange for cash, units and the assumption of debt.

Under the eXchange parties contribution agreement, we agreed to indemnify each eXchange party against adverse tax consequences in the event the operating partnership directly or indirectly, sells, exchanges or otherwise disposes of (whether by way of merger, sale of assets or otherwise) in a taxable transaction any interest in 200 Paul Avenue or 1100 Space Park Drive until the earlier of November 3, 2013 and the date on which these contributors hold less than 25% of the units issued to them in the formation transactions consummated concurrently with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering. These tax indemnities do not apply to the disposition of a restricted property pursuant to a transaction described in Section 721, 1031 or 1033 of the Code, or other applicable non-recognition provision under the Code.

Under the eXchange parties contribution agreement, we also agreed to make \$17.8 million of indebtedness available for guaranty by these parties until the earlier of November 3, 2013 and the date on which these contributors or certain transferees hold less than 25% of the units issued to them in the formation transactions consummated concurrently with Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s initial public offering.

#### **Registration Rights**

We have granted those persons who received units in the formation transactions, including Cambay Tele.com, LLC and Wave Exchange, LLC (affiliates of the eXchange parties), certain registration rights with respect to the shares of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s common stock that may be acquired by them in connection with the exercise of the redemption/exchange rights under the partnership agreement of the operating partnership. These registration rights require Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to use its commercially reasonable efforts to keep effective a shelf registration statement covering all such shares of common stock. In addition, Cambay Tele.com, LLC and Wave Exchange, LLC have the right, on one occasion, to require Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to undertake a demand registration.

## tel(x) Agreements

In December 2006, we entered into ten leases with tel(x), in which tel(x) provides enhanced meet-me-room services to customers, and during 2008 we entered into two turn-key datacenter leases with tel(x). tel(x) was acquired by GI Partners Fund II, LLP in November 2006. Richard Magnuson, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chairman, is also the chief executive officer of the advisor to GI Partners Fund II, LLP. Our consolidated statements of operations include rental revenues of approximately \$20.6 million from tel(x) for the year ended December 31, 2009. In connection with the lease agreements, we entered into an operating agreement with tel(x), effective as of December 1, 2006, with respect to joint sales and marketing efforts, designation of representatives to manage the national relationship between us and tel(x) and future meet-me-room facilities. Under the operating agreement, tel(x) has a sixty-day option to enter into a meet-me-room lease for certain future meet-me-room buildings acquired by us or any buildings currently owned by us that are converted into a meet-me-room building. As of September 30, 2010, tel(x) leased 166,717 square feet from us under 30 lease agreements. We also entered into an agreement with tel(x), effective as of December 1, 2006, with respect to percentage rent arising out of potential future lease agreements for rentable space in buildings covered by the meet-me-room lease agreements. Percentage rent earned during the year ended December 31, 2009 amounted to approximately \$1.5 million. In

141

addition, in connection with the lease agreements, we entered into a management agreement with tel(x), effective as of December 1, 2007, pursuant to which tel(x) agreed to provide us with certain management services in exchange for a management fee of one percent of rents actually collected by tel(x).

#### SoftLayer Leases

We are party to six leases with SoftLayer Technologies, Inc., or SoftLayer, of which one has commenced during the nine months ended September 30, 2010 and the remaining four will commence in future periods. The initial terms of these leases expire from 2013 to 2025, and SoftLayer has options to extend them from 2023 through 2035. On August 3, 2010, GI Partners Fund III, L.P. acquired a controlling interest in SoftLayer. Richard Magnuson, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Chairman, is also a manager of the general partner to GI Partners Fund III, L.P. Our consolidated statements of operations include rental revenues of approximately \$1.2 million and \$1.6 million from SoftLayer for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2010.

#### **Indemnification Agreements**

The operating partnership is managed by Digital Realty Trust, Inc., its sole general partner. This sections reflects information with respect to the directors and executive officers of Digital Realty Trust, Inc..

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has entered into indemnification agreements with all of the named executive officers and other executive officers and with each of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s directors that obligate Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to indemnify them to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law. The indemnification agreements provide that:

If a director or executive officer is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding, other than a proceeding by or in the right of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., by reason of such director s or executive officer s status as a director, officer or employee of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., Digital Realty Trust, Inc. must indemnify such director or executive officer for all expenses and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, unless it has been established that:

the act or omission of the director or executive officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty;

the director or executive officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or other services; or

with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, the director or executive officer had reasonable cause to believe that his or her conduct was unlawful.

If a director or executive officer is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by or in the right of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to procure a judgment in Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s favor by reason of such director s or executive officer s status as a director, officer or employee of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., Digital Realty Trust, Inc. must indemnify such director or executive officer for all expenses and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, unless it has been established that:

the act or omission of the director or executive officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was committed in bad faith or was the result of active and deliberate dishonesty; or

the director or executive officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services;

# Edgar Filing: Digital Realty Trust, Inc. - Form 424B3

provided, however, that Digital Realty Trust, Inc. will have no obligation to indemnify such director or executive officer for all expenses and liabilities actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, if it has been adjudged that such director or executive officer is liable to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. with respect to such proceeding.

142

Upon application of a director or executive officer of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. to a court of appropriate jurisdiction, the court may order indemnification of such director or executive officer if:

the court determines that such director or executive officer is entitled to indemnification under the applicable section of the Maryland General Corporation Law (the MGCL), in which case the director or executive officer shall be entitled to recover from Digital Realty Trust, Inc. the expenses of securing such indemnification; or

the court determines that such director or executive officer is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnification in view of all the relevant circumstances, whether or not the director or executive officer has met the standards of conduct set forth in the applicable section of the MGCL or has been adjudged liable for receipt of an improper personal benefit under the applicable section of the MGCL;

provided, however, that Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s indemnification obligations to such director or executive officer will be limited to the expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, in connection with any proceeding by or in the right of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. or in which the officer or director shall have been adjudged liable for receipt of an improper personal benefit under the applicable section of the MGCL.

Notwithstanding, and without limiting any other provisions of the agreements, if a director or executive officer is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any proceeding by reason of such director s or executive officer s status as a director, officer or employee of Digital Realty Trust, Inc., and such director or executive officer is successful, on the merits or otherwise, as to one or more but less than all claims, issues or matters in such proceeding, Digital Realty Trust, Inc. must indemnify such director or executive officer for all expenses actually and reasonably incurred by him or her, or on his or her behalf, in connection with each successfully resolved claim, issue or matter, including any claim, issue or matter in such a proceeding that is terminated by dismissal, with or without prejudice.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. must pay all indemnifiable expenses in advance of the final disposition of any proceeding if the director or executive officer furnishes Digital Realty Trust, Inc. with a written affirmation of the director s or executive officer s good faith belief that the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification by Digital Realty Trust, Inc. has been met and a written undertaking to reimburse Digital Realty Trust, Inc. if a court of competent jurisdiction determines that the director or executive officer is not entitled to indemnification.

Digital Realty Trust, Inc. must pay all indemnifiable expenses to the director or executive officer within 20 calendar days following the date the director or executive officer submits proof of the expenses to Digital Realty Trust, Inc.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the registrants pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the registrants have been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is therefore unenforceable.

### Review, Approval or Ratification of Transactions with Related Persons

Digital Realty Trust, Inc., s Board of Directors or the appropriate committee of the Board of Directors reviews material transactions between Digital Realty Trust, Inc., Digital Realty Trust, L.P. and any of our directors or executive officers. Our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics provides that each executive officer and director report conflicts of interest to the General Counsel or the Chairman of the Board of Directors, as applicable. Directors are also subject to the conflict provisions set forth in our Corporate Governance Guidelines. The Board of Directors or the appropriate committee of our Board of Directors will resolve all conflicts of interest involving officers or directors. The Board of Directors or the appropriate committee of the Board of Directors may waive provisions of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics with respect to executive officers and directors. Any such waivers will be disclosed to our stockholders to the extent required by applicable laws and regulations.

143

## **Director Independence**

New York Stock Exchange, or NYSE, listing standards require NYSE-listed companies, such as Digital Realty Trust, Inc., to have a majority of independent board members and a nominating and corporate governance committee, compensation committee and audit committee each composed solely of independent directors. Under the NYSE listing standards, no director of a company qualifies as independent unless the board of directors of such company affirmatively determines that the director has no material relationship with such company (either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with such company).

In addition, the NYSE listing standards provide that a director is not independent if:

- (i) the director is, or has been within the last three years, an employee of the listed company, or an immediate family member is, or has been within the last three years, an executive officer of the listed company;
- (ii) the director has received, or has an immediate family member who has received, during any twelve-month period within the last three years, more than \$120,000 in direct compensation from the listed company, other than director and committee fees and pension or other forms of deferred compensation for prior service (provided such compensation is not contingent in any way on continued service);
- (iii) (A) the director is a current partner or employee of a firm that is the listed company s internal or external auditor; (B) the director has an immediate family member who is a current partner of such a firm; (C) the director has an immediate family member who is a current employee of such a firm and personally works on the listed company s audit; or (D) the director or an immediate family member was within the last three years a partner or employee of such a firm and personally worked on the listed company s audit within that time;
- (iv) the director or an immediate family member is, or has been with the last three years, employed as an executive officer of another company where any of the listed company s present executive officers at the same time serves or served on that company s compensation committee; or
- (v) the director is a current employee, or an immediate family member is a current executive officer, of a company that has made payments to, or received payments from, the listed company for property or services in an amount which, in any of the last three fiscal years, exceeds the greater of \$1 million, or 2% of such other company s consolidated gross revenues.

The Board of Digital Realty Trust, Inc. by resolution has affirmatively determined that, based on the standards set forth in NYSE rules and our corporate governance documents, all of the directors elected to Digital Realty Trust, Inc. s Board at the 2010 Annual Meeting are independent, except for Messrs. Magnuson and Foust.

144

# DESCRIPTION OF OTHER INDEBTEDNESS

A summary of outstanding indebtedness as of September 30, 2010 is as follows (in thousands):

Indebtedness	Interest Rate at September 30, 2010 Maturity Date			Principal Outstanding September 30, 2010		
Revolving credit facility	Various <sup>(1)</sup>	Aug. 31, 2011 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	220,565(3)		
Revolving credit facility	v arious(1)	Aug. 31, 2011(2)	Ф	220,303(3)		
Unsecured senior notes:						
Prudential Shelf Facility:						
Series A	7.000%	Jul. 24, 2011		25,000		
Series B	9.320%	Nov. 5, 2013		33,000		
Series C	9.680%	Jan. 6, 2016		25,000		
Series D	4.570%	Jan. 20, 2015		50,000		
Series E	5.730%	Jan. 20, 2017		50,000		
Series F	4.500%	Feb. 3, 2015		17,000		
Total Prudential Shelf Facility				200,000		
Senior Notes:						
5.875% notes due 2020	5.875%	Feb. 1, 2020		500,000		
4.50% notes due 2015	4.500%	Jul. 15, 2015		375,000		
Unamortized discounts				(9,183)		
Total senior notes				865,817		
Total unsecured senior notes, net of discount				1,065,817		
Exchangeable senior debentures:						
4.125% exchangeable senior debentures due 2026	4.125%	Aug. 15, 2026 <sup>(4)</sup>		110,043		
5.50% exchangeable senior debentures due 2029	5.50%	Apr. 15, 2029 <sup>(5)</sup>		266,400		
Unamortized discount				(2,389)		
Total exchangeable senior debentures, net of discount				374,054		
Mortgage loans:						
Secured Term Debt(6)(7)	5.65%	Nov. 11, 2014		142,123		
3 Corporate Place <sup>(7)(8)</sup>	6.72%	Aug. 1, 2011 <sup>(9)</sup>		80,000		
200 Paul Avenue 1-4 <sup>(7)</sup>	5.74%	Oct. 8, 2015		76,597		
2045 & 2055 LaFayette Street <sup>(7)</sup>	5.93%	Feb. 6, 2017		66,652		
Mundells Roundabout	3-month GBP LIBOR + 1.20% <sup>(10)</sup>	Nov. 30, 2013		67,304 <sup>(11)</sup>		
600 West Seventh Street	5.80%	Mar. 15, 2016		54,506		
34551 Ardenwood Boulevard 1-4 <sup>(7)</sup>	5.95%	Nov. 11, 2016		54,471		
1100 Space Park Drive <sup>(7)</sup>	5.89%	Dec. 11, 2016		54,464		