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# 2021 PROXY STATEMENT





March 26, 2021

Dear Fellow Shareholder,

Please join me and the Board of Directors at our 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders on May 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time.

Because of our concern for the health and safety of our shareholders, as well as the fact that there are limitations on large gatherings in the State of Indiana and constantly changing rules affecting interstate travel, our 2021 Annual Meeting will be a completely "virtual meeting", conducted via live audio webcast on the Internet. You will be able to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021). Please follow the instructions in our Proxy Statement to join the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting. The business to be conducted at the meeting is explained in the attached Notice of Annual Meeting and Proxy Statement.

I am thankful to my colleagues across Simon Property Group for their hard work and dedication. Since our last annual meeting, together we have faced the challenges created by COVID-19, including periodic government mandated occupancy limitations as well as closures of our retail properties in the United States. In fact, during 2020, due to restrictive governmental orders placed on the Company we lost approximately 13,500 shopping days (approximately 20% of the year). Our team at Simon Property Group faced many unexpected obstacles over the past year; however, the team successfully navigated these extraordinary circumstances and led the Company to a profitable year. I would like to thank you, our shareholder, for your continued interest and support of our Company during these challenging times.

We are pleased to furnish proxy materials to our shareholders over the Internet. We believe that this e-proxy process expedites our shareholders' receipt of proxy materials, while also lowering the costs and reducing the environmental impact of our 2021 Annual Meeting.

Whether or not you plan to attend the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting, please read the Proxy Statement and vote your shares. Instructions for voting by mail, Internet and telephone are included in your Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials or proxy card (if you receive your materials by mail). We hope that after you have reviewed the Proxy Statement you will vote in accordance with the Board's recommendations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "D. Simon".

**David Simon**  
*Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President*

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## NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS



MAY 12, 2021



8:30 A.M.  
(Eastern Daylight Time)



[www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021)  
See page 50 for additional instructions

### ITEMS OF BUSINESS

1. Elect the thirteen director nominees named in this Proxy Statement, including three directors to be elected by the voting trustees who vote the Class B common stock;
2. Advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers;
3. Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2021; and
4. Other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the meeting.

### RECORD DATE

You can vote if you were a shareholder of record on March 15, 2021 (the "Record Date").

### ANNUAL REPORT

Our 2020 Annual Report to Shareholders accompanies, but is not part of, or incorporated into, this Proxy Statement.

### PROXY VOTING

On or about March 26, 2021, a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and Notice of Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Notice") is first being mailed to our shareholders of record as of the Record Date and our proxy materials are first being posted on the website referenced in the Notice ([www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)). As more fully described in the Notice, all shareholders may choose to access our proxy materials on the website referred to in the Notice or may request a printed set of our proxy materials. Shareholders as of the Record Date are invited to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting virtually, but if you are not able to attend, please vote in advance of the meeting by using one of the methods described in the Proxy Statement. Shareholders may vote their shares (1) by telephone, (2) through the Internet or (3) by completing and mailing a proxy card if you receive your proxy materials by mail. Specific instructions for voting by telephone or through the Internet are included in the Notice.

### SIGN UP FOR FUTURE ELECTRONIC DELIVERY TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY

In addition, the Notice and website provide information regarding how you may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis. Simon Property Group, Inc. will make a \$1.00 charitable contribution to the [Simon Youth Foundation \(www.syf.org\)](http://www.syf.org) on behalf of each shareholder who signs up for electronic delivery. For those shareholders who previously requested to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis, you will receive those materials as you requested.

### ATTENDING THE 2021 ANNUAL MEETING

The 2021 Annual Meeting will be a completely "virtual meeting", conducted via live audio webcast on the Internet. You will be able to attend the 2021 Annual Meeting as well as vote and submit your questions and examine our shareholder list during the live audio webcast of the meeting by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021) and entering the 16-digit Control Number included in your Notice, on your proxy card or in the instructions that accompanied your proxy materials. Although the meeting will not begin until 8:30 a.m., you will have the option to log in beginning at 8:00 a.m., on May 12, 2021 and we encourage you to log in and access the webcast at least 15 minutes before the virtual Annual Meeting's start time. For further details on how to participate please see "Admission Requirements—What do I need to do to attend the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting?" in the "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers" on page 50 of the Proxy Statement.

By order of the Board of Directors,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S. Fivel".

**Steven E. Fivel**  
General Counsel and Secretary

March 26, 2021




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## PLEASE VOTE

It is very important that you vote to play a part in the future of Simon Property Group, Inc. (the "Company"). New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") rules provide that if your shares are held through a broker, bank, or other nominee, they cannot vote on your behalf on non-discretionary matters without your instruction.

### PROPOSALS WHICH REQUIRE YOUR VOTE

PROPOSAL	MORE INFORMATION	BOARD RECOMMENDATION	BROKER NON-VOTES	ABSTENTIONS	VOTES REQUIRED FOR APPROVAL
1	Elect the ten (10) independent director nominees named in this Proxy Statement Page 13	 <b>FOR ALL NOMINEES</b>	Do not impact outcome.	Do not impact outcome.	More votes FOR than AGAINST. Under our By-Laws, a nominee who receives more AGAINST votes than FOR votes will be required to tender his or her resignation.
2	Advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers Page 24	 <b>FOR</b>	Do not impact outcome.	Do not impact outcome.	Majority of votes cast.
3	Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2021 Page 46	 <b>FOR</b>	N/A	Do not impact outcome.	Majority of votes cast.

VOTING BEFORE THE MEETING			VOTING DURING THE VIRTUAL MEETING
<b>ONLINE</b>    Vote 24/7 <a href="http://www.proxyvote.com">www.proxyvote.com</a>	<b>BY TELEPHONE</b>    Dial toll-free 24/7 1-800-690-6903	<b>BY MAIL</b>    Cast your ballot, sign your proxy card and send by pre-paid mail	  Please visit online and follow instructions at: <a href="http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021">www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021</a>

### PLEASE VISIT [annualmeeting.simon.com](http://annualmeeting.simon.com)

- Review and download easy to read versions of our Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 (the "Annual Report") as well as our 2020 Sustainability Report which is solely available on the Internet.

### SIGN UP FOR FUTURE ELECTRONIC DELIVERY TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABILITY.

- The Company will make a \$1.00 charitable contribution to the **Simon Youth Foundation** ([www.syf.org](http://www.syf.org)) on behalf of each shareholder who signs up for electronic delivery. To sign up for electronic delivery, please follow the instructions above for "VOTING BEFORE THE MEETING—ONLINE", and when prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

## VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION

- To attend, vote, and submit questions during the virtual Annual Meeting, which will be held via live audio webcast, shareholders of record will need to visit [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021) and use their 16-digit Control Number provided on their proxy card, voting instruction form, or notice that they previously received to log in to this website.

**VIRTUAL MEETING INFORMATION**

- Beneficial owners of shares held in street name will need to follow the instructions provided by the broker, bank or other nominee that holds their shares. Only one shareholder per 16-digit Control Number can access the virtual Annual Meeting. Shareholders will have the option to log in to this website beginning at 8:00 a.m. and we would encourage shareholders to log in and access the webcast at least 15 minutes before the virtual Annual Meeting's start time.
- Further instructions on how to attend, participate in, ask questions during, and vote at the virtual Annual Meeting, including how to demonstrate your ownership of our stock as of the Record Date, will be available at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021).
- Shareholders may still, and are encouraged to, vote prior to the virtual Annual Meeting by Internet, telephone or by mail per the instructions on the proxy card they previously received. Shareholders that have already voted do not need to vote again.

## PROXY SUMMARY

This proxy summary highlights information which may be contained elsewhere in this Proxy Statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider, and you should read the entire Proxy Statement carefully before voting. Page references are supplied to help you find further information in this Proxy Statement.

### ELIGIBILITY TO VOTE (Page 50)

You can vote if you were a shareholder of record at the close of business on the Record Date (March 15, 2021).

### HOW TO CAST YOUR VOTE (Page 50)

You can vote by any of the following methods: (i) Internet: Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on May 11, 2021; (ii) Telephone: Call 1-800-690-6903 until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time on May 11, 2021; (iii) Mail: Complete, sign and return your proxy or voting instruction card; or (iv) During the Annual Meeting: Follow the instructions at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021).

### GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY (Page 8)

We pride ourselves on continuing to observe and implement best practices in our corporate governance.

### SUSTAINABILITY (Page 48)

We have a long-standing commitment to our shareholders and communities to conduct our business in an environmentally and socially responsible manner. More information can be found at [sustainability.simon.com](http://sustainability.simon.com).

VOTING PROPOSALS	BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>Proposal 1</b> Elect the ten (10) independent director nominees named in this Proxy Statement	<b>FOR</b> <b>ALL NOMINEES</b> (Page 13)
<b>Proposal 2</b> Advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers	<b>FOR</b> (Page 24)
<b>Proposal 3</b> Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2021	<b>FOR</b> (Page 46)

### 1. ELECTION OF DIRECTORS (Page 13)

NAME OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR	AGE	OCCUPATION	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS
Glyn F. Aeppel	62	President and CEO of Glencove Capital	Governance and Nominating
Larry C. Glasscock	72	Former Chairman and CEO of Anthem, Inc.	Lead Independent Director, Audit, Governance and Nominating
Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.	77	Senior Managing Director of Brock Capital Group	Governance and Nominating (Chair)
Allan Hubbard	73	Co-Founder, Chairman and Partner of E&A Companies	Compensation, Governance and Nominating
Reuben S. Leibowitz	73	Managing Member of JEN Partners	Compensation (Chair), Audit
Gary M. Rodkin	68	Retired Chief Executive Officer and Director of ConAgra Foods, Inc.	Governance and Nominating
Stefan M. Selig	58	Founder of BridgePark Advisors LLC	Audit, Compensation
Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D.	63	Clare W. Barker Professor of Marketing, Indiana University, Kelley School of Business	Compensation
J. Albert Smith, Jr.	80	Chairman, Chase Bank in Central Indiana and Managing Director of J.P. Morgan Private Bank	Audit (Chair), Compensation
Marta R. Stewart	63	Retired Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Norfolk Southern Corporation	Audit

NAME OF CLASS B DIRECTOR	AGE	OCCUPATION	COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIPS
David Simon	59	Chairman of the Board, Chief Executive Officer and President of the Company	None
Richard S. Sokolov	71	Vice Chairman of the Company	None
Herbert Simon	86	Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the Company	None



**2. ADVISORY VOTE TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS (Page 24)**

**3. COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (Page 25)**

The Compensation Committee of the Board believes that the Company's rigorous performance-based compensation programs operated to align the interests of all of the Company's stakeholders, including its shareholders, with the compensation of our Named Executive Officers ("NEOs") in 2020. The Compensation Committee is confident that our executive compensation program is appropriately designed to incent strong performance over the longer term.

**4. RATIFICATION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM (Page 46)**



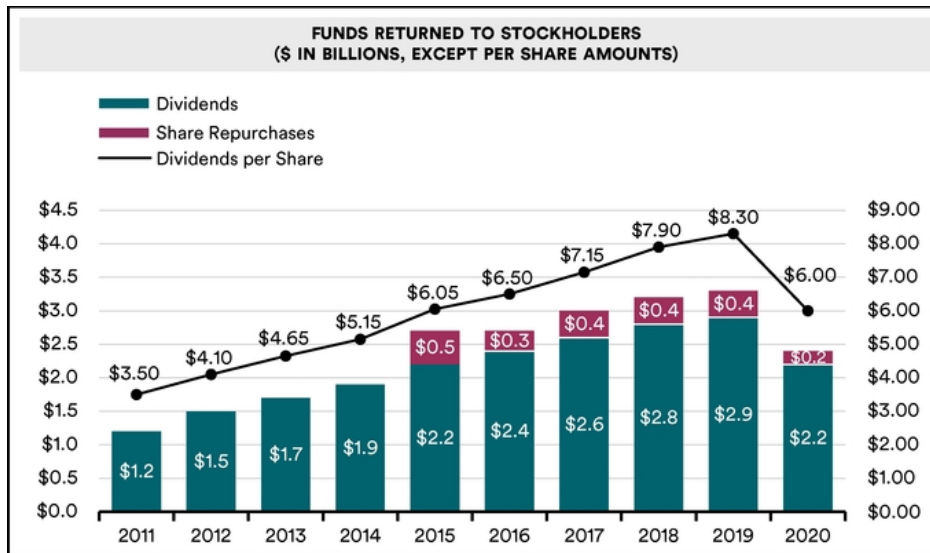
This Proxy Statement and accompanying proxy card are being made available to shareholders on or about March 26, 2021, in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors (the "Board") of Simon Property Group, Inc. ("Simon", "SPG", "we", "us", "our" or the "Company") of proxies to be voted at the 2021 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "2021 Annual Meeting") to be held virtually via live audio webcast accessible at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021) on May 12, 2021, at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Daylight Time). As required by rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"), the Company is making this Proxy Statement and its Annual Report available to shareholders electronically via the Internet. In addition, SPG is using the SEC's "Notice and Access" rules to provide shareholders with more options for receipt of these materials. Accordingly, on March 26, 2021, the Company will begin mailing the Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") to shareholders containing instructions on how to access this Proxy Statement and the Company's Annual Report via the Internet, how to vote online or by telephone, and how to receive paper copies of the documents and a proxy card.

## SUMMARY OF 2020 FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

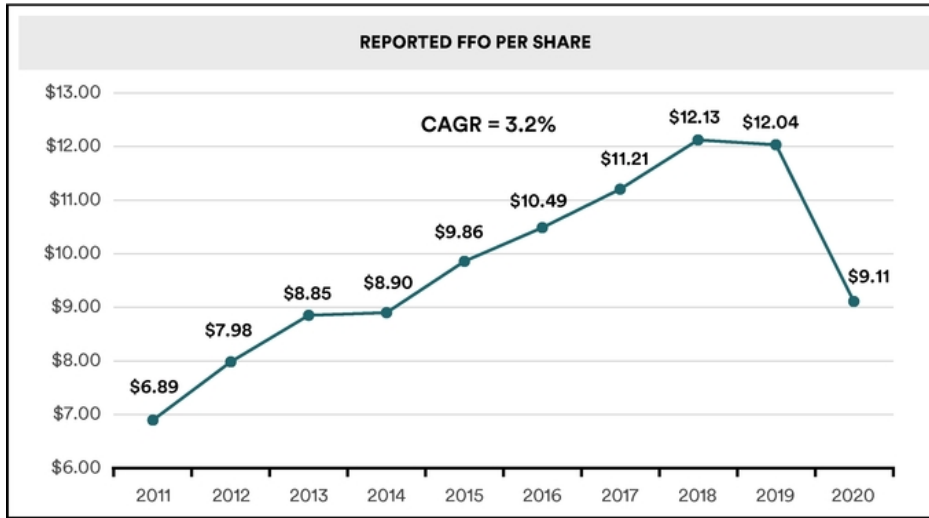
This summary provides highlights of certain information in this Proxy Statement. This summary does not contain all of the information that you should consider, and therefore you should read the entire Proxy Statement before voting. For more complete information regarding the Company's 2020 performance, you should review the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2020, filed with the SEC on February 25, 2021 and Form 8-K furnished to the SEC on February 8, 2021.

2020 was a difficult year for those affected by COVID-19, including Simon. In March 2020 we closed our domestic portfolio of properties due to the restrictive governmental orders placed on the Company and during 2020 we lost approximately 13,500 shopping days, or 20% of the shopping days in the year, in our domestic portfolio as a result of these restrictive orders.

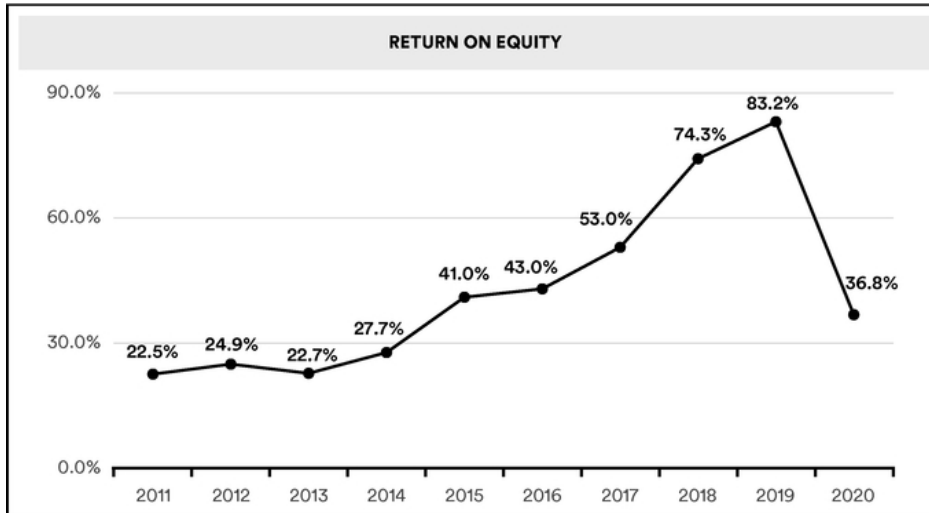
Notwithstanding this COVID-19 disruption, in 2020 we paid dividends per share of \$6.00. Historically the Company has had a track record of returning funds to shareholders, not only in the form of dividends, but over the last six years also through a share repurchase program. Even in 2020, aggregating the Company's dividend payments and share repurchase program, the Company returned approximately \$2.4 billion to its shareholders. We have paid more than \$34 billion in dividends over our history as a public company.



The COVID-19 disruption, including its associated restrictive governmental orders, directly contributed to our funds from operations ("FFO") in 2020 being significantly lower than our FFO in 2019. Our reported FFO in 2020 of \$9.11 per diluted share compares to 2019 reported FFO of \$12.04 per share. The last time our FFO was that low was in 2014. The 2019 results included a \$0.33 per share loss on extinguishment of debt. FFO before this \$0.33 per share debt charge was \$12.37 per share. Please see "Where do I find reconciliation of non-GAAP terms to GAAP terms?" in the section of this Proxy Statement titled "Frequently Asked Questions and Answers" on page 53. Our FFO CAGR for the period from 2011 through 2020 was 3.2%.



The COVID-19 disruption, including its associated restrictive governmental orders, directly contributed to our Return on Equity decreasing from 83.2% in 2019 to 36.8% in 2020. The last time our Return on Equity was that low was in 2014.



## CORPORATE GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY

### BOARD LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE

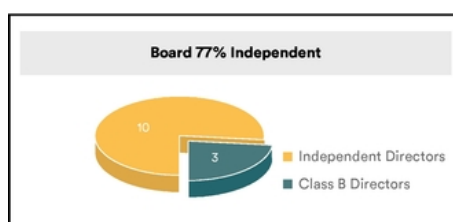
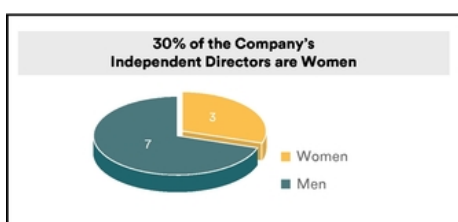
In March of 2014, Larry C. Glasscock was appointed by our independent directors to serve as our Lead Independent Director. The Lead Independent Director performs the duties specified in the Governance Principles described below and such other duties as are assigned from time to time by the independent directors of the Board. We believe that our Lead Independent Director is performing his duties in an effective manner. Under our Governance Principles, the Lead Independent Director is empowered to:

- preside at all meetings of the Board at which the Chairman of the Board ("Chairman") is not present, including executive sessions of the independent directors;
- serve as a liaison between the Chairman and the independent directors, including by facilitating communication and sharing of views between the independent directors and the Chairman;
- approve materials sent to the Board and advise on such information;
- approve meeting agendas for the Board and coordinate with the Chairman with respect to developing such agendas;
- approve meeting schedules for the Board to assure there is sufficient time for discussion of all agenda items and coordinate with the Chairman with respect to developing such schedules;

- call meetings of the independent directors;
- if requested by major shareholders, ensure that he or she is available for consultation and direct communication; and
- retain outside advisors and consultants to report directly to the Board on Board-wide matters.

Mr. David Simon has served since 2007 as the Chairman and Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") and since February 15, 2019, also as our President. The Board believes that having Mr. David Simon fill these leadership roles is an appropriate and efficient leadership structure. Together, our Lead Independent Director and the CEO deliver clear leadership, responsibility and accountability, effective decision-making, and a cohesive corporate strategy.

Ten of our director nominees are independent under the requirements set forth in the NYSE Listed Company Manual. All of the members of the Audit Committee, Governance and Nominating Committee, and Compensation Committee are independent directors under the listing requirements and rules of the NYSE and other applicable laws, rules, and regulations.



### BOARD REFRESHMENT

- We recognize the importance of refreshing our Board. Consistent with this belief, in the last five years we have added three new directors.
- 30% of our independent directors have been on the Board for fewer than five years.



## DIRECTOR SKILLS AND EXPERIENCE MATRIX

	G. AEPPEL	L. GLASSCOCK	K. HORN	A. HUBBARD	R. LEIBOWITZ	G. RODKIN	S. SELIG	A. SMITH	D. SMITH	M. STEWART	D. SIMON	R. SOKOLOV	H. SIMON
Financial/Accounting Literacy	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Capital Markets Experience	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Real Estate Development/Management Experience	X	X			X	X	X	X			X	X	X
Executive Leadership	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Risk Management	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Marketing/Brand Management/ Consumer Focus	X	X		X		X	X		X			X	
Retail Distribution						X	X		X		X	X	
Technology/Innovation				X		X		X			X		
Human Capital Management		X			X	X		X	X	X			
International Business Experience	X		X			X	X		X		X		X
Public Policy/Government Experience			X	X			X						
Corporate Governance	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X		

## THE BOARD BELIEVES THAT ITS MEMBERS SHOULD:

- exhibit high standards of independent judgment and integrity;
- have diverse experiences and backgrounds, including racial and gender diversity;
- have a strong record of achievements;
- have an understanding of our business and the competitive environment in which we operate; and
- be committed to enhancing shareholder value on a long-term basis and have sufficient time to carry out their duties.

In addition, the Board has determined that the Board, as a whole, should strive to have the right mix of characteristics and skills necessary to effectively perform its oversight responsibilities. The Board believes that directors with one or more of the following professional skills or experiences can assist in meeting this goal:

- leadership of large and complex organizations;
- accounting and finance;
- e-commerce related Internet-based businesses;
- capital markets;
- retail marketing;
- strategic planning;
- real estate acquisitions, development, and operations;
- banking, legal, and corporate governance;
- government and governmental relationships;
- international business; and
- human capital management.

## THE BOARD'S ROLE IN OVERSIGHT OF RISK MANAGEMENT

While risk management is primarily the responsibility of our management, the Board provides overall risk oversight focusing on the most significant risks we face. The Board has delegated to the Audit Committee primary oversight of the Company's Enterprise Risk Management Program and the Audit Committee provides regular reports to the full Board on it. In February, 2021 the Audit Committee amended its Charter to expressly include its oversight of the Company's enterprise risk management program and of cybersecurity as being part of its responsibilities. The Audit Committee reviews and assesses the Company's Enterprise Risk Management Program, including how risks are identified, managed, measured, monitored and reported, and discusses these with management, as well as leadership of the Company's internal Audit Services function and the Company's independent auditors.

Notwithstanding the Board's delegation of the Company's Enterprise Risk Management Program to the Audit Committee, due in large part to COVID-19, and the Board's desire to evaluate the impact that COVID-19 was having on the Company and the Company's responses to it, the Board held fourteen meetings in 2020. By comparison, in 2019 the Board met six times and in 2018 the Board met five times.

We have a Company-wide enterprise risk management process to identify and assess the major risks we face and to develop strategies for controlling, mitigating, and monitoring those risks. As part of this process, every year we gather information throughout our Company to identify and prioritize management of these major risks. The identified risks and risk mitigation strategies are validated with management and presented to the

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Audit Committee for their review during the first quarter each year. These risks and the Company's mitigation efforts are monitored throughout the year.

Our Audit Services leadership is responsible for supervising the enterprise risk management process described above and in that role reports directly to the Audit Committee. Other members of senior management who have responsibility for designing and implementing various aspects of our risk management process also regularly meet with the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee also discusses our identified financial and operational risks with our CEO and Chief Financial Officer and receives reports from other members of senior management with regard to our identified risks. In addition, as part of its oversight of risk management, the Audit Committee reviews the Company's cybersecurity and other information security risks, controls and procedures, including those related to data privacy and network security, and any specific cybersecurity issues that could affect the adequacy of the Company's internal controls.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for overseeing risks relating to our compensation policies and practices. Specifically, the Compensation Committee oversees the design of incentive compensation arrangements for our executive officers to implement our pay-for-performance philosophy without encouraging or rewarding excessive risk-taking by our executive officers. Our management regularly conducts additional reviews of risks, as needed, or as requested by the Board or Audit Committee.

### DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The Board has adopted standards to assist it in making determinations of director independence. These standards incorporate, and are consistent with, the definition of "independent" contained in the NYSE Listed Company Manual and other applicable laws, rules and regulations in effect from time to time regarding director independence. These standards are included in our Governance Principles, which are available at [governanceprinciples.simon.com](#). In March 2014, the Board amended and restated the Governance Principles to strengthen the role of the Lead Independent Director. The Board has affirmatively determined that each person nominated by the Board for election as a director by the holders of voting shares of common stock and listed in this Proxy Statement meets these standards and is independent.

Mr. David Simon, Mr. Richard S. Sokolov and Mr. Herbert Simon are our employees and are not independent directors.

### POLICIES ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

Good corporate governance is important to ensure that the Company is managed for the long-term benefit of its shareholders and to enhance the creation of long-term shareholder value. Each year, the Governance and Nominating Committee reviews our Governance Principles and recommends

to the Board any suggested modifications. Also, the Audit Committee obtains reports from management and the leader of the Company's Audit Services function that the Company and its subsidiaries are operating in conformity with the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, which can be found at [codeofconduct.simon.com](#), and advises the Board with respect to the Company's policies and procedures regarding compliance with the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics. In addition, each of the Board's standing committees reviews its written charter on an annual basis to consider whether any changes are required. These charters are located on our website at [committeecomposition.simon.com](#). In addition to clicking on the preceding links, the current version of each of these documents is available by visiting [www.simon.com](#) and navigating to "Governance" by clicking on "Investors", or by requesting a printed copy without charge upon written request to our Secretary at 225 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204.

We will also either disclose on Form 8-K and/or post on our Internet website any substantive amendment to, or waiver from, a provision of the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that applies to any of our directors or executive officers.

### PROXY ACCESS

Our Amended and Restated By-Laws (the "By-Laws") provide for the ability of a shareholder, or a group of up to 20 shareholders, owning at least three percent of the Company's outstanding Class A common stock continuously for at least three years, to nominate and include in the Company's proxy materials director nominees constituting up to the greater of two nominees or 20% of the number of directors on the Board that the Class A common shareholders are entitled to elect, provided that the shareholders and the nominees satisfy the requirements in our By-Laws.

### MAJORITY VOTE STANDARD FOR ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Our By-Laws provide for a majority of votes cast standard for the election of directors in an uncontested election. The majority of votes cast standard for purposes of the election of director nominees means that in order for a director to be elected, the number of votes cast FOR a director's election must exceed the number of votes cast AGAINST that director's election. Any director who, in an uncontested election, receives a greater number of AGAINST votes than FOR votes must promptly tender his or her resignation to the Board, subject to its acceptance. The Governance and Nominating Committee will promptly consider the tendered resignation and recommend to the Board whether to accept or reject it. Both the Governance and Nominating Committee and the Board may consider any factors they deem appropriate and relevant to their actions. The Board will act on the tendered resignation, taking into account the Governance and Nominating Committee's recommendation. The affected director cannot participate in any part of the process. We will publicly disclose

the Board's decision by a press release, a filing with the SEC or other broadly disseminated means of communication within 90 days after the shareholders' vote has been certified.

In a contested election (in which the number of nominees exceeds the number of directors to be elected), the standard for election of directors will be a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares entitled to vote on the election of directors, provided a quorum is present.

#### NOMINATIONS FOR DIRECTORS

The Governance and Nominating Committee will consider director nominees recommended by shareholders. A shareholder who wishes to recommend a director candidate in this manner should send such recommendation to our Secretary at 225 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, who will forward it to the Governance and Nominating Committee. Any such recommendation shall include a description of the candidate's qualifications for Board service, the candidate's written consent to be considered for nomination and to serve if nominated and elected, as well as the addresses and telephone numbers for contacting the shareholder and the candidate for more information. A shareholder who wishes to nominate an individual as a director candidate at an annual meeting of shareholders, rather than either recommend the individual to the Governance and Nominating Committee as a nominee or utilize the proxy access process described above and set forth in Section 1.11 of our By-Laws, shall comply with the advance notice requirements for shareholder nominations set forth in Section 1.10 of our By-Laws.

Our Governance Principles provide that all candidates for election as members of the Board should possess high personal and professional ethics, integrity and values and be committed to representing the long-term interests of our shareholders and otherwise fulfilling the responsibilities of directors as described in our Governance Principles. In 2016, we amended our Governance Principles to clearly reflect and communicate the Board's long-standing diversity goals including, without limitation, the pursuit of racial and gender diversity taking into account the skills and other attributes the Board believes are required for any new director. Our Governance Principles further provide that if our directors simultaneously serve on more than four boards of public companies, including our Board, then the Board or Governance and Nominating Committee must determine that serving on more than four public company boards does not impair the ability of the director to serve as an effective member of our Board. In recommending candidates to the Board for election as directors, the Governance and Nominating Committee will consider the foregoing minimum qualifications as well as each candidate's credentials, keeping in mind our desire, as stated in our Governance Principles, to have a Board representing diverse experiences and backgrounds, as well as expertise in or knowledge of specific areas that are relevant to our business activities. Although we do not have term limits or a mandatory retirement age for our directors, we do believe that periodic

board refreshment is beneficial. Consistent with this belief, in the last five years we have appointed three new directors, including two new directors in the last four years.

#### COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD

The Board has implemented a process by which our shareholders and other interested parties may communicate with one or more members of our Board, its committees, the Lead Independent Director, or the independent directors as a group in a writing addressed to Simon Property Group, Inc., Board of Directors, c/o Secretary, 225 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. The Board has instructed our Secretary to promptly forward all such communications to the specified addressees thereof.

#### SHAREHOLDER ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

The Company has continued to reach out to and engage with shareholders, over the course of the past year, concerning, among other things, the Company's response to COVID-19, corporate governance, executive compensation, [sustainability](#), as well as diversity and inclusiveness. In addition, since our 2020 annual meeting and before mailing this Proxy Statement, our executive officers and independent members of our Board have considered the input received from shareholders through a variety of means, including conference calls, video conferences, and written communications.

#### TRANSACTIONS WITH RELATED PERSONS

On an annual basis, each director and executive officer is obligated to complete a director and officer questionnaire, which requires disclosure of any transactions with us in which the director or executive officer, or any member of his or her immediate family, has or will have an interest. Pursuant to our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics at [codeofconduct.simon.com](#), which is also available in the Governance section of our website at [investors.simon.com](#), the Audit Committee must review and approve all related person transactions in which any executive officer, director, director nominee or more than 5% shareholder of the Company, or any of their immediate family members, had, has or will have a direct or indirect material interest. Pursuant to the charter of the Audit Committee, which is available in the Governance section of our website at [investors.simon.com](#), the Audit Committee may not approve a related person transaction unless (1) it is in, or not inconsistent with, our best interests and (2) where applicable, the terms of such transaction are at least as favorable to us as could be obtained from an unrelated third party. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation requires that at least a majority of our directors be neither our employees nor members or affiliates of members of the Simon family. Our Restated Certificate of Incorporation further requires that transactions involving the Company, individually or in our capacity as general partner of our subsidiary, Simon Property

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Group, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), and any entity in which any of the Simons has an interest must, in addition to any other vote that may be required, be approved in advance by a majority of such independent directors. We currently have ten independent directors serving on the Board.

Our General Counsel is charged with reviewing any conflict of interest involving any other employee.

### TRANSACTIONS WITH THE SIMONS

We provide office space and legal, human resource administration, property specific financing and other support services to Melvin Simon and Associates, Inc. ("MSA"), a related party, for which we received a fee of \$600,000 in 2020 which is net of our reimbursement to Mr. Herbert Simon for costs incurred to operate his personal aircraft when used for Company related business purposes. These payments and reimbursements were reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee.

In addition, pursuant to management agreements that provide for our receipt of a management fee and reimbursement of our direct and indirect costs, we have managed since 1993 two shopping centers owned by entities in which Mr. David Simon and Mr. Herbert Simon have ownership interests, for which we received a fee of \$3,340,427 in 2020. MSA is owned 30.94% by trusts for the benefit of Mr. Herbert Simon, 3.04% by a trust

for the benefit of Mr. David Simon, and by certain other shareholders. These agreements have been reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee. In 2020, we reimbursed Mr. David Simon \$1,348,791 for the Company-related business use of his personal aircraft and an alternative aircraft when his personal aircraft was out of service. Our reimbursement for use of Mr. David Simon's personal aircraft is based upon a below-market hourly cost of operating the aircraft and the verified number of hours used for Company business, plus reimbursement for certain out-of-pocket expenses. These reimbursements were reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee.

The Company hired Mr. Eli Simon as Senior Vice President of Corporate Investments on May 20, 2019. Mr. Eli Simon is the son of Mr. David Simon, the Company's Chairman of the Board, CEO, and President and the grand nephew of Mr. Herbert Simon the Company's Chairman Emeritus. Mr. Eli Simon was paid a base salary of \$325,000 and annual cash incentive compensation in the amount of \$200,000 in 2020. In addition, in December 2020, as part of the Company's 2020 Long Term Incentive Program, the Compensation Committee approved a grant of restricted stock units with a value of \$1,000,000 at the time of grant that vest over a three year time period, in equal installments to Mr. Eli Simon. These terms of employment were reviewed and approved by the Audit Committee.



## PROPOSAL 1: Election of Directors

The Board currently consists of thirteen members. Based on the recommendation of the Governance and Nominating Committee, the Board has nominated the following ten persons listed as "Nominees for Director to be Elected by Holders of Voting Shares." All of the nominees are current directors.

We expect each nominee for election as a director named in this Proxy Statement will be able to serve if elected. If any nominee is not able to serve, proxies will be voted in favor of the remainder of those nominated and may be voted for substitute nominees.

The names, principal occupations and certain other information about the nominees for director, as well as key experiences, qualifications, attributes and skills that led the Governance and Nominating Committee to conclude that such person is currently qualified to serve as a director, are set forth on the following pages.

### NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR TO BE ELECTED BY HOLDERS OF VOTING SHARES

✓ **THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE FOLLOWING INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR NOMINEES:**



#### Glyn F. Aeppel

Age: 62  
Director since: 2016  
Committees Served: Governance and Nominating  
Other Public Directorships: AvalonBay Communities, Inc.

President and Chief Executive Officer of Glencove Capital, a lifestyle hospitality investment and advisory company that she founded in 2010. From October 2008 to May 2010, Ms. Aeppel served as Chief Investment Officer of Andre Balazs Properties, an owner, developer and operator of lifestyle luxury hotels. From April 2006 to October 2008, she served as Executive Vice President of Acquisitions and Development for Loews Hotels and was a member of its executive committee. From April 2004 to April 2006, she was a principal of Aeppel and Associates, a hospitality advisory development company, during which time she assisted Fairmont Hotels and Resorts in expanding in the United States and Europe. Prior to April 2004, Ms. Aeppel held executive positions with Le Meridien Hotels, Interstate Hotels & Resorts, Inc., FFC Hospitality, LLC, Holiday Inn Worldwide and Marriott Corporation. Ms. Aeppel currently serves on the board of directors of AvalonBay Communities, Inc., where she is a member of the nominating and governance committee and of the investment and finance committee. She also serves on the boards of Exclusive Resorts, LLC, Gilbane Inc., and Concord Hospitality Enterprises, all privately held companies. Ms. Aeppel previously served on the boards of Key Hospitality Acquisition Corporation, Loews Hotels Corporation and Sunrise Senior Living, Inc.

#### SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY

Ms. Aeppel has more than 30 years of experience in property acquisitions, development and financing. Ms. Aeppel has experience in both public and private companies focusing on the acquisition, operation and branding of hotel properties, including serving as Chief Investment Officer at Andre Balazs Properties and Executive Vice President, Acquisitions and Development, of Loews Hotel Corporation. She is a member of our Governance and Nominating Committee.



#### Larry C. Glasscock

Age: 72  
Director since: 2010  
Committees Served: Lead Independent Director, Audit, Governance and Nominating  
Other Public Directorships: Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc. and Sysco Corporation

Former Chairman and CEO of Anthem, Inc., a healthcare insurance company, from November 2005 to March 2010. Mr. Glasscock also served as President and Chief Executive Officer of WellPoint, Inc. from 2004 to 2007. Mr. Glasscock previously served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Anthem, Inc. from 2003 to 2004 and served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Anthem, Inc. from 2001 to 2003. Mr. Glasscock also previously served as a director of Anthem, Inc., and as a director for Sprint Nextel Corporation until 2013. Mr. Glasscock is currently the non-executive Chairman of the Board for Zimmer Biomet Holdings, Inc. where he is a member of the audit committee and the corporate governance committee. He is also a director of Sysco Corporation where he is the chairman of the corporate governance and nominating committee, a member of the executive committee, and a member of the compensation and leadership development committee.

#### SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY

Mr. Glasscock served as the Chief Executive Officer of the nation's leading health benefits company for many years. He has experience in leading a large public company, setting and implementing strategic plans, developing and implementing turnaround and growth strategies, and developing talent and participating in successful leadership transitions. Mr. Glasscock also has experience leading acquisitions of companies. In addition, he worked in financial services for over 20 years and can identify meaningful metrics to assess a company's performance. He also serves, and has served for over 15 years, as a director of other public companies. Mr. Glasscock serves as our Lead Independent Director and serves on our Governance and Nominating Committee and Audit Committee. The Board has determined that he is an "audit committee financial expert".

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**Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.**

**Age:** 77  
**Director since:** 2004  
**Committees Served:** Governance and Nominating (Chair)  
**Other Public Directorships:** None

Dr. Horn has served as Senior Managing Director of Brock Capital Group, a corporate advisory and investment banking firm, since 2003. Retired President, Global Private Client Services and Managing Director of Marsh, Inc., a subsidiary of Marsh & McLennan Companies, having served in these positions from 1999 to 2003. Prior to joining Marsh, she was Senior Managing Director and Head of International Private Banking at Bankers Trust Company; Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, Bank One, Cleveland, N.A.; President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland; Treasurer of Bell of Pennsylvania; and Vice President of First National Bank of Boston. She is also a member of the board of the National Association of Corporate Directors and previously served as its chairperson, Vice Chairman of the U.S. Russia Foundation, and the Chairman and a member of the board of the National Bureau of Economic Research. She previously served as a director of Georgia-Pacific Corporation, Fannie Mae and Eli Lilly and Company, and in the past five years she served as a director of Norfolk Southern Corporation and T. Rowe Price Mutual Funds.

**SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY**

Dr. Horn has more than 30 years of experience in international finance and management, including her service as President of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland and as a senior executive of a number of financial institutions. These experiences provide her with expertise in financial management and economic policy and an in-depth knowledge of the capital markets in which we actively participate. Dr. Horn has previously served as a director of several other publicly-held companies. She is a member of our Governance and Nominating Committee, which she chairs.



**Reuben S. Leibowitz**

**Age:** 73  
**Director since:** 2005  
**Committees Served:** Compensation (Chair), Audit  
**Other Public Directorships:** None

Managing Member of JEN Partners, a private equity firm, since 2005. Mr. Leibowitz was a Managing Director of Warburg Pincus from 1984 to 2005. He was a director of Chelsea Property Group, Inc. from 1993 until it was acquired by the Company in 2004 and previously served as a director of four other public companies.

**SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY**

Mr. Leibowitz led a major private equity firm's real estate activities for many years and in that role was also responsible for implementing long-term corporate strategies. Mr. Leibowitz practiced 15 years as a CPA, including a number of years specializing in tax issues, and is an attorney. He has an in-depth understanding of our Premium Outlets® platform, having served as a director of Chelsea Property Group, the publicly-held company we acquired in 2004. He serves on our Audit Committee and Compensation Committee, which he chairs. The Board has determined that he is an "audit committee financial expert".



**Allan Hubbard**

**Age:** 73  
**Director since:** 2009  
**Committees Served:** Compensation, Governance and Nominating  
**Other Public Directorships:** None

Co-Founder and Chairman and Partner of E&A Companies, a privately-held holding company that acquires and operates established companies, since 1977. Mr. Hubbard served as Assistant to the President for Economic Policy and director of the National Economic Council for the George W. Bush administration. He also served as Executive Director of the President's Council on Competitiveness for the George H.W. Bush administration. Mr. Hubbard previously served as a director of Acadia Healthcare, Anthem, Inc., PIMCO Equity Series, and PIMCO Equity Series VII.

**SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY**

Mr. Hubbard has more than 30 years experience as an entrepreneur having founded and led a company that acquires and grows companies in North America and Europe. He served on the board of directors of a major, publicly-held healthcare company for a number of years during which time he served on that board's audit, compensation and governance committees. Mr. Hubbard also has extensive government and economic policy experience, having held key economic positions in the administrations of two U.S. Presidents. He is an honors graduate of Harvard Business School with an emphasis in finance and an honors graduate of Harvard Law School. Mr. Hubbard serves on our Compensation Committee and Governance and Nominating Committee.



**Gary M. Rodkin**

**Age:** 68  
**Director since:** 2015  
**Committees Served:** Governance and Nominating  
**Other Public Directorships:** McCormick & Company, Incorporated

Chief Executive Officer and member of the board of ConAgra Foods, Inc. from 2005 until his retirement in May 2015. Mr. Rodkin was Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of PepsiCo Beverages and Foods North America from February 2003 to June 2005. Mr. Rodkin joined PepsiCo in 1998, after it acquired Tropicana, where Mr. Rodkin had served as President since 1995. From 1979 to 1995, Mr. Rodkin held marketing and general management positions of increasing responsibility at General Mills, with his last three years at the company as President, Yoplait-Colombo. Mr. Rodkin currently serves on the board of directors of McCormick & Company, Incorporated, where he is a member of the Nominating/Corporate Governance committee. In the past five years, he has served as a director of ConAgra Foods, Inc. and Avon Products, Inc.

**SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY**

Mr. Rodkin has extensive experience in the leadership and management of a large packaged food company and expertise in branding and marketing of food and food service operations globally as the former Chief Executive Officer of ConAgra Foods, Inc. Mr. Rodkin serves on our Governance and Nominating Committee.



### Stefan M. Selig

**Age:** 58  
**Director since:** 2017  
**Committees Served:** Audit, Compensation  
**Other Public Directorships:** Entercom Communications Corp., Safehold Inc., Rotor Acquisition Corp. and Tuscan Holdings Corp.

Founder of BridgePark Advisors LLC, a strategic advisory firm. Prior to that Mr. Selig served as the Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade for the U.S. Department of Commerce from 2014 - 2016. Mr. Selig previously was with Bank of America Merrill Lynch from 1999 - 2014, ultimately serving as Executive Vice Chairman of Global Corporate and Investment Banking. Mr. Selig is currently the chairman of the board of directors of Entercom Communications Corp., Tuscan Holdings Corp., where he is a member of the audit committee, and Safehold Inc. where he is the lead independent director and serves on each of the audit, compensation and nominating and governance committees.

#### SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY

Mr. Selig is a highly accomplished banker and senior executive who has served in prominent leadership roles in both the private and public sectors. Mr. Selig also has extensive government and economic policy experience, having served as the Undersecretary of Commerce for International Trade for the U.S. Department of Commerce. Mr. Selig serves on our Audit Committee and our Compensation Committee. The Board has determined that he is an "audit committee financial expert".



### J. Albert Smith, Jr.

**Age:** 80  
**Director since:** 1993  
**Committees Served:** Audit (Chair), Compensation  
**Other Public Directorships:** None

Chairman, Chase Bank, a national financial institution, in Central Indiana since 2014 and Managing Director of J.P. Morgan Private Bank since 2005. Mr. Smith was President of Bank One Central Indiana from 2001 to 2005; Managing Director of Banc One Corporation from 1998 to 2001; President of Bank One, Indiana, NA from 1994 to 1998; and President of Banc One Mortgage Corporation from 1974 to 1994.

#### SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY

Mr. Smith has served as Chairman, President and Managing Director of the Midwest operations of a major financial institution for a number of years during which time he has been involved in real estate lending activities. Through these experiences he has developed expertise in financial management and credit markets. He served as our Lead Independent Director until March 2014 and currently serves on our Compensation Committee and our Audit Committee, which he chairs. The Board has determined that he is an "audit committee financial expert".



### Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D.

**Age:** 63  
**Director since:** 2009  
**Committees Served:** Compensation  
**Other Public Directorships:** None

The Clare W. Barker Professor of Marketing at the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University (the "Kelley School"). Served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the Indiana University Foundation from 2012 - 2020 and as Dean of the Kelley School from 2005 - 2012. Dr. Smith joined the faculty of the Kelley School in 1996 and has served as Chair of the Marketing Department, Chair of the MBA Program, and Associate Dean of Faculty and Research.

#### SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY

Dr. Smith has spent over 30 years teaching, conducting research, and consulting in the areas of marketing strategy, brand management, financial management, compensation, human resource development and corporate governance. He served as Dean of one of the country's top-rated and largest business schools and as the President and Chief Executive Officer of one of the nation's largest university foundations with over \$2.5 billion of assets. Both as Dean and Foundation Chief Executive Officer, he was/is responsible for financial oversight and long-term financial planning, hiring and retention policies, compensation policies, public relations and overall long-term strategy. He serves on our Compensation Committee.



### Marta R. Stewart

**Age:** 63  
**Director since:** 2018  
**Committees Served:** Audit  
**Other Public Directorships:** None

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Norfolk Southern Corporation, one of the nation's premier transportation companies, from 2013 until her retirement in 2017. Mrs. Stewart began her career at Peat Marwick (a predecessor to KPMG). Mrs. Stewart joined Norfolk Southern Corporation in 1983 and served in several finance positions before becoming Vice President & Controller in 2003 and then Vice President & Treasurer in 2009. Mrs. Stewart previously served on the board of directors of The Raytheon Company where she was a member of the audit committee and of the public policy and corporate responsibility committee from 2018 - 2020.

#### SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY

Mrs. Stewart has more than 30 years of experience in finance and served as Chief Financial Officer for one of the largest railway companies in the world. In that role, Mrs. Stewart gained extensive experience in leadership and management as well as expertise in accounting systems and controls of a Fortune 500 company traded on the NYSE. Mrs. Stewart serves on our Audit Committee. The Board has determined that she is an "audit committee financial expert".

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**NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR TO BE ELECTED BY THE VOTING TRUSTEES WHO VOTE THE CLASS B COMMON STOCK**

The voting trustees who vote the Class B common stock, and who have the right to elect four directors, have nominated the three persons listed below as "Nominees for Director to be Elected by the Voting Trustees Who Vote the Class B Common Stock". All of the nominees are currently Class B directors.

The voting trustees who vote the Class B common stock have agreed to elect Richard S. Sokolov to the Board. The voting trustees have an agreement requiring that each of them vote for each other as Class B director nominees.



**David Simon**

**Class B Director Nominee**  
**Age: 59**  
**Director since: 1993**  
**Other Public Directorships: Klépierre, S.A and Simon Property Group Acquisition Holdings, Inc.**

Chairman of the Company since 2007, CEO of the Company or its predecessor since 1995 and President of the Company since February 2019; a director of the Company or its predecessor since its incorporation in 1993; and President of the Company's predecessor from 1993 to 1996. From 1985 to 1990, he was an investment banker at Wasserstein Perella & Company and First Boston Corp. He is the nephew of Mr. Herbert Simon.

**SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY**

Mr. Simon has served as our CEO or the CEO of our predecessor for over 25 years. During that time he has provided leadership in the development and execution of our successful growth strategy, overseeing numerous strategic acquisitions that have been consolidated into what is recognized as the nation's leading retail real estate company. He gained experience in mergers and acquisitions while working at major Wall Street firms before joining the Company's predecessor.



**Richard S. Sokolov**

**Class B Director Nominee**  
**Age: 71**  
**Director since: 1996**  
**Other Public Directorships: None**

Vice Chairman of the Company since February 2019 and a director of the Company or its predecessor since 1996. President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company or its predecessor from 1996 to February 2019. President and Chief Executive Officer of DeBartolo Realty Corporation from its incorporation in 1994 until it merged with our predecessors in 1996. Mr. Sokolov joined its predecessor, The Edward J. DeBartolo Corporation, in 1982 as Vice President and General Counsel and was named Senior Vice President, Development and General Counsel in 1986. Mr. Sokolov previously served as a director of Washington Prime Group.

**SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY**

Mr. Sokolov has served as our Vice Chairman since February 2019 and a director of the Company or its predecessor since 1996. He served as President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company or its predecessor from 1996, immediately following our acquisition of DeBartolo Realty Corporation, to February 2019. Mr. Sokolov had served as Chief Executive Officer and President of DeBartolo Realty Corporation and Senior Vice President Development and General Counsel of its predecessor operations for a number of years. Mr. Sokolov is a past Chairman of the International Council of Shopping Centers ("ICSC") and previously served as a trustee and a member of the ICSC Nominating Committee.



**Herbert Simon**

**Class B Director Nominee**  
**Age: 86**  
**Director since: 1993**  
**Other Public Directorships: The Cheesecake Factory Incorporated**

Chairman Emeritus of the Board of the Company since 2007. Co-Chairman of the Board of the Company or its predecessor from 1995 to 2007. Mr. Herbert Simon was Chief Executive Officer and a director of the Company's predecessor from its incorporation in 1993 to 1995. He also serves on the Board of Governors for the National Basketball Association ("NBA") and as Chairman of the Board of MSA. He is the uncle of Mr. David Simon.

**SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE TO OUR COMPANY**

Mr. Herbert Simon is our co-founder and Chairman Emeritus. The retail real estate business that he and his brother, the late Mr. Melvin Simon, started decades ago established the foundation for all of our current operations and record of achievement. Mr. Herbert Simon's leadership of the Indiana Pacers NBA basketball franchise has led to his service on the Board of Governors of the NBA.

**MEETINGS AND COMMITTEES OF THE BOARD****MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE**

Our business, property and affairs are managed under the direction of our Board. Members of our Board are kept informed of our business through discussions with our Chairman and CEO, other executive officers, and our Lead Independent Director, by reviewing materials provided to them concerning the business, by visiting our offices and properties, and by participating in meetings of the Board and its committees. Directors are also expected to use reasonable efforts to attend the annual meeting of shareholders.

- All of our directors attended the 2020 annual meeting. During 2020, the Board met fourteen times, including one in-person meeting, eleven telephonic meetings and two video conference meetings.
- All of our directors participated in more than 90% of the aggregate number of meetings of the Board and the committees on which they served in 2020.

**EXECUTIVE SESSIONS OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

Prior to 2020, the independent directors met in executive session without management present in connection with each regularly scheduled non-telephonic Board meeting as well as when the need arose. During 2020, the independent directors also had executive sessions after regularly scheduled Board meetings that were held telephonically and by video conference. During 2020, the independent directors had meetings after five Board meetings. The Lead Independent Director presided over all of these meetings.

The Board's Lead Independent Director is appointed by the independent members of the Board and the responsibilities of the Lead Independent Director are discussed in the section of this Proxy Statement titled "Corporate Governance of the Company—Board Leadership Structure" on page 8.

**PROPOSAL 1: Election of Directors****COMMITTEE FUNCTION AND MEMBERSHIP****THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

<b>Members:</b> J. Albert Smith, Jr. (Chair) Larry C. Glasscock Reuben S. Leibowitz Stefan M. Selig Marta R. Stewart	The Audit Committee assists the Board in monitoring the integrity of our financial statements, the qualifications, independence and performance of our independent registered public accounting firm, the performance of our internal audit function, our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements, the Company's Enterprise Risk Management Program, and cybersecurity preparedness. The Audit Committee has sole authority to appoint, or replace our independent registered public accounting firm and pre-approves the auditing services and permitted non-audit services to be performed by our independent registered public accounting firm, including the fees and terms thereof. The Audit Committee has authority to retain legal, accounting or other advisors. The Audit Committee reviews and discusses with management and our independent registered public accounting firm our annual audited financial statements, our quarterly earnings releases and financial statements, significant financial reporting issues and judgments made in connection with the preparation of our financial statements and any major issues regarding the adequacy of our internal controls. It also issues the report on its activities which appears in this Proxy Statement. The charter of the Audit Committee requires that each member meet the independence and experience requirements of the NYSE, the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") and the rules and regulations of the SEC.
<b>Six meetings during 2020</b>	The Board has determined that each of the current members of the Audit Committee qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined by rules of the SEC.

**THE COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

<b>Members:</b> Reuben S. Leibowitz (Chair) Allan Hubbard Stefan M. Selig Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D. J. Albert Smith, Jr.	The Compensation Committee (1) sets remuneration levels for our executive officers, (2) reviews significant employee benefit programs, (3) establishes and administers our executive compensation program and our stock incentive plan, (4) reviews and discusses with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, and, if appropriate, recommends its inclusion in our Annual Report and Proxy Statement, and (5) issues the report on its activities which appears in this Proxy Statement. The charter of the Compensation Committee requires that each member meet the independence requirements of the NYSE and the rules and regulations of the SEC.
<b>Six meetings during 2020</b>	The Compensation Committee has authority to retain the advice and assistance of compensation consultants and legal, accounting or other advisors. The Compensation Committee retained its current consultant, Semler Brossy Consulting Group, LLC ("Semler Brossy"), in December 2011. Semler Brossy does not provide any other services to management of the Company. The consultant assists the Compensation Committee in the review and design of our executive compensation program. No member of the Compensation Committee during 2020 was an officer, employee or former officer of us or any of our subsidiaries or had any relationship requiring disclosure in this Proxy Statement pursuant to SEC regulations. None of our executive officers served as a member of a compensation committee or a director of another entity under the circumstances requiring disclosure in this Proxy Statement pursuant to SEC regulations.

**THE GOVERNANCE AND NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

<b>Members:</b> Karen N. Horn, Ph.D. (Chair) Glyn F. Aepfel Larry C. Glasscock Allan Hubbard Gary M. Rodkin	The Governance and Nominating Committee nominates persons to serve as directors in accordance with our Governance Principles, and proscribes appropriate qualifications for Board members. The Committee develops and recommends to the Board the Governance Principles applicable to the Company and the Board, leads the Board in its annual evaluation of the Board's performance, oversees the assessment of the independence of each director, reviews compliance with stock ownership guidelines and makes recommendations regarding compensation for non-employee directors. Members of the Governance and Nominating Committee are responsible for screening director candidates, but may solicit advice from our CEO and other members of the Board. The Governance and Nominating Committee has the authority to retain legal, accounting or other advisors, and has sole authority to approve the fees and other terms and conditions associated with retaining any such external advisors. The charter of the Governance and Nominating Committee requires that each member meet the independence requirements of the NYSE, and any other legal and regulatory requirements.
<b>Four meetings during 2020</b>	

**DIRECTOR COMPENSATION****COMPENSATION OF INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS**

The Board believes that competitive compensation arrangements are necessary to attract and retain qualified independent directors. On February 12, 2018, after conducting an extensive review, including analyzing the compensation practices of leading companies of similar size to the Company, under supervision of the Governance and Nominating Committee, and upon recommendation of the Compensation Committee's independent compensation consultant, Semler Brossy, the Board approved changes to the compensation arrangements for independent directors of the Company. These were the first changes made to the overall compensation program for the Board's independent directors since 2015.

The Company continues to compensate its independent directors through the use of annual retainers. After the independent directors are elected, the Company awards each independent director an annual cash retainer of \$110,000, paid quarterly, and makes a restricted stock award with a grant date value of \$175,000 that vests on the first anniversary of the grant date. In addition to the annual cash and restricted stock retainers for service as a director described above, each independent director receives additional annual retainers based on his or her role(s) as a committee chairperson, a committee member or Lead Independent Director. The chairperson of the Audit Committee and the chairperson of the Compensation Committee each are paid an annual retainer of \$35,000. The chairperson of the Governance and Nominating Committee is paid an annual retainer of \$25,000. Each member of the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee is paid a \$15,000 annual retainer. Each member of the Governance and Nominating Committee is paid a \$10,000 annual retainer. The annual retainer for the Lead Independent Director is \$50,000. These committee chairperson, committee member and Lead Independent Director retainers are paid 50% in cash and 50% in restricted stock.

The Operating Partnership's 2019 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2019 Plan") provides that the aggregate grant date fair market value of equity awards that may be granted during any fiscal year to an independent director shall not exceed \$750,000.

**INDEPENDENT DIRECTOR COMPENSATION IN 2020**

In light of the effect that COVID-19 was having on the Company, effective April 1, 2020, the Board temporarily suspended payment to the independent directors of their quarterly board service cash retainer fees. On December 9, 2020, the Board reinstated payment to the independent directors of their board service cash retainer fees for the fourth quarter of 2020 and approved payment to the independent directors of the amounts that they would otherwise have been paid for the second and third quarters of 2020 if their board service cash retainer fees had not been temporarily suspended.

**DIRECTOR STOCK OWNERSHIP GUIDELINES**

We have a stringent stock retention policy that further aligns our directors' financial interests with those of our shareholders. The Company believes that it is advisable for its independent directors to retain a fixed dollar amount of Company common stock as opposed to a fixed number of common shares. The stock ownership guidelines for each of the Company's independent directors require that each independent director own \$850,000 worth of common stock of the Company (or the equivalent amount of limited partnership units of the Operating Partnership) by no later than six years after the date he or she is elected to the Board. Stock options and unvested shares of restricted stock do not count toward this requirement. The ownership guidelines also require independent directors to hold shares acquired upon the vesting of restricted stock awards received as compensation for their service on the Board and its Committees, together with all dividends paid on such awards which are required to be utilized to purchase additional shares of the Company's common stock, in the director account of the Company's deferred compensation plan until the director retires, dies or becomes disabled, or otherwise no longer serves as a director. The Company's deferred compensation plan is described in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement on page 37.

Any director who is prohibited by law or by applicable regulation of his or her employer from having an ownership interest in our securities will be exempt from this requirement until the restriction is lifted, at which time he or she will have the following six-year period to comply with the ownership guidelines. The Board may grant exceptions on a case by case basis.

As of March 15, 2021, all independent directors of the Board have met or, within the applicable period, are expected to meet, these stock ownership guidelines.

**PROPOSAL 1: Election of Directors****2020 INDEPENDENT DIRECTORS' COMPENSATION**

The following table sets forth information regarding the compensation we paid to our independent directors for 2020:

NAME <sup>(1)</sup>	FEES EARNED OR PAID IN CASH	STOCK AWARDS <sup>(2)</sup>	TOTAL
Glyn F. Aepfel	\$ 115,000	\$ 167,656	\$282,656
Larry C. Glasscock	\$ 147,500	\$ 197,926	\$345,426
Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.	\$ 122,500	\$ 174,637	\$297,137
Allan Hubbard	\$ 122,500	\$ 174,637	\$297,137
Reuben S. Leibowitz	\$ 135,000	\$ 186,254	\$321,254
Gary M. Rodkin	\$ 115,000	\$ 167,656	\$282,656
Stefan M. Selig	\$ 125,000	\$ 176,928	\$301,928
Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D.	\$ 117,500	\$ 169,947	\$287,447
J. Albert Smith, Jr.	\$ 135,000	\$ 186,254	\$321,254
Marta R. Stewart	\$ 117,500	\$ 169,947	\$287,447

(1) As of December 31, 2020, the independent directors owned shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements in the following amounts: Glyn F. Aepfel—3,074; Larry C. Glasscock—3,629; Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.—3,202; Allan Hubbard—3,202; Reuben S. Leibowitz—3,415; Gary M. Rodkin—3,074; Stefan M. Selig—3,244; Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D.—3,116; J. Albert Smith, Jr.—3,415; and Marta R. Stewart—3,116.

Mr. David Simon, Mr. Richard S. Sokolov and Mr. Herbert Simon, who were also directors during 2020, are not included in this table because they are not independent directors and did not receive any compensation for their service as directors. In 2020, Mr. Herbert Simon received \$100,000 in employment compensation for his service as our Chairman Emeritus. The compensation paid to Mr. David Simon as an executive officer of the Company, is shown in the 2020 Summary Compensation Table in this Proxy Statement.

(2) Represents the ASC 718 grant date fair value of the restricted stock awarded to the directors, determined based on the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE on the date of grant. Restricted stock granted to directors must be held in the director deferred compensation account and dividends on the restricted shares must be reinvested in additional shares of common stock which also must be held in the director deferred compensation account. None of our directors elected to defer cash compensation in 2020.

**DELINQUENT SECTION 16(a) REPORTS**

The Company's deferred compensation plan is described in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement on page 37. All dividends paid on the shares of restricted stock that each independent director receives from the Company as part of that director's compensation are required to be utilized to purchase additional shares of the Company's common stock, and such shares, along with such shares of restricted stock and shares acquired upon vesting of such restricted stock, are required to be held in the director account of the Company's deferred compensation plan until the director retires, dies or becomes disabled, or otherwise no longer serves as a director. These quarterly dividend reinvestments should have been reported on a Form 4 at the time of each reinvestment. All quarterly dividend reinvestments through the first quarter of 2020 were ultimately reflected on subsequent Form 4 filings, and each of our independent directors have now filed a late Form 4 with respect to the subsequent three quarterly dividend reinvestment transactions. In addition, one of our independent directors, Daniel C. Smith, had quarterly dividend reinvestment transactions in an individual retirement account resulting in the acquisition of 305.54 shares of common stock of the Company from September 2011 through October 2020 that should have been reported on a Form 5 after each fiscal year and have now been reported on a late Form 4.



## OWNERSHIP OF EQUITY SECURITIES OF THE COMPANY

## DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

As of March 15, 2021, the existing directors, director nominees and executive officers identified below:

- Owned beneficially the indicated number and percentage of common shares and Class B common stock treated as a single class; and
- Owned beneficially the indicated number and percentage of units which are exchangeable for common shares on a one-for-one basis or cash, as determined by the Company. The number of units includes earned and fully vested performance-based Long Term Incentive Plan ("LTIP") units which are convertible at the option of the holder into units on a one-for-one basis.

Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to the table, shares or units are owned directly and the indicated person has sole voting and investment power.

NAME	SHARES AND UNITS BENEFICIALLY OWNED		UNITS BENEFICIALLY OWNED	
	NUMBER <sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup>	PERCENT <sup>(4)</sup>	NUMBER	PERCENT <sup>(5)</sup>
David Simon <sup>(6)</sup>	28,790,147	8.11%	26,747,551	7.12%
Glyn F. Aeppel	8,721	*	—	—
Larry C. Glasscock	29,151	*	—	—
Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.	27,108	*	—	—
Allan Hubbard	22,961	*	—	—
Reuben S. Leibowitz <sup>(7)</sup>	44,966	*	—	—
Gary M. Rodkin	8,613	*	—	—
Stefan M. Selig	21,598	*	—	—
Herbert Simon <sup>(6)</sup>	28,790,147	8.11%	26,747,551	7.12%
Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D.	19,309	*	—	—
J. Albert Smith, Jr.	51,985	*	—	—
Richard S. Sokolov	800,794	*	491,773	*
Marta R. Stewart	6,054	*	—	—
Steven E. Fivel <sup>(9)</sup>	94,370	*	77,368	*
Brian J. McDade	11,724	*	632	*
John Rulli <sup>(10)</sup>	236,347	*	202,270	*
Alexander L.W. Snyder	9,604	*	474	*
All Directors and executive officers as a group (19 people) <sup>(11)</sup>	30,191,416	8.49%	27,520,384	7.33%

\* Less than one percent

- Includes the following common shares that may be issued upon exchange of units (including vested LTIP units) held by the following persons on March 15, 2021: David Simon, Herbert Simon and other members of the MSA group (as defined in the Principal Shareholders table on page 23,—26,747,551; Richard S. Sokolov—491,773; John Rulli—202,270; Steven E. Fivel—77,368; Brian J. McDade—632; Alexander L.W. Snyder—474; and all directors and executive officers as a group—27,520,384. Units are exchangeable either for common shares on a one-for-one basis or for cash as determined by the Company.
- Includes the following restricted shares which are subject to vesting requirements: Glyn F. Aeppel—3,074; Larry C. Glasscock—3,629; Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.—3,202; Allan Hubbard—3,202; Reuben S. Leibowitz—3,415; Gary M. Rodkin—3,074; Stefan M. Selig—3,244; Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D.—3,116; J. Albert Smith, Jr.—3,415; Marta R. Stewart—3,116; Brian J. McDade—5,802; and Alexander L.W. Snyder—6,413; and all directors and executive officers as a group—48,849. Includes shares acquired through the reinvestment of dividends on common shares held in the Director Deferred Compensation Plan.
- As of December 31, 2020, the following restricted shares were held by the independent directors: Glyn F. Aeppel—6,899; Larry C. Glasscock—12,519; Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.—18,469; Allan Hubbard—12,812; Reuben S. Leibowitz—17,334; Gary M. Rodkin—7,582; Stefan M. Selig—6,033; Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D.—12,636; J. Albert Smith, Jr.—22,520; and Marta R. Stewart—5,564. These amounts do not include shares acquired from the reinvestment of dividends which are required to be reinvested in additional shares of common stock which also must be held in the Director Deferred Compensation Plan and do not include any other shares owned by the independent directors.
- At March 15, 2021, there were 328,181,153 shares of common stock and 8,000 shares of Class B common stock outstanding. Upon the occurrence of certain events, shares of Class B common stock convert automatically into common shares (on a one-for-one basis). These percentages assume the exchange of units for common shares only by the applicable beneficial owner.
- At March 15, 2021, the Operating Partnership had 375,511,365 units outstanding, of which we owned, directly or indirectly, 328,189,153 or 87.4%. These percentages assume that no units held by limited partners are exchanged for common shares. The number of units shown does not include any unvested LTIP units and any unvested restricted stock units ("RSUs") awarded under a long-term incentive performance program as described in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement that begins on page 25, because the unvested LTIP units are subject to performance and/or time-based vesting requirements and the unvested RSUs are subject to time-based vesting requirements.
- Includes common shares, shares of Class B common stock and units beneficially owned by the MSA group. See the Principal Shareholders Table on page 23.

**PROPOSAL 1: Election of Directors**

- (7) Includes 2,500 shares of common stock held by Mr. Leibowitz's wife. Does not include 7,500 shares of common stock held by charitable foundations of which Mr. Leibowitz is an officer or trustee and 1,400 shares of common stock held by various trusts of which Mr. Leibowitz's wife is the trustee. Mr. Leibowitz disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
- (8) Includes common shares, shares of Class B common stock and units beneficially owned by the MSA group. See the Principal Shareholders Table on page 23.
- (9) Includes 383 shares of common stock held by Mr. Fivel's wife.
- (10) Includes 2,896 shares of common stock held in trusts for the benefit of Mr. Rulli's children.
- (11) Does not include 4,172,426 units beneficially owned by or for the benefit of Simon family members as to which members of the MSA group do not have voting or dispositive power.

## PRINCIPAL SHAREHOLDERS

The following table sets forth certain information concerning each person (including any group) known to us to beneficially own more than five percent (5%) of any class of our voting securities as of March 15, 2021. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes, shares are owned directly and the indicated person has sole voting and investment power.

NAME AND ADDRESS	SHARES <sup>(1)</sup>	
	NUMBER OF SHARES	%
The Vanguard Group <sup>(2)</sup> 100 Vanguard Boulevard Malvern, PA 19355	45,790,206	13.95%
BlackRock, Inc. <sup>(3)</sup> 55 East 52nd Street New York, NY 10055	35,610,974	10.85%
Melvin Simon & Associates, Inc., et al. <sup>(4)</sup> 225 West Washington Street Indianapolis, IN 46204	28,790,147 <sup>(5)</sup>	8.11% <sup>(6)</sup>
Cohen & Steers, Inc., et al. <sup>(7)</sup> 280 Park Avenue 10th Floor New York, NY 10017	26,449,797	8.06%
State Street Corporation and Subsidiaries <sup>(8)</sup> State Street Financial Center One Lincoln Street Boston, MA 02111	19,034,227	5.80%

- (1) Voting shares include shares of common stock and Class B common stock. Upon the occurrence of certain events, Class B common stock converts automatically into shares of our common stock (on a one-for-one basis). The amounts in the table also include shares of common stock that may be issued upon the exchange of units of limited partnership interest, or units, of the Operating Partnership, that are exchangeable either for shares of common stock (on a one-for-one basis) or for cash, as determined by the Company.
- (2) Based solely on information provided by The Vanguard Group in a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 10, 2021. The Vanguard Group has the sole power to vote 0 shares of common stock and dispose of 43,651,939 shares of common stock and shared power to vote 1,259,273 shares of common stock and dispose of 2,138,267 shares of common stock.
- (3) Based solely on information provided by BlackRock, Inc. in a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on January 27, 2021. BlackRock, Inc. has the sole power to vote 31,976,930 shares of common stock, and the sole power to dispose of 35,610,974 shares of common stock.
- (4) Based on information provided by the MSA Group, consisting of MSA, Mr. David Simon, Mr. Herbert Simon, two voting trusts and other entities and trusts controlled by or for the benefit of MSA, Mr. David Simon or Mr. Herbert Simon, as the case may be, including in a Schedule 13G/A filed with the SEC on February 12, 2021: MSA has sole power to vote and dispose of 11,634,169 shares of common stock and shared power to vote and dispose of 889,747 shares of common stock; Mr. Herbert Simon, a director, has sole power to vote and dispose of 5,615,001 shares of common stock and shared power to vote and dispose of 898,120 shares of common stock; Mr. David Simon, an executive officer and director has sole power to vote 10,518,084 shares of common stock, the sole power to dispose of 3,599,817 shares of common stock, shared power to vote 1,016,890 shares of common stock and shared power to dispose of 7,935,157 shares of common stock. A total of 890,120 shares of common stock included in the amount reported for the MSA Group and 8,000 shares of Class B common stock are subject to the two voting trusts as to which Mr. David Simon and Mr. Herbert Simon are the voting trustees. MSA is owned 30.94% by trusts for the benefit of Mr. Herbert Simon, 3.04% by a trust for the benefit of Mr. David Simon, and by certain other shareholders.
- (5) Includes 2,034,596 shares of common stock currently outstanding; 26,747,551 shares of common stock issuable upon exchange of units; and 8,000 shares of Class B common stock. Does not include 4,172,426 units that are held by or for the benefit of Simon family members as to which MSA, Mr. David Simon or Mr. Herbert Simon do not have voting or dispositive power.
- (6) Assumes the exchange of units by the subject holder only.
- (7) Based solely on information provided by Cohen & Steers, Inc., Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc., and Cohen & Steers UK Limited in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 16, 2021. Cohen & Steers, Inc. has the sole power to vote 18,086,036 shares of common stock and the sole power to dispose of 26,449,797 shares of common stock; Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. has the sole power to vote 18,014,366 shares of common stock and the sole power to dispose of 25,938,731 shares of common stock; and Cohen & Steers UK Limited has the sole power to vote 71,670 shares of common stock and the sole power to dispose of 511,066 shares of common stock.
- (8) Based solely on information provided by State Street Corporation in a Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on February 10, 2021. State Street Corporation has shared power to vote 16,631,137 shares of common stock and shared power to dispose of 19,031,583 shares of common stock.

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## PROPOSAL 2: Advisory Vote to Approve the Compensation of our Named Executive Officers

Our executive compensation program is designed to facilitate long-term value creation for the benefit of all of our stakeholders— customers, employees, suppliers, communities, and shareholders. We believe our focus on pay-for-performance and on corporate governance creates alignment between the interests of our named executive officers ("NEOs") and the interests of all of the Company's stakeholders, including its shareholders.

We are asking for shareholder approval, on an advisory or non-binding basis, of the compensation of our NEOs, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement pursuant to Section 14A of the Exchange Act, commonly known as a "Say-on-Pay" vote. This vote is not intended to address any specific item of compensation, but rather the overall compensation of our NEOs and the compensation policies and practices described in this Proxy Statement.

We will evaluate whether any actions are necessary to address significant concerns as a result of this advisory vote. We currently conduct annual advisory votes on executive compensation, and we expect to conduct the next advisory vote at our 2022 annual meeting of shareholders.

For the reasons discussed above and in this Proxy Statement under the headings "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Executive Compensation Tables," the Board intends to introduce the following resolution at the 2021 Annual Meeting:

"RESOLVED, that the compensation of the Named Executive Officers of the Company, as disclosed in this Proxy Statement under the headings "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" and "Executive Compensation Tables," including the compensation tables and their accompanying narrative discussion, is approved."



**THE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" THE APPROVAL OF THE ADVISORY RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.**

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee reviewed and discussed with management the Compensation Discussion and Analysis section included in this Proxy Statement. Based on its review and these discussions with management, the Committee recommended to the Board that it be incorporated by reference into the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, and included in the Proxy Statement for the 2021 Annual Meeting.

All references to the "Committee" in this Report are to the Compensation Committee.

### The Compensation Committee:

Reuben S. Leibowitz, Chairman  
Allan Hubbard  
Stefan M. Selig  
Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D.  
J. Albert Smith, Jr.

March 26, 2021

# COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Committee believes that our overall executive compensation program continues to responsibly and effectively incentivize strong long-term performance from our NEOs and serve our shareholders' interests. The Committee will continue to review the effectiveness of the Company's executive compensation program as well as continue to consider shareholder feedback in its ongoing review of our executive compensation program.

### 2020 Company Achievements

2020 was a difficult year for all those affected by COVID-19, including the Company. Even with the unprecedented operating environment in 2020, including losing approximately 13,500 shopping days (approximately 20% of the year) in our domestic portfolio of properties due to the restrictive governmental orders placed on the Company, we achieved many things, including the following:

- Generating over \$2.3 billion in operating cash flow
- Returning more than \$2 billion to shareholders in cash dividends paid
- Supporting small and local businesses, regional entrepreneurs, and restaurateurs who are our tenants with approximately \$400 million in rent abatements
- Acquiring an 80% interest in The Taubman Realty Group
- Making strategic investments in widely recognized retail brands, including Forever 21, Brooks Brothers, Lucky Brands, and JCPenney
- Opening two new international shopping destinations in Malaga, Spain and Bangkok, Thailand
- Managing to reopen all of our domestic retail properties and achieve year end occupancy rates of 91.3% at our Malls and Premium Outlets® and 95.3% at The Mills®

We did all of the above while paying nearly \$700 million in property taxes in 2020 (an increase from 2019) and receiving no direct assistance from any COVID-19 relief legislation.

While achieving the items above, we maintained our focus on our highest priority, the health and safety of the communities we serve. We developed and published a comprehensive COVID-19 Exposure Control Policy that we created in conjunction with leading experts in the fields of epidemiology and environmental health and safety in order to create the most effective safety standards. These protocols meet or exceed the guidelines published by the Centers for Disease Control and are more robust than the measures deployed by many of the "essential businesses" and online-only retailers' fulfillment centers that were allowed to remain open during the COVID-19 crisis. In addition, in 2020 more than 200 of our properties were enrolled and successfully achieved the International WELL

Building Institute's third party verified WELL Health-Safety Rating for Facility Operations and Management.

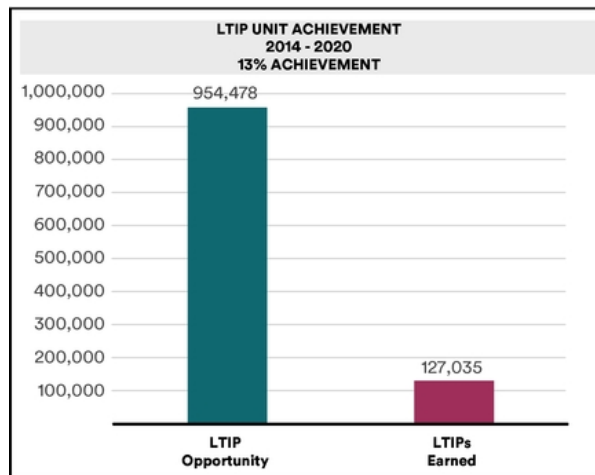
### NEO Voluntary Cash Compensation Reductions

On March 18, 2020, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Company announced the closure of all of its retail properties in the United States, putting the health and safety of its shoppers, retailers and employees ahead of everything else, and to try to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Before this occurred the Company, under the leadership of its CEO, David Simon, had already taken major steps to put a plan in place to reduce costs and conserve cash; however, notably, within days of the closure, not only did Mr. Simon come to the Committee with a recommendation that his base salary temporarily be reduced to \$0 and that the other NEOs' base salaries temporarily be reduced by between 25% and 30%, but he also recommended that the Committee pay his 2019 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation bonus at such time as the Committee determined, in its sole discretion, that the market conditions in which the Company operates had improved. The Committee reviewed and approved both of these recommendations and paid Mr. Simon his 2019 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation bonus in December 2020.

### Recent LTIP Award Results and Results of Tranche B of 2018 LTIP Award

The Committee has established rigorous requirements in order for NEOs to earn performance-based pay. Under the 2014-2016 LTIP, only 39.7% of the available opportunity was earned. No LTIP units were earned under either the 2015-2017 LTIP or our 2016-2018 LTIP, notwithstanding the strong operating performance of the Company during those years. In addition, in 2017, no LTIP was established. Under Tranche A of the 2018 LTIP, which had a performance period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2019, only 32.5% of the available opportunity was earned and, as described in greater detail in the section of this Proxy Statement titled "2018 Tranche B LTIP Results" on page 36, no LTIP units were earned under Tranche B of the 2018 LTIP, the performance period for which ended on December 31, 2020. The total available opportunity to earn LTIP units from 2014 through 2020, among active participants under the LTIPs described above available for all NEOs and select other executives, was 954,478 LTIP units with only 127,035 or 13% earned and approved for payout.

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS



The graph above excludes any LTIP units earned pursuant to the Series CEO LTIP Unit Award Agreement, as amended. The Company's results during the performance period for the 2018 Tranche B LTIP resulted in no LTIP units being earned. The first performance criterion was that the Company's total shareholder return ("TSR") during the performance period must equal at least the TSR of the FTSE NAREIT Equity Retail Index (the "Index"). As described in greater detail in the section of this Proxy Statement titled "2018 Tranche B LTIP Results," on page 36, the Company's TSR during the performance period was -40.13% compared to the Index's TSR of -21.49%. The second performance criterion was that the Company's FFO per share must have a CAGR of at least 3% during the performance period. As described in greater detail in the section of this Proxy Statement titled "2018 Tranche B LTIP Results," on page 36 the Company's comparable FFO per share in 2017 was \$11.45 and its FFO per share in 2020 was \$9.11 resulting in a CAGR of -7.34% during the performance period. COVID-19, including its associated restrictive governmental orders, directly contributed to the Company's failure to achieve the levels of performance required to earn any LTIP units under the 2018 Tranche B LTIP.

#### 2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation

In March 2020, the Committee deferred establishing a 2020 annual cash incentive program for the Company's NEOs due to the unprecedented impact that the then unfolding COVID-19 pandemic was having on the Company's operations and the significant uncertainty created. Notwithstanding this deferral, in March 2021 the Committee believed that it was appropriate and in the best interests of the Company to award discretionary 2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation to the Company's

NEOs; however, the aggregate amount of 2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation awarded to the NEOs was only 64.6% of the amount awarded in 2019. This is described in greater detail in "2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation" on page 32.

#### Establishment of 2020 Long Term Incentive Program

Extreme market uncertainty and volatility in the second half of the first quarter of 2020, caused by COVID-19, which was further exacerbated by evolving, and often inconsistent, government mandated restrictions on occupancy levels, hours of operation, and even the right to be open for business, made it extremely difficult for the Committee to set meaningful long-term performance goals. Therefore, the Committee deferred establishing a 2020 long term incentive program in March 2020, as it typically would have done. In late December of 2020, the Committee established the Company's 2020 Long Term Incentive Program (the "2020 LTI Program") after thoroughly evaluating the Company's operations and the NEOs' performance, among other things. The Committee decided that the awards under the 2020 LTI Program would be in the form of restricted stock units ("RSUs") vesting ratably over a 3-year period based upon service to the Company. The Committee carefully considered the appropriate size of these awards in light of the fact that they were awarded based on length of service to the Company following the grant of the award rather than future Company performance. Accordingly, the aggregate value of the RSUs awarded to the NEOs under the 2020 LTI

Program was approximately 62% of the value of equity opportunities granted to the NEOs in 2019. The Committee has decided to return to its practice of granting performance-based long-term equity in the Company's 2021 Long Term Incentive Program (the "2021 LTI Program"), with a portion of the performance level determined by meeting an Environmental, Social and Governance ("ESG") metric; demonstrating our commitment to these important initiatives.

#### OBJECTIVES OF OUR EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

Our executive compensation program is designed to accomplish the following objectives:

- **Retain** a group of highly-experienced executives who have worked together as a team for a long period of time and who make major contributions to our success.
- **Attract** other highly qualified executives to strengthen that team and facilitate succession planning.
- **Motivate** executives to contribute to the achievement of corporate and business unit goals as well as individual goals.
- **Emphasize** equity-based incentives with long-term performance measurement periods and vesting conditions.
- **Align** interests of executives with shareholders by linking payouts to performance measures that are designed to promote the creation of long-term shareholder value.

COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

SHAREHOLDER/GOVERNANCE FRIENDLY ASPECTS OF OUR CURRENT EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

WHAT WE DO	
✓	<b>Pay for Performance—Annual Cash Incentive Program.</b> Heavy emphasis on performance-based cash compensation. In 2020, the Committee's practice of paying Annual Cash Incentive Compensation to the NEOs based on their performance did not change. Although historically the Committee has established an FFO target as a condition precedent to any Annual Cash Incentive Compensation being paid, in March 2020, due to the unprecedented impact that the then unfolding COVID-19 pandemic was having on the Company's operations, the Committee did not establish a 2020 FFO target. Rather, when making its decisions on Annual Cash Incentive Compensation for the NEOs in early 2021, the Committee prudently chose to exercise its discretion and pay it in amounts that were based on the NEOs' achievement of priorities that arose during 2020. For a discussion of the process for awarding 2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation please see "2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation" on page 32.
✓	<b>Pay for Performance—Long Term Incentive Programs.</b> Our long-term incentive programs are designed to incentivize performance. Since 2010, our long-term equity compensation programs have been 100% performance based. Our long-term equity compensation programs established in 2018 and 2019 are tied to (i) rigorous relative stock price performance goals, (ii) achievement of a pre-established growth rate on an objective financial metric, and (iii) achievement of certain objective performance goals. In December 2020, after having deferred the establishment of a long-term equity compensation program in March 2020, due to the unprecedented impact that the then unfolding COVID-19 pandemic was having on the Company, the Committee exercised its discretion and established the 2020 LTI Program pursuant to which RSUs that vest ratably over a three-year period were awarded to the NEOs. This decision is described in greater detail under "Performance-Based LTIP Units and Time-Based RSU Awards" on page 34. The Company's 2021 LTI Program includes LTIP units that are performance-based and have an ESG related measure.
✓	<b>Post-Performance Time-Based Vesting on Earned LTIP Units.</b> LTIP units are earned based on specific performance criteria. Once any units are earned under these programs, executives must remain with the Company for an additional one-year period to vest in the LTIP units.
✓	<b>Robust Stock Ownership Guidelines.</b> Stock ownership guidelines for our CEO and other NEOs are 6x and 3x base salary, respectively. In addition, the CEO and other NEOs must retain shares until he or she retires, dies, becomes disabled or is no longer our employee. All non-employee directors must hold common stock while they serve as directors.

WHAT WE DO	
✓	<b>Double Trigger Equity Acceleration Upon a Change in Control.</b> All equity grants include double trigger equity acceleration provisions.
✓	<b>Clawback Policy.</b> Applies in the event of any material restatement of the Company's financials, whether or not fraud/misconduct is involved.
✓	<b>Independent Compensation Consultant.</b> The Committee has utilized an independent compensation consulting firm, Semler Brossy, since the end of 2011.
✓	<b>Compensation Risk Assessments.</b> Conducted annually to evaluate whether the executive compensation program encourages excessively risky behaviors.

WHAT WE DON'T DO	
✗	<b>No Excessive Perquisites.</b> No supplemental executive retirement plans, company cars, club memberships or other significant perquisites.
✗	<b>No Gross-Ups.</b> We have never had any arrangements requiring us to gross-up compensation to cover taxes owed by the executives, including excise taxes payable by the executive in connection with a change in control.
✗	<b>No Excessive Retirement and Health Benefits.</b> The Company has never had a traditional defined benefit plan.
✗	<b>No Hedging or Pledging of Company Stock.</b> Our NEOs and directors are prohibited from engaging in any hedging or pledging of Company stock.

2020 SAY-ON-PAY VOTE

At our 2020 annual meeting of shareholders, the percentage of shares voting that approved our advisory "Say-on-Pay" vote was approximately 97%. The Committee believes that this support level demonstrates a strong alignment among our shareholders, the Company's performance, and our executive compensation program. Accordingly, the Committee did not make any changes to the Company's executive compensation program in direct response to the 2020 "Say-on-Pay" vote.



**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION APPROACH AND PROCESS****ALIGNMENT OF PAY WITH PERFORMANCE**

Historically, the Committee has designed our executive compensation program to provide pay outcomes which are aligned with, and responsive to our operating, financial and market performance in both good and challenging times. We generally believe that a significant majority of the compensation of our CEO and other NEOs should be performance-based in the form of variable pay (annual and long-term incentives) to emphasize our commitment to rewarding only excellent performance, not poor performance. Notwithstanding the foregoing, as described in greater detail in "Performance-Based LTIP Units and Time-Based RSU Awards" on page 34, in December 2020, the Committee approved a one-time grant of

time-based RSUs to the Company's NEOs. The Committee believes that its decision to exclusively use a time-based award in 2020 instead of a performance-based award was appropriate under the circumstances to facilitate long-term value creation for the benefit of all stakeholders and reward exceptional performance under the most demanding of circumstances. As a result of this decision, the percentage of compensation that was performance-based in 2020 for our CEO and other NEOs, was only 19.1% and 18.9%, respectively. These percentages sharply contrast with the percentage of compensation that was performance-based from 2015-2019 for our CEO and other NEOs. From 2015-2019, the percentage of compensation for our CEO that was performance-based averaged 88% and the percentage of compensation of our other NEOs that was performance-based averaged 82%.

**COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**WHAT WE PAY AND WHY: PRINCIPAL ELEMENTS OF COMPENSATION**

To accomplish our compensation objectives, we designed our executive compensation program with three major elements—Base Salary, Annual Cash Incentive Compensation, and Performance-Based Long-Term Incentives.

	<b>OBJECTIVES</b>	<b>KEY FEATURES</b>
<b>Base Salary</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide an appropriate level of fixed compensation that will promote executive recruitment and retention.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fixed compensation.</li> </ul>
<b>Annual Cash Incentive Compensation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reward achievement of our annual financial and operating goals based on the Committee's quantitative and qualitative assessment of the executive's contributions to that performance.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variable, short-term cash compensation.</li> <li>• Historically funded upon achievement of threshold FFO level; however, in 2020, the Committee exercised discretion in determining that payments would be made notwithstanding the fact that a threshold FFO level had not been established.</li> <li>• Allocated based on objective and subjective evaluation of Company, business unit, and individual performance.</li> </ul>
<b>Long-Term Incentive Programs</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Promote the creation of long-term shareholder value.</li> <li>• Align the interests of our executives with the interests of our shareholders.</li> <li>• Promote the retention of our executives through a vesting requirement after any are earned or otherwise awarded.</li> </ul>	<p><b>2018 LTIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variable, performance-based long-term equity compensation.</li> <li>• Performance Metrics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Funds From Operations (FFO) (weighted 60%).</li> <li>◦ TSR vs FTSE NAREIT Equity Retail Index (weighted 40%).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Award was composed of a tranche with a three-year performance period and a tranche with a two-year performance period to provide for an equity earning opportunity each year because no grants were made in 2017.</li> <li>• The amount earned on an award was determined on December 31, 2020.</li> <li>• Tranche with a three-year performance period had an additional one year of vesting and tranche with a two-year performance period has an additional two years of vesting.</li> <li>• Amounts earned will vest no later than January 1, 2022.</li> <li>• Maximum amount that could have been earned was 150% of the Target award.</li> <li>• Rigorous minimum thresholds to receive any payout.</li> </ul> <p><b>2019 LTIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Variable, performance-based long-term equity compensation.</li> <li>• Performance Metrics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ FFO (weighted 50%).</li> <li>◦ TSR vs FTSE NAREIT Equity Retail Index (weighted 30%).</li> <li>◦ Objective Strategic Goals (weighted 20%).</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Three-year performance period.</li> <li>• The amount earned on an award will be determined on December 31, 2021.</li> <li>• Any amounts earned will vest no later than January 1, 2023.</li> <li>• Maximum amount that may be earned is 150% of the Target award.</li> <li>• Rigorous minimum thresholds to receive any payout.</li> </ul> <p><b>2020 LTI Program</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designed in late 2020 after the Committee deferred establishing a 2020 long term incentive plan in March 2020 due to the unprecedented impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's operations and the uncertainty that it created at that time. This low-visibility environment and volatility hampered the ability of the Committee to set appropriate performance goals for any long-term equity compensation.</li> <li>• Time-based long-term equity compensation.</li> <li>• RSUs subject to vesting based on the grantee's continued service with the Company.</li> <li>• Each vested RSU entitles the grantee to receive one share of common stock of the Company.</li> <li>• The RSUs will vest, one-third on January 1, 2022, one-third on January 1, 2023, and one-third on January 1, 2024, subject to the grantee's continued service on each vesting date.</li> </ul>

**ROLE OF THE INDEPENDENT COMPENSATION CONSULTANT**

The Committee has retained Semler Brossy as its independent consultant since 2011. The Consultant reports directly to the Committee and performs no other work for the Company unless directed by the Committee. The Committee has analyzed whether the work of Semler Brossy, as a compensation consultant, has raised any conflict of interest, taking into consideration the following factors:

- i. The provision of other services to the Company by Semler Brossy;
- ii. The amount of fees from the Company paid to Semler Brossy as a percentage of the firm's total revenue;
- iii. Semler Brossy's policies and procedures that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest;
- iv. Any business or personal relationship of Semler Brossy or the individual compensation advisors employed by the firm with an executive officer of the Company;
- v. Any business or personal relationship of the individual compensation advisors with any member of the Committee; and
- vi. Any stock of the Company owned by Semler Brossy or the individual compensation advisors employed by the firm.

The Committee has determined, based on its analysis of the above factors, that the work of Semler Brossy and the individual compensation advisors employed by Semler Brossy as compensation consultants to the Company has not created any conflict of interest.

**ROLE OF MANAGEMENT IN COMPENSATION DECISIONS**

Our CEO provides recommendations to the Committee on the compensation of each of the other NEOs. The CEO develops recommendations using peer group data, assessments of individual performance and achievement of the Company's strategic and tactical plans, the state of the business environment, and input from our human resources department on various factors (e.g., compensation history, tenure, responsibilities, market data for competitive positions and retention concerns). The Committee considers our CEO's recommendations together with the input of our independent compensation consultant; however, all final compensation decisions affecting NEOs' pay are made by the Committee itself. Additionally, all aspects of the CEO's compensation and resulting compensation decisions are determined by the Committee.

**2020 PEER GROUP**

PEER COMPANY	COMPANY TYPE
American Tower Corp. (NYSE:AMT)	Specialized REIT
Crown Castle International Corp. (NYSE:CCI)	Specialized REIT
Prologis, Inc. (NYSE:PLD)	Industrial REIT
Equinix, Inc. (NasdaqGS:EQIX)	Specialized REIT
Public Storage (NYSE:PSA)	Specialized REIT
Welltower, Inc. (NYSE:WELL)	Healthcare REIT
Realty Income Corporation (NYSE:O)	Retail REIT
CBRE Group, Inc. (NYSE:CBRE)	Real Estate Services
Regency Centers Corporation (NasdaqGS:REG)	Retail REIT
Federal Realty Investment Trust (NYSE:FRT)	Retail REIT
National Retail Properties, Inc. (NYSE:NNN)	Retail REIT
Jones Lang LaSalle, Inc. (NYSE:JLL)	Real Estate Services
Kimco Realty Corp. (NYSE:KIM)	Retail REIT
Brixmor Property Group Inc. (NYSE:BRX)	Retail REIT
The Howard Hughes Corp. (NYSE:HHC)	Real Estate Development
Cushman & Wakefield plc (NYSE:CWK)	Real Estate Services
<b>Simon Property Group</b>	<b>Retail REIT</b>

**COMPANY PEER GROUP AND COMPENSATION ASSESSMENT**

The Committee uses an industry peer group as a source of data for assessing and determining pay levels for our NEOs. The peer group is reviewed annually, and recalibrated when appropriate, by the Committee's independent compensation consultant. Developing a relevant peer group is challenging because there are no Retail REITs of comparable size, complexity and breadth. Non-Retail REITs are not always directly comparable to us because of the different underlying business fundamentals. Therefore, the Committee does not formulaically derive target pay opportunities or actual pay levels from these other companies; rather, this peer group is intended to provide the Committee with insight into overall market pay levels, market trends, commonly viewed "best" governance practices, and overall industry performance. The Committee also evaluated the appropriateness of this peer group by considering the methodology used by Institutional Shareholder Services, or "ISS."

The 2020 peer group is comprised of the 16 largest companies in the real estate industry by market capitalization, with some restrictions to maintain a balanced mix. Specifically, the group includes:

- The six largest (by market capitalization) Retail REIT companies;
- The six largest (by market capitalization) Non-Retail REIT companies; and
- The four largest (by market capitalization) companies from the broader real estate industry.

The 2020 peer group reflects changes in the market capitalization of certain participants in the real estate industry as well as an initial public offering. Changes from the 2019 peer group include the removal of three companies (Weyerhaeuser Company, Macerich Company, and Realogy Holdings Corp.) and the addition of three companies (Welltower Inc., Brixmor Property Group Inc., and Cushman & Wakefield plc). Welltower Inc., Brixmor Property Group Inc., and Cushman & Wakefield plc replaced Weyerhaeuser Company, Macerich Company, and Realogy Holdings Corp. as a result of changes in market capitalization together with Cushman & Wakefield plc's initial public offering.

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## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

### COMPENSATION IN 2020

The Committee's meetings in 2020 were designed, among other things, to facilitate and encourage free and frank discussions among Committee members, executive management, the Committee's compensation consultant and other Company personnel involved in executive compensation matters. The Committee made decisions impacting the type and amount of compensation paid to our NEOs as reported in the 2020 Summary Compensation Table. These decisions related to: Base Salaries, Annual Cash Incentive Compensation for 2020 performance, and Long-Term Incentive opportunities in the form of time-based RSU awards for our NEOs.

#### 2020 BASE SALARIES

The Committee periodically reviews base salaries for the NEOs and makes adjustments to reflect market conditions, changes in responsibilities, and merit increases. On March 31, 2020, the Committee accepted the recommendation of the CEO to reduce his base salary to zero for a to-be-determined period of time, and to reduce the base salaries of the other NEOs by between 25% and 30% as part of the Company's efforts to reduce costs and conserve cash. During the course of 2020, the Committee carefully monitored the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including restrictive governmental orders, on the Company's operations and the performance of the Company's NEOs during this period. On December 9, 2020, the Committee met and reviewed the efforts of the NEOs over the previous nine months and discussed the fact that business conditions had stabilized. As a result of this review and discussion, the Committee approved reinstating the annual base salaries of the NEOs, including the CEO, and paying the NEOs, including the CEO, a make-whole amount, without interest, equal to the amount of the reduction.

#### 2020 ANNUAL CASH INCENTIVE COMPENSATION

In ordinary years the Committee rewards executive officers with Annual Cash Incentive Compensation for achieving the Company's financial and operating plan taking into account an assessment of each NEO's contributions to those achievements. Also, in ordinary years payouts under our Annual Cash Incentive Compensation program are the result of both the Company and the individuals reaching established performance targets. Historically, the Committee has followed a two-step process to determine what amounts will be paid under the Annual Cash Incentive Compensation program each year:

1. The Company had to deliver certain FFO performance during the year before any payments could be made under

the program. If threshold performance was not achieved, no payments were made.

2. Each individual's performance was assessed by the CEO and the Committee against defined goals and objectives which were established at the beginning of each year. The assessment delivered a total score for each individual. Each individual's total score then determined the portion of that NEO's target Annual Cash Incentive Compensation that was earned.

2020 was not an ordinary year. In March 2020, the Committee deferred establishing a 2020 annual cash incentive program for the Company's NEOs due to the unprecedented impact that the then unfolding COVID-19 pandemic was having on the Company's operations and the uncertainty it created.

When making decisions regarding 2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation in March 2021, the Committee first took into account the Company's performance in 2020 compared to the performance that had been expected prior to the COVID-19 disruption, including the restrictive governmental orders, both of which were completely outside the control of the NEOs, and then took into account each NEO's performance during the year. The Committee also took into account that in many instances, the priorities on which the NEOs were required to focus and the achievements that were obtained were not the ones that the NEOs or the Committee expected when the year began. Those priorities and achievements are described in the "2020 Priorities and Achievements" table on the following page. The majority of the NEOs were awarded 2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation at 60% of the amount such NEO had received in the prior year. The aggregate reduction was \$1,869,000 and no NEO received an increase in 2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation compared to 2019.

## 2020 PRIORITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

A summary of the NEOs' 2020 priorities and achievements along with their 2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation payments may be found in the table below.

NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICER	2020 KEY INDIVIDUAL PRIORITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS	2020 ANNUAL CASH INCENTIVE COMPENSATION AWARD	2019 ANNUAL CASH INCENTIVE COMPENSATION AWARD	PERCENTAGE REDUCTION
David Simon	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Suspended or eliminated more than \$1.0 billion in capital for new and redevelopment projects.</li> <li>Executed an expense savings plan for the Company that reduced property operating expenses by \$183 million, or approximately 25% below the 2020 budget.</li> <li>Capitalized on market conditions and set the Company's strategy to make investments in Taubman, JCPenney, Forever 21, Brooks Brothers, and Lucky Brands.</li> <li>Led the negotiation of over 16,000 leases to reflect agreements reached with tenants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> </ul>	\$ 1,710,000	\$ 2,850,000	-40%
Steven E. Fivel	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversaw the Company's compliance with new laws and regulations imposed on shopping centers by state and local governments in response to COVID-19 related to PPE requirements, health screenings, social distancing, and center and retailer occupancy restrictions.</li> <li>Hired a new Head of Sustainability for the Company.</li> <li>Oversaw the Company's successful litigation strategy resulting in a combination of favorable decisions and settlements.</li> </ul>	\$ 540,000	\$ 900,000	-40%
John Rulli	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Assisted in the negotiation of over 16,000 leases to reflect agreements reached with tenants in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.</li> <li>Oversaw the execution of new permanent in-line and renewal leases for over 12 million square feet of space.</li> <li>Created and filled a senior executive position to oversee Diversity &amp; Inclusion at the Company.</li> </ul>	\$ 450,000	\$ 750,000	-40%
Brian J. McDade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Amended and extended the Company's \$4.0 billion revolving credit facility while adding a \$2.0 billion delayed draw term loan; completed a three tranche senior notes offering raising \$2.0 billion of proceeds; and completed a common stock offering raising \$1.56 billion of proceeds.</li> <li>Successfully led rollout of IT infrastructure necessary for the remote work environment mandated by COVID-19.</li> <li>Oversaw 59 secured loan modifications, refinancings, and extensions.</li> </ul>	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000	0%
Alexander L.W. Snyder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oversaw SPARC's acquisition of Forever 21, Brooks Brothers, and Lucky Brands.</li> <li>Led a restructuring of the Company's property insurance program, including a restructuring of its risk retention and modifying the renewal timing, resulting in significant premium savings.</li> <li>Oversaw the legal finance team's negotiation of capital raises as well as loan refinancings and restructurings in 2020.</li> </ul>	\$ 206,000	\$ 275,000	-25%

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We pay Annual Cash Incentive Compensation to NEOs in the first calendar quarter of the following year so the Committee has sufficient time to assess our financial performance and the executives' contributions for the preceding year.

### PERFORMANCE-BASED LTIP UNITS AND TIME-BASED RSU AWARDS

For our executive compensation plans to be effective, it is necessary for NEO compensation to be competitive with other real estate companies and also with other large public and private enterprises with which the Company competes for executive talent. In order to achieve this, the Committee must take into account whether long-term incentives are reasonably obtainable or else face challenges retaining the Company's NEOs. Based on all of the foregoing, as well as the volatile business conditions during 2020, the Committee worked together with Semler Brossy throughout the year to create a long term incentive program for 2020 specifically designed to take into account the impact that the COVID-19 pandemic had on the Company throughout the year.

In March 2020, the Committee deferred establishing a 2020 long term incentive program for the Company's NEOs due to the unprecedented impact that the then unfolding COVID-19 pandemic was having on the Company's operations and the significant uncertainty created by inconsistent, restrictive governmental orders. This low-visibility environment and volatility hampered the ability of the Committee to set appropriate performance goals for any long-term equity compensation. During the course of 2020, the Committee carefully monitored the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, including restrictive governmental orders, on the Company's operations and the performance of the Company's NEOs during this period. On December 28, 2020, the Committee met again, and after again evaluating the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on the Company's operations and the performance of the Company's NEOs during this period, among other matters, the Committee approved the establishment of the 2020 LTI Program and in connection therewith approved a one-time grant of time-based RSUs to the Company's NEOs. The Committee believes that its decision to exclusively utilize a time-based award in 2020 instead of a performance-based award was appropriate under the circumstances to facilitate long-term value creation for the benefit of all stakeholders and reward exceptional performance under the most demanding of circumstances. The Committee carefully considered the appropriate size of these awards in light of the fact that they were awarded based on prior Company performance rather than future Company performance. The aggregate value of the RSUs awarded to the NEOs under the 2020 LTI Program was approximately 62% of the value of equity opportunities granted to the NEOs in 2019.

The Committee's decision in 2020 does not change the Committee's belief that as the responsibilities of our executives increase, the proportion of their total compensation that is at risk and dependent on performance should also increase. For performance-based equity awards, the Committee is responsible for setting performance targets each year such awards are made under the Company's long-term incentive programs. The Committee has established performance-based long-term equity as the cornerstone of the Company's 2021 LTI Program based on the fact that the Committee is once again in a position, based on business conditions, to set meaningful long-term performance goals. A portion of the performance level will be determined by meeting an ESG metric; demonstrating our commitment to these integral initiatives.

The performance targets established as part of the 2021 LTI Program are rigorous and require strong long-term financial and operational performance just as was the case with the Company's prior LTIPs. The challenging nature of the performance requirements under the Company's prior LTIPs is evidenced by no LTIP units having been earned under either the 2015-2017 LTIP or the 2016-2018 LTIP. More recently, fewer than 50% of the target number of LTIP units awarded under Tranche A of the 2018 LTIP were earned and no LTIP units were earned under Tranche B of the 2018 LTIP.

LTIP units are a type of limited partnership interest issued by the Operating Partnership. Under the performance-based long term incentive programs, LTIP unit awards can be earned in whole or in part, depending on the extent to which the performance targets set by the Committee for the relevant performance period are met. The Committee believes the design of the Company's performance-based long-term incentive programs reflects the Company's pay-for-performance philosophy and high expectations.

In recent years the Committee has become increasingly focused on expanding the number of executives in the long-term incentive program to be more inclusive, recognize the contributions of a larger group of executives, and as a retention tool for high performing employees in connection with succession planning for our NEOs. The 2020 LTI Program has 26 participants compared to the 2016-2018 LTIP that had only 14 participants. We will continue to evaluate the long-term incentive program every year to maximize long-term value creation for our stakeholders.

LTIP units are designed to qualify as "profits interests" in the Operating Partnership for federal income tax purposes. During the performance period, holders of LTIP units will be allocated taxable profits and losses equal to one-tenth of the amounts allocated to an Operating Partnership unit and will receive distributions equal to one-tenth of the amount of regular

quarterly distributions paid on an Operating Partnership unit, and certain special distributions. As a general matter, the profits interest characteristics of the LTIP units mean that they will not be economically equivalent in value at the time of award to the economic value of an Operating Partnership unit. The value of the LTIP units can increase over time until the value of the LTIP units is equivalent to the value of the Operating Partnership units on a one-for-one basis.

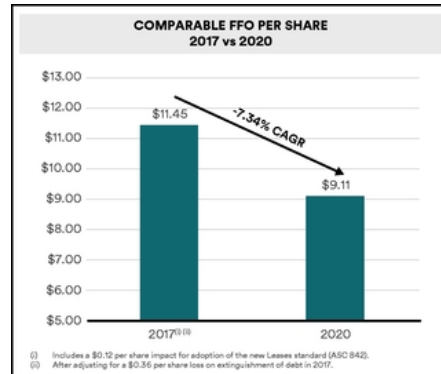
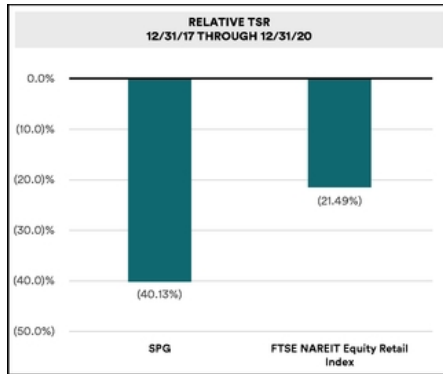
After the end of the performance period, to the extent that the required performance has been achieved, holders of earned

LTIP units will be entitled to receive distributions in an amount per LTIP unit equal to the distributions, both regular and special, payable on a unit. Vested LTIP units are exchangeable for shares of the Company's common stock on a one-for-one basis, or cash as selected by the Company. The number of performance-based LTIP units earned is determined by the Committee at the end of the performance period using the pre-established payout matrices (with linear interpolation between the specified payout percentages).

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2018 TRANCHE B LTIP RESULTS

The 2018 Tranche B LTIP had a performance period of January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2020. The Company's results during the performance period for the 2018 Tranche B LTIP resulted in no LTIP units being earned. The Company's failure to satisfy either performance criteria was a direct result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The first performance criterion was that the Company's TSR during the performance period must equal at least the TSR of the Index. The second performance criterion was that the Company's FFO per share must have a CAGR of at least 3% during the performance period. As shown in the graphs and tables below, the Company did not satisfy either performance criterion. The Company's TSR during the performance period was -40.13% compared to the Index's TSR of -21.49%. Many of the other constituent companies in the Index own shopping centers that have a much higher proportion of tenants that are "essential businesses", such as grocery stores, pharmacies, home improvement stores, and hardware stores, than the Company has. Because these "essential businesses" were not forced to close, these other constituent companies were able to outperform the Company. The Company's comparable FFO per share in 2017 was \$11.45 and its FFO per share in 2020 was \$9.11 resulting in a CAGR of -7.34% during the performance period. This reduction in FFO was directly caused by COVID-19, including its restrictive governmental orders. The performance levels required for the two performance components and associated payout amounts for the 2018 Tranche B LTIP are set forth in the table below.



TRANCHE B LTIP PAYOUT OPPORTUNITY MATRICES

SIMON FFO PER SHARE CAGR WEIGHT 60%	
PERFORMANCE	PAYOUT % OF TARGET
< 3.0%	0.0%
= 3.0%	50.0%
= 4.0%	100.0%
≥ 6.0%	150.0%

SIMON TSR VS. FTSE NAREIT EQUITY RETAIL INDEX WEIGHTED AVERAGE TSR WEIGHT 40%	
PERFORMANCE	PAYOUT % OF TARGET
< Index	0.0%
= Index	50.0%
= Index + 0.75%	100.0%
= Index + 1.25%	150.0%

In March 2021, the Committee reviewed calculations that had been prepared by management and determined that the Company's performance during the three-year performance period ending December 31, 2020, did not satisfy either of the performance criteria for the 2018 Tranche B LTIP, as reflected in the table below.

2018 TRANCHE B LTIP ACTUAL PERFORMANCE RESULTS				
COMPONENT	WEIGHTING	PERFORMANCE REQUIRED TO EARN TARGET	ACTUAL PERFORMANCE	% EARNED
FFO	60%	= 4.0%	-7.34%	0.0%
Simon TSR vs. FTSE NAREIT Equity Retail Index TSR	40%	= Index + 0.75%	18.64% below the Index	0.0%



**OTHER ELEMENTS OF COMPENSATION**

**Retirement and Health and Welfare Benefits.** We have never had a traditional defined benefit pension plan. We maintain a 401(k) retirement plan in which all salaried employees can participate on the same terms. During 2020, our basic contribution to the 401(k) retirement plan was equal to 1.0% of the participant's base salary and Annual Cash Incentive Compensation which vests 20% after the completion of two years and an additional 20% after each additional year of service until fully vested after six years. We match 100% of the first 3% of the participant's contribution and 50% of the next 2% of the participant's contribution. Our matching contributions are vested when made. Our basic and matching contributions are subject to applicable IRS limits and regulations. The limit for Company contributions for any participant in 2020 was \$14,250. The contributions we made to the 401(k) accounts of the NEOs are shown in the "All Other Compensation" column of the 2020 Summary Compensation Table on page 39. NEOs also participate in health and welfare benefit plans on the same terms as other salaried employees.

**No Gross-Up for Excess Parachute Payments.** No NEOs currently have employment agreements. There are no arrangements requiring us to gross-up compensation to cover taxes owed by the NEOs, including excise taxes payable by the NEOs in connection with a change in control.

**Deferred Compensation Plan.** We maintain a nonqualified deferred compensation plan that has permitted senior executives, key employees and non-employee directors to defer all or part of their compensation, including awards under the 2019 Plan. There is an account for the executives and employees and a separate account for the non-employee directors. Although we have the discretion to contribute a matching amount or make additional incentive contributions, we have never done either. As a result, the amounts disclosed in the "Nonqualified Deferred Compensation in 2020" table on page 41 consist entirely of compensation earned by, but not yet paid to, the NEOs and any earnings on such deferred compensation. A participant's deferrals are fully vested, except for restricted stock awards that still have vesting requirements. Upon death or disability of the participant, our insolvency, or a change in control affecting us, a participant becomes 100% vested in his or her account.

**No Stock Option Grants.** The Committee has not granted any stock options to executives or other employees since 2001.

**OTHER POLICIES****EQUITY AWARD GRANT PRACTICES**

In the ordinary course of our compensation cycle for our NEOs we make LTIP awards in the first calendar quarter after financial results for the preceding year have been released. NEOs did not receive LTIP awards in the first calendar quarter

of 2020 due to the Committee's decision to defer establishing a 2020 long-term incentive plan in March, the month during which the Company closed all of its retail properties in the United States in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including its associated restrictive governmental orders.

**EXECUTIVE EQUITY OWNERSHIP GUIDELINES**

We believe the financial interests of our executives should be aligned with the long-term interests of our shareholders. We also believe that requiring our executives to own a significant number of shares of our common stock, combined with our rigorous stock retention policy, serves as a strong motivator for our executives to be prudent in their operation of the Company. Therefore, in addition to long-term incentives, our Board has established equity ownership guidelines for key executives, including the NEOs.

The current ownership guidelines require the executives to maintain ownership of our stock or any class of our equity securities or units of the Operating Partnership having a value expressed as a multiple of their base salary for as long as they remain our employees. Our current guidelines for the CEO and other executive officers are set forth below.

POSITION	VALUE AS A MULTIPLE OF BASE SALARY
Chief Executive Officer	6.0x
Executive Officers	3.0x
Certain Executive Vice Presidents	3.0x

In addition, these executives are required to retain ownership of a sufficient number of shares received in the form of restricted stock awards representing at least 50% of the after-tax value of their awards or 25% of the pre-tax value of such awards. These shares are to be retained by the executive until he or she retires, dies, becomes disabled, or is no longer our employee.

Ownership of any class of our equity securities or units of the Operating Partnership counts toward fulfillment of these guidelines, including securities held directly, securities held indirectly by or for the benefit of immediate family members, shares of restricted stock that have been earned, even if not vested, and shares held following the exercise of stock options. Unexercised stock options do not count toward these goals. Each of our NEOs currently meets or exceeds these guidelines.

**CLAWBACKS OF INCENTIVE COMPENSATION**

Our annual and long-term incentive plans contain a clawback provision that applies to all of our current and former NEOs in the event of any material restatement of the Company's financial statements whether or not fraud or misconduct is involved. The clawback policy applies to cash amounts received through annual or long-term incentive plans, where payouts were based upon the financial results that were restated.

In addition, the post-2010 LTIP award agreements and the 2020 LTI Program award agreement for all NEOs, including our

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CEO, provide that in the event of a financial restatement, the Company may recoup the employee's Annual Cash Incentive Compensation and other equity and non-equity compensation tied to the achievement of earnings targets if the compensation would not have been earned as a result of the financial restatement. These provisions will be superseded by any broader recoupment policy that the Company adopts pursuant to the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act. Awards under the 2019 Plan include provisions expressly acknowledging the applicability of any such recoupment policy to the award.

### HEDGING POLICY AND PLEDGING RESTRICTIONS

Our insider trading policy prohibits employees and directors from hedging the ownership of Company securities. In addition, we do not permit our executive officers and directors to pledge shares.

### SECTION 162(m)

When reviewing compensation matters, the Committee considers the anticipated tax consequences to the Company (and, when relevant, to our executive officers) of the various payments under our compensation programs. Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code (the "Code") generally 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. We believe that we qualify as a REIT under the Code. Provided we qualify as a REIT, we are not required to pay federal income tax to the extent we distribute our taxable income to our shareholders each year. In order to qualify as a REIT, among other requirements, we generally must distribute to our shareholders at least 90% of our taxable income each year, excluding capital gains. As a result, we do not expect that the payment of compensation which is not deductible due to Section 162(m) of the Code will have a material adverse federal income tax consequence to us, provided that we qualify as a REIT. The Committee, after considering the potential impact of the application of Section 162(m) of the Code, may provide compensation to

executive officers that may not be tax deductible if it believes that providing that compensation is in the best interests of the Company and its shareholders.

### COMPENSATION DECISIONS FOR 2021

In early March 2021, the Committee met to make decisions related to our NEOs' base salaries and long-term incentive opportunities and approve the funding goals for 2021 under our Annual Cash Incentive Compensation program.

#### 2021 BASE SALARIES

In 2021, none of the Company's NEOs received an increase in base salary.

#### 2021 ANNUAL CASH INCENTIVE COMPENSATION PROGRAM

The 2021 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation Program approved by the Committee is substantially consistent with the description on page 32 in "2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation" of how Annual Cash Incentive Compensation has historically been awarded by the Company in ordinary years. The 2021 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation Program FFO goals were approved early in 2021 and will be disclosed in our 2022 Proxy Statement.

#### 2021 LTI PROGRAM

In the first quarter of 2021, the Committee established and made awards to our NEOs under a 2021 LTI Program. The 2021 LTI Program is a three-year program. Eighty-five percent of the awards granted to our NEOs are performance-based with a three-year performance period and an additional one-year vesting period. The performance-based portion of the 2021 LTI Program has an FFO component, an absolute TSR component, and a component that measures performance based on the achievement of strategic objective performance criteria, including an ESG metric. Fifteen percent of the awards granted to our NEOs are time-based RSUs, none of which will vest until March 1, 2024, subject to certain acceleration events that are consistent with those in our 2019 Plan.

## EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TABLES

### SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

NAME (A)	YEAR (B)	SALARY <sup>(1)</sup> (C)	BONUS <sup>(2)</sup> (D)	AWARDS <sup>(3)</sup> (E)		COMPENSATION <sup>(4)</sup> (F)		TOTAL (G)
				STOCK	ALL OTHER			
David Simon Chairman, CEO and President	2020	\$1,298,077	\$1,710,000	\$5,942,313		\$16,392		\$8,966,782
	2019	\$1,250,000	\$2,850,000	\$6,323,236		\$16,142		\$10,439,378
	2018	\$1,250,000	\$3,850,000	\$6,321,027		\$15,891		\$11,436,918
Steven E. Fivel General Counsel and Secretary	2020	\$675,000	\$540,000	\$1,485,642		\$15,201		\$2,715,843
	2019	\$634,615	\$900,000	\$1,664,199		\$14,951		\$3,213,765
	2018	\$538,462	\$900,000	\$1,996,114		\$14,701		\$3,449,277
John Rulli Chief Administrative Officer	2020	\$675,000	\$450,000	\$1,485,642		\$17,140		\$2,627,782
	2019	\$634,615	\$750,000	\$1,664,199		\$16,890		\$3,065,704
	2018	\$536,692	\$900,000	\$1,996,114		\$16,640		\$3,449,446
Brian J. McDade Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	2020	\$509,615	\$500,000	\$1,485,642		\$36,002		\$2,531,259
	2019	\$442,308	\$500,000	\$1,498,761		\$35,147		\$2,476,216
	2018	\$367,692	\$425,000	\$1,065,371		\$27,471		\$1,885,534
Alexander L.W. Snyder Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary	2020	\$462,115	\$206,000	\$495,271		\$39,903		\$1,203,289
	2019	\$442,692	\$275,000	\$999,381		\$43,060		\$1,760,133
	2018	—	—	—		—		—

- In 2020 the Company had 27 pay periods; therefore, the base salary amounts each NEO received in 2020 exceeded such NEO's annual base salary amount.
- Bonuses earned with respect to the indicated year were paid in the following year under our Annual Cash Incentive Compensation program. See "2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation" in the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this Proxy Statement on page 32 for information about how we determined the payments for 2020.
- Represents the total grant date fair value of all equity-based awards determined in accordance with ASC 718. For 2020, the amounts reported represent the grant date fair values of RSU awards granted under the 2020 LTI Program. The grant date fair value of 2020 RSUs is calculated by multiplying \$85.48, the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE for December 28, 2020, by the applicable number of RSUs. In the case of the 2020 LTI Program, the RSUs granted will vest as follows, subject to grantee's continued service on each applicable vesting date: one-third on January 1, 2022, one-third on January 1, 2023, and one-third on January 1, 2024. Vested portions of the RSUs will be settled in shares of the Company's common stock as promptly as practicable after each vesting date. If a grantee's service terminates due to death or disability or, in the Committee's sole discretion, under certain circumstances, upon retirement, the RSUs will vest in full upon such termination.
- Amounts reported in 2020 include the following:

#### ALL OTHER COMPENSATION

NAME	EMPLOYEE LIFE INSURANCE PREMIUMS	401(K) CONTRIBUTION	RESTRICTED STOCK DIVIDENDS
David Simon	\$2,142	\$14,250	\$0
Steven E. Fivel	\$951	\$14,250	\$0
John Rulli	\$2,890	\$14,250	\$0
Brian J. McDade	\$951	\$14,250	\$20,801
Alexander L.W. Snyder	\$951	\$14,250	\$24,702

### GRANTS OF PLAN-BASED AWARDS IN 2020

NAME (A)	GRANT DATE <sup>(1)</sup> (B)	TYPE OF AWARD	NUMBER OF RSU AWARDS <sup>(2)</sup> (G)	GRANT DATE FAIR VALUE OF RSU AWARDS <sup>(3)</sup> (\$) (L)
David Simon	12/28/2020	RSUs	69,517	\$ 5,942,313
Steven E. Fivel	12/28/2020	RSUs	17,380	\$ 1,485,642
John Rulli	12/28/2020	RSUs	17,380	\$ 1,485,642
Brian J. McDade	12/28/2020	RSUs	17,380	\$ 1,485,642
Alexander L.W. Snyder	12/28/2020	RSUs	5,794	\$ 495,271

- Represents the date that the award was made.
- The RSUs granted will vest as follows, subject to grantee's continued service on each applicable vesting date: one-third on January 1, 2022, one-third on January 1, 2023, and one-third on January 1, 2024. Vested portions of the RSUs will be settled in shares of the Company's common stock as promptly as practicable after each vesting date. If a grantee's service terminates due to death or disability or, in the Committee's sole discretion, under certain circumstances, upon retirement, the RSUs will vest in full upon such termination.
- The grant date fair value of the RSUs is calculated by multiplying \$85.48, the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE for December 28, 2020, by the applicable number of RSUs.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TABLES**

**OUTSTANDING EQUITY AWARDS AT 2020 FISCAL YEAR-END**

NAME (A)	STOCK AWARDS		EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN AWARDS: MARKET OR PAYOUT VALUE OF UNEARNED SHARES, UNITS OR OTHER RIGHTS THAT HAVE NOT VESTED ASSUMING PERFORMANCE AT THRESHOLD <sup>(4)</sup> (J)
	NUMBER OF SHARES OR UNITS EARNED THAT HAVE NOT VESTED <sup>(1)</sup> (G)	MARKET VALUE OF SHARES OR UNITS THAT HAVE NOT VESTED <sup>(2)</sup> (H)	
David Simon	81,522	\$ 6,949,195	\$ 1,769,049
Steven E. Fivel	21,171	\$ 1,804,515	\$ 465,624
John Rulli	21,171	\$ 1,804,515	\$ 465,624
Brian J. McDade	24,446	\$ 2,084,439	\$ 279,409
Alexander L.W. Snyder	13,155	\$ 1,121,621	\$ 139,789

(1) Column (G) consists of the following LTIP units, shares of restricted stock, and RSUs that have been earned but not vested as of December 31, 2020:

	TYPE OF AWARD	NUMBER OF SHARES OR UNITS
David Simon	RSU (2020 Grant)	69,517
	Tranche A 2018 LTIP Units	12,005
Steven E. Fivel	RSU (2020 Grant)	17,380
	Tranche A 2018 LTIP Units	3,791
John Rulli	RSU (2020 Grant)	17,380
	Tranche A 2018 LTIP Units	3,791
Brian J. McDade	RSU (2020 Grant)	17,380
	Tranche A 2018 LTIP Units	1,264
	Restricted Stock (2018 Grant)	216
	Restricted Stock (2019 Grant)	1,361
	Restricted Stock (2020 Grant)	4,225
Alexander L.W. Snyder	RSU (2020 Grant)	5,794
	Tranche A 2018 LTIP units	948
	Restricted Stock (2018 Grant)	487
	Restricted Stock (2019 Grant)	1,701
	Restricted Stock (2020 Grant)	4,225

One-half of the earned Tranche A 2018 LTIP Units vested on January 1, 2021 and one-half will vest on January 1, 2022 assuming continued service. One-third of the 2020 RSUs vest on January 1, 2022, one-third on January 1, 2023, and one-third on January 1, 2024.

The 2020 grants of restricted stock received by Mr. McDade and Mr. Snyder were made under the Company's 2019 Corporate Incentive Compensation Plan ("2019 Corporate ICP"), an equity incentive plan in which 24 senior employees participated in 2019. Because these shares of restricted stock were earned in 2019 under the 2019 Corporate ICP they are excluded from the "Grants of Plan Based Awards in 2020". The \$500,000 award opportunity under the 2019 Corporate ICP that each of Mr. McDade and Mr. Snyder received is reflected in the amount of each of their 2019 Stock Awards in column (E) of the Summary Compensation Table. Each of Mr. McDade and Mr. Snyder actually earned \$231,250 under the 2019 Corporate ICP, which amount was converted into 4,225 shares of restricted stock and is reflected above. The number of shares of restricted stock was determined by dividing the earned amount of the award by \$54.74, the average closing price of the Company's common stock on the ten (10) consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including April 1, 2020.

- (2) The amounts shown in Column (H) are calculated by multiplying \$85.28, the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE for December 31, 2020, by the applicable number of shares of restricted stock, RSUs, or LTIP units (net of the \$0.25 per unit purchase price for LTIP units).
- (3) Column (I) consists of the following LTIP units that have not been earned:

	TYPE OF AWARD	THRESHOLD NUMBER OF SHARES OR UNITS
David Simon	2019 LTIP Units	20,805
Steven E. Fivel	2019 LTIP Units	5,476
John Rulli	2019 LTIP Units	5,476
Brian J. McDade	2019 LTIP Units	3,286
Alexander L.W. Snyder	2019 LTIP Units	1,644

With respect to each of the 2019 LTIP Units, the number of units that would have been earned based on actual results for the period commencing on the first day of the applicable performance period and ending on December 31, 2020 (rather than the end of the actual performance period) was below the threshold level of performance. Consequently, amounts shown for the 2019 LTIP Units are based on achievement at threshold performance.

- (4) The amounts shown in Column (J) are calculated by multiplying \$85.28, the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE for December 31, 2020, by the applicable number of LTIP units, net of the \$0.25 per unit purchase price for LTIP units.

OPTION EXERCISES AND STOCK VESTED IN 2020<sup>(1)</sup>

NAME (A)	STOCK AWARDS <sup>(2)</sup>	
	NUMBER OF SHARES ACQUIRED ON VESTING (D)	VALUE REALIZED ON VESTING (E)
David Simon	0	\$ 0
Steven E. Fivel	0	\$ 0
John Rulli	0	\$ 0
Brian J. McDade	1,145 <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 62,815 <sup>(4)</sup>
Alexander L.W. Snyder	1,635 <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 89,696 <sup>(6)</sup>

- (1) Our NEOs did not hold any stock options at any time during 2020.
- (2) Includes awards of restricted stock.
- (3) 1,145 shares of restricted stock earned by Mr. McDade under the Corporate ICP in 2016, 2017 and 2018 vested on April 1, 2020.
- (4) The value realized upon vesting of Mr. McDade's 1,145 shares of restricted stock, earned under the Corporate ICP in 2016, 2017 and 2018, is calculated by multiplying \$54.86 the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE for March 31, 2020, by the number of shares of restricted stock that vested on April 1, 2020.
- (5) 1,635 shares of restricted stock earned by Mr. Snyder under the Corporate ICP in 2016, 2017 and 2018 vested on April 1, 2020.
- (6) The value realized upon vesting of Mr. Snyder's 1,635 shares of restricted stock, earned under the Corporate ICP in 2016, 2017 and 2018, is calculated by multiplying \$54.86 the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE for March 31, 2020, by the number of shares of restricted stock that vested on April 1, 2020.

## NONQUALIFIED DEFERRED COMPENSATION IN 2020

NAME (A)	EXECUTIVE CONTRIBUTIONS IN LAST FY (B)	REGISTRANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN LAST FY (C)	AGGREGATE EARNINGS (LOSSES) IN LAST FY <sup>(1)</sup> (D)	AGGREGATE WITHDRAWALS/ DISTRIBUTIONS (E)	AGGREGATE BALANCE AT LAST FYE <sup>(2)</sup> (F)
	David Simon	\$0	\$0	\$ (711,173)	\$ 1,146,834
Steven E. Fivel	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
John Rulli	\$0	\$0	\$ (871,177)	\$ 1,829,654	\$ 2,131,813
Brian J. McDade	\$0	\$0	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Alexander L.W. Snyder	\$0	\$0	\$ 3,543	\$ 0	\$ 19,937

- (1) Aggregate earnings include dividends paid on, and appreciation of, shares of our common stock held in the plan.
- (2) Of the amounts in this column, the following amounts are or were previously reported in the Summary Compensation Table: Mr. David Simon—\$9,282,181; Mr. Fivel—\$0; Mr. Rulli—\$0; Mr. McDade—\$0, and Mr. Snyder—\$0.
- (3) Mr. Simon received his last regularly scheduled distribution under the Operating Partnership's Deferred Compensation Plan dated December 1, 1995 on December 18, 2020. The remaining balance remained to settle any fees associated with closing the account. The account has now been closed.

The assets of our deferred compensation plan are held in what is commonly referred to as a "rabbi trust" arrangement. This means the assets of the plan are subject to the claims of our general creditors in the event of our insolvency. The plan assets are invested by the trustee in its sole discretion. Payments of a participant's elective deferrals are made as elected by the participant. These amounts would be paid earlier in the event of termination of employment or death of the participant, an unforeseen emergency affecting the participant as determined by the Committee or a change in control of the Company.

We have not made any contributions to the executive account of our deferred compensation plan since its inception in 1995. As a result, the contributions and aggregate balances shown in the table above are composed entirely of contributions made by the executives from their salary, bonus or restricted stock awards for prior years and earnings on those amounts. The earnings do not represent above-market or preferential rates. The executives may vote and are entitled to receive dividends on their restricted stock awards in the plan.

Deferral elections are made by eligible executives each year for amounts to be earned or granted in the following year. An executive may defer all or a portion of salary, Annual Cash Incentive Compensation or awards under the 2019 Plan.

Executives may allocate their account balances among hypothetical investment options available under the deferral program, which vary depending upon the type of compensation being deferred.

**EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TABLES**

**ESTIMATED POST-EMPLOYMENT PAYMENTS UNDER ALTERNATIVE TERMINATION SCENARIOS**

The following table sets forth the value of the benefits that would have been payable to each of the NEOs, assuming that the following events occurred on December 31, 2020. We do not disclose payments or other benefits under our 401(k) retirement plan and health and welfare plans because all salaried employees are entitled to the same benefits under those plans. Also, we do not include distributions from our deferred compensation plan because the amounts in that plan consist entirely of contributions made by the executives and earnings on those contributions. The amounts shown are only estimates of the amounts that would be payable to the executives upon termination of employment and do not reflect tax positions we may take or the accounting treatment of such payments. Actual amounts to be paid can only be determined at the time of separation.

	VOLUNTARY RESIGNATION OR RETIREMENT <sup>(1)</sup>	TERMINATION BY THE COMPANY WITHOUT CAUSE	DEATH OR DISABILITY	CHANGE OF CONTROL	TERMINATION BY THE COMPANY WITHOUT CAUSE OR RESIGNATION WITH GOOD REASON FOLLOWING CHANGE IN CONTROL
<b>David Simon</b>					
Severance Payment <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 384,615	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 384,615
Restricted Stock/RSUs <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 5,928,410	\$ 5,928,410	\$ 5,928,410
Annual LTIP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 3,379,517	\$ 4,558,798	\$ 4,558,798
2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,170,000	\$ 0	\$ 1,170,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 0	\$ 384,615	\$ 10,477,927	\$ 10,487,208	\$ 12,041,823
<b>Steven E. Fivel</b>					
Severance Payment <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 112,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 112,500
Restricted Stock/RSUs <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,482,166	\$ 1,482,166	\$ 1,482,166
Annual LTIP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 943,153	\$ 1,253,512	\$ 1,253,512
2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 540,000	\$ 0	\$ 540,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 0	\$ 112,500	\$ 2,965,319	\$ 2,735,678	\$ 3,388,178
<b>John Rulli</b>					
Severance Payment <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 200,000	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 200,000
Restricted Stock/RSUs <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,482,166	\$ 1,482,166	\$ 1,482,166
Annual LTIP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 943,153	\$ 1,253,512	\$ 1,253,512
2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 450,000	\$ 0	\$ 450,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 0	\$ 200,000	\$ 2,875,319	\$ 2,735,678	\$ 3,385,678
<b>Brian J. McDade</b>					
Severance Payment <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 153,846	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 153,846
Restricted Stock/RSUs <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,976,961	\$ 1,976,961	\$ 1,976,961
Annual LTIP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 480,079	\$ 666,295	\$ 666,295
2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 500,000	\$ 0	\$ 500,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 0	\$ 153,846	\$ 2,957,040	\$ 2,643,256	\$ 3,297,102
<b>Alexander L. W. Snyder</b>					
Severance Payment <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 34,231	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 34,231
Restricted Stock/RSUs <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 1,041,013	\$ 1,041,013	\$ 1,041,013
Annual LTIP <sup>(4)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 266,909	\$ 360,017	\$ 360,017
2020 Annual Cash Incentive Compensation <sup>(5)</sup>	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 206,000	\$ 0	\$ 206,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 0	\$ 34,231	\$ 1,513,922	\$ 1,401,030	\$ 1,641,261

- (1) The Compensation Committee, may under certain circumstances, in connection with the retirement of a NEO, in its sole and absolute discretion, accelerate the vesting of some or all of the restricted stock, RSUs, or LTIPs held by such NEO.
- (2) Determined by our current discretionary severance policy under which we may pay severance to full-time employees whose employment is involuntarily terminated in the event of certain reductions in force, mergers or outsourcing. The amount of the severance for exempt employees is generally one week of pay for every year of service up to a maximum of sixteen weeks of pay. The Company generally pays severance as a lump sum; however, under certain circumstances it might make a severance payment in installments over a period of time.
- (3) Includes the unvested RSUs granted on December 28, 2020. Also, for Mr. McDade and Mr. Snyder includes the unvested shares of restricted stock earned under the Corporate ICP in 2017, 2018 and 2019. The value is based on a stock price of \$85.28, the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE on December 31, 2020.
- (4) The value of unearned LTIP units under the 2019 LTIP Program reflects payout at the Target performance level.

Death or Disability

With respect to death or disability, the amount represents the value of Annual LTIP units held by the executive that would be deemed fully vested at the time of the applicable Valuation Date as if the death or disability had not occurred. Value is based on a stock price of \$85.28, the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE for December 31, 2020, net of the purchase price of \$0.25 per unit. The award agreements provide the following benefits if the executive's employment terminates due to death or disability prior to the applicable Valuation Date: (a) the calculation of whether any Annual LTIP units have been earned will be deferred until the Valuation Date; (b) the number of Annual LTIP units that would have been earned shall be adjusted on a pro rata basis to reflect the number of days such executive worked over the total days in the performance period; and (c) such earned Annual LTIP units shall immediately be fully vested. If death or disability occurs after the applicable Valuation Date, any Annual LTIP units that have been earned but not yet vested shall immediately become fully vested.

## Change of Control

With respect to a change of control prior to the Valuation Date (as such term is defined in the applicable LTIP grant agreement), the amount represents the value of Annual LTIP units held by the executive that would become earned as a result of the change of control event. Value is based on a stock price of \$85.28, the closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE for December 31, 2020, net of the purchase price of \$0.25 per unit. The calculation of whether any Annual LTIP units have been earned will take place at the time of the change of control. If the executive has any earned Annual LTIP units prior to any change of control, the vesting schedule for such earned Annual LTIP units shall not accelerate but instead remain subject to the vesting period that would otherwise be applicable after any Annual LTIP units became earned in the ordinary course.

## Termination without Cause or Due to Good Reason after a Change of Control

The award agreements provide the following benefits with respect to the Annual LTIP units if, prior to the Valuation Date, there is a change of control of the Company and the executive is terminated without cause, he resigns his employment for good reason, or the award is not continued, assumed or replaced: (a) the calculation of whether any Annual LTIP units have been earned will take place at the time of the change of control; and (b) any Annual LTIP units earned in connection with the change of control shall immediately become fully vested. If the executive has any earned Annual LTIP units prior to any change of control, the vesting schedule for such earned Annual LTIP units shall not accelerate unless the executive is terminated without cause, he resigns his employment for good reason, or the award is not continued, assumed or replaced, in each case, at such time all of the executive's earned Annual LTIP units shall immediately become fully vested.

- (5) We paid our 2020 bonuses in 2021. Our Annual Cash Incentive Compensation program does not expressly address the consequences of a termination of employment prior to payment of the bonus. However, for the purposes of this table, we have assumed the Committee would approve paying the earned bonus to an executive who, as of the end of the year, died or became disabled or whose employment was terminated without cause or good reason following a change in control.

## 2020 PAY RATIO DISCLOSURE

As required by Section 953(b) of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and in accordance with the rules of the SEC adopted thereunder, we are providing the following disclosure about the relationship of the annual total compensation of our employees to the annual total compensation of Mr. David Simon, our Chief Executive Officer. To understand this disclosure, we think it is important to give context to our operations. Our corporate headquarters are in Indianapolis, Indiana. We own, develop and manage premier shopping, dining, entertainment and mixed-use destinations. As of December 31, 2020, we owned or held an interest in 203 income-producing properties in 37 states and Puerto Rico. We also own an 80% noncontrolling interest in The Taubman Realty Group LLC, which has an interest in 24 regional, super-regional, and outlet malls in the U.S. and Asia. Internationally, as of December 31, 2020, we had ownership interests in 16 properties in Asia, 6 properties in Canada and Mexico and 9 properties in Europe, of which 6 properties are consolidated. Notwithstanding our international properties, fewer than 5% of our employees are located outside of the United States. We strive to create a global compensation program, which is competitive in terms of both the position and the geographic location in which the employee is located. Accordingly, our pay structures vary amongst employees based on position and geographic location.

### IDENTIFICATION OF MEDIAN EMPLOYEE

In calculating the Company's 2020 pay ratio we selected October 1, 2020, as the date on which to determine our median employee. As of that date, we had approximately 3,200 employees, of which twenty-five were located outside of the U.S. To determine our median employee, we considered employees who were employed by the Company or any of its wholly owned or consolidated subsidiaries on October 1, 2020, whether the employees were full-time, part-time, seasonal, or temporary. Because fewer than 5% of our employees were international employees as of October 1, 2020, we excluded our international workforce, which at that time consisted of fourteen employees in Canada, nine employees in Luxembourg, one employee in France, and one employee in Hong Kong.

For purposes of calculating the compensation of our employees to determine the median employee we measured compensation using the 12-month period ending December 31, 2020, and used a consistently applied compensation measure that consists of the elements described below:

- Salary: Including base salary, pay for time worked, premium pay (e.g. overtime), and differentials (e.g. holiday worked).
- Bonus: Including variable pay such as annual bonuses, spot bonuses, and commissions.

In determining the annual total compensation of the median employee, we calculated such employee's compensation in accordance with Item 402(c)(2)(x) of Regulation S-K as required pursuant to SEC executive compensation disclosure rules. This calculation is the same calculation used to determine total compensation for purposes of the 2020 Summary Compensation Table with respect to each of the NEOs.

Consistent with applicable SEC rules, notwithstanding the Company's acquisition of 80% of the Taubman Realty Group in 2020, the Company has not included employees of Taubman in determining the Company's median employee.

### 2020 PAY RATIO

The Company has made the following calculations in accordance with the rules of the SEC:

- The annual total compensation of our median employee, who is an administrative assistant located at our headquarters in Indianapolis, IN, other than our CEO, was \$67,421.
- Our CEO's annual total compensation, as reported in the "Total" column of the 2020 Summary Compensation Table, was \$8,966,782.

Based on this information, the ratio of the annual total compensation of our CEO to the annual total compensation of our median employee is estimated to be 133 to 1.

## EQUITY COMPENSATION PLAN INFORMATION

The following table provides information about our common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options, warrants and rights under our existing equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2020.

PLAN CATEGORY	NUMBER OF SECURITIES TO BE ISSUED UPON EXERCISE OF OUTSTANDING OPTIONS, WARRANTS AND RIGHTS	WEIGHTED-AVERAGE EXERCISE PRICE OF OUTSTANDING OPTIONS, WARRANTS AND RIGHTS	NUMBER OF SECURITIES REMAINING AVAILABLE FOR FUTURE ISSUANCE UNDER EQUITY COMPENSATION PLANS
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders <sup>(1)</sup>	312,263 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0	7,421,053 <sup>(3)</sup>
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	0	\$0	0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>312,263</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>7,421,053</b>

(1) Consists of the 2019 Plan, which was approved by shareholders at the 2019 annual meeting held on May 8, 2019.

(2) Includes RSUs. Excluded are the outstanding LTIP units. These are excluded because, although the LTIP units are exchangeable for shares of the Company's common stock on a one-for-one basis, or cash, such selection is in the Company's sole discretion.

(3) The 2019 Plan provides for the grant of incentive stock options, nonqualified stock options, SARs, restricted stock, RSUs, common stock, and performance units, including LTIP units.



## ASSESSMENT OF COMPENSATION-RELATED RISKS

Our senior management team conducts an ongoing assessment of the risks related to our compensation policies and practices. This team reviews and discusses the various design features and characteristics of our Company-wide compensation policies and programs. The team also considers the elements of our compensation program for our senior executives including the performance measures used for the Annual Cash Incentive Compensation Program and our long-term incentive programs. Senior management obtains and evaluates data from a REIT peer group reflecting a comparison of compensation practices and pay levels for comparable positions within that group to assess the competitiveness of our compensation levels.

The Committee is responsible for overseeing the risks relating to compensation policies and practices affecting senior management on an ongoing basis. In performing this responsibility, the Committee utilizes the services of its independent compensation consultant to obtain advice and assistance in the design and implementation of incentive compensation programs for our executives. The consultant does no work for management, unless requested by the Chairman of the Committee. In reviewing whether our compensation policies and practices encourage excessive risk-taking, the Committee also considers senior management's assessment described above. We believe the following factors reduce the likelihood that our compensation policies and practices would encourage excessive risk-taking:

- **Our compensation mix is generally designed in large part to reward long-term performance** and is balanced among (i) fixed cash components, (ii) incentives that reward improvements in total Company performance and business unit performance, (iii) individual performance components, (iv) time-vested equity components, and (v) performance-based incentive opportunities that may be realized in the future.
- **Our policies and programs are intended to encourage retention** of our executives so that they can focus on achieving long-term objectives.
- **Our overall compensation is maintained at levels that are competitive** with the market.

- **Our Annual Cash Incentive Compensation is weighted** based on the achievement of several different financial and operational performance measures; the Committee has ultimate oversight in determining the Annual Cash Incentive Compensation allocation, thereby mitigating the risk that any one measure can dominate the payouts based on any formula.
- **Our NEO 2019 Performance-Based LTIP has a three-year performance period; the program has three performance measures; relative TSR, achievement of an objective financial metric growth rate, and achievement of objective strategic goals.**
- **Our NEO 2019 Performance-Based LTIP includes a one-year vesting requirement** after the conclusion of the three-year performance period.
- **Our NEO 2020 LTI Program has a three-year time vesting period.**
- **Executive officers are subject to minimum stock ownership guidelines,** equity award multi-year vesting requirements and limitations on trading our securities, including prohibitions on hedging our securities, under our Insider Trading Policy.
- **The Committee has discretion to decrease incentive performance targets and payouts** when it determines that such adjustments would be in the best interests of the Company and our shareholders.
- **All LTIP unit and RSU awards contain "double trigger" change of control provisions.**
- **All award agreements we have entered into with executive officers contain clawback provisions permitting the Company to recoup compensation tied to the achievement of financial targets** if the compensation would not have been earned based on restated financial results.

Based on the foregoing, the Committee believes that our compensation policies and programs are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company.

## PROPOSAL 3: Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Audit Committee has selected Ernst & Young LLP ("EY"), as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2021. Shareholders have the opportunity to ratify that selection in an advisory vote.

The Report of the Audit Committee, which follows this proposal, contains information on the amount of fees paid to EY during 2020 and 2019. Representatives of EY will be present at the 2021 Annual Meeting, will have an opportunity to make a statement if they desire to do so and will be available to respond to questions.

If the holders of a majority of voting shares voting on this matter do not approve the proposal, the Audit Committee will take into consideration the views of the shareholders and may, but will not be required to, appoint a different independent registered public accounting firm.



**THE AUDIT COMMITTEE AND THE BOARD RECOMMEND THAT SHAREHOLDERS VOTE "FOR" RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM FOR 2021.**

## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

The Audit Committee is responsible for monitoring the integrity of the Company's consolidated financial statements, the qualifications, performance and independence of the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, the performance of the Company's internal auditor and the Company's compliance with legal and regulatory requirements. We have the sole authority to appoint or replace the Company's independent registered public accounting firm as well as approve their compensation. In addition, we have responsibility to oversee them. The Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board which can be found on our website at [committeecomposition.simon.com](http://committeecomposition.simon.com). The Committee currently has five members and the Board has determined that each is a financial expert in accordance with the rules adopted by the SEC. The Board has also determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee is independent under the standards of director independence established under our Governance Principles, NYSE listing standards, and applicable securities laws.

Management is responsible for the financial reporting process, including the system of internal controls, for the preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States and for management's report on internal controls over financial reporting. The Company's independent registered public accounting firm is responsible for auditing the consolidated financial statements and expressing an opinion on the financial statements and the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to oversee and review the financial reporting process and to review and discuss management's report on internal controls over financial reporting. We are not, however, professionally engaged in the practice of accounting or auditing and do not provide any expert or other special assurance as to such financial statements concerning compliance with laws, regulations or accounting principles generally accepted in the United States or as to the independence of the independent registered public accounting firm. We rely, without independent verification, on the information provided to us and on the representations made by management and the independent registered public accounting firm.

We held six meetings during 2020. The meetings were designed, among other things, to facilitate and encourage communication among the Audit Committee, management, the Company's internal auditor, and its independent registered public accounting firm, EY.

We discussed with the Company's internal auditor and EY the overall scope and plans for their respective audits. We met with the internal auditor and EY, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations and their evaluations of the Company's internal controls. We reviewed and discussed the Company's compliance with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, including consideration of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board's ("PCAOB") Auditing Standard 2201, An Audit of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting That is Integrated With an Audit of Financial Statements.

We discussed with management the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures, including the Company's risk assessment and risk management processes.

We reviewed and discussed the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 with management, the internal auditor and EY. We reviewed EY's report on our financial statements, which indicated that the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, our financial position and results of operations and cash flows in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. We reviewed and discussed with management, the internal auditor and EY, management's report on the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting and EY's report on internal controls over financial reporting. We also discussed with management and the internal auditor the process used to support certifications by the

Company's CEO and Chief Financial Officer that are required by the SEC and the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 to accompany the Company's periodic filings with the SEC and the processes used to support management's report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

We also discussed with EY all matters required to be discussed by the applicable requirements of the PCAOB and the SEC. In addition, we discussed with EY and management the PCAOB's Auditing Standard 3101, The Auditor's Report on an Audit of Financial Statements When the Auditor Expresses an Unqualified Opinion, and EY's process for identifying critical audit matters for the Company.

We also received the written disclosures and the letter from EY required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding the independent auditor's communications with us concerning independence and we discussed with EY the independence of that firm.

When analyzing EY's independence, we considered if the services EY provided to the Company beyond those rendered in connection with its audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements including (i) its audit of the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting and (ii) its reviews of the Company's quarterly unaudited consolidated financial statements, and whether such items were compatible with EY maintaining its independence. We concluded that the provision of such services by EY in the past year has not jeopardized EY's independence.

Based on our review and these meetings, discussions and reports, and subject to the limitations on our role and responsibilities referred to above and in the Audit Committee charter, we recommended to the Board that the Company's audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2020 be included in the Company's Annual Report.

The Audit Committee has also selected EY as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ended December 31, 2021, based on our belief that it is in the best interest of the Company and the shareholders, and will present the selection to the shareholders for ratification at the meeting. In connection with this decision, the Audit Committee assessed the independent auditor's performance. This assessment examined three primary criteria: (1) the independent auditor's qualifications and experience; (2) the communication and interactions with the independent auditor over the course of the year; and (3) the independent auditor's independence, objectivity, and professional skepticism. These criteria were discussed with management during a private session, as well as in executive session.

EY has served as the Company's auditor since 2002. We would also like to note, that commencing with the 2017 audit, a new lead audit partner was appointed. This partner was identified after extensive discussions among management, the Audit Committee members and EY and we provided a report to the Board.

We approve all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided to the Company by EY prior to commencement of services. We have delegated to the Chairman of the Audit Committee the authority to approve specific services up to specified individual and aggregate fee amounts. Any approval decisions are presented to the full Audit Committee at the next scheduled meeting after such approvals are made.

The Company has incurred the fees set forth below for services provided by EY. The Audit Committee has final approval with respect to the amount of these fees. EY has advised us that it has billed or will bill these indicated amounts for the following categories of services for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019, respectively:

	2020	2019
Audit Fees <sup>(1)</sup>	\$4,707,000	\$4,230,000
Audit-Related Fees <sup>(2)</sup>	\$5,068,000	\$4,835,000
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 359,000	\$ 266,000
All Other Fees	\$ 0	\$ 0

- (1) Audit Fees include fees for the audits of the financial statements and the effectiveness of internal controls over financial reporting and quarterly reviews for us and the Operating Partnership and services associated with the related SEC registration statements, periodic reports, and other documents issued in connection with securities offerings.
- (2) Audit-Related Fees include audits of individual or portfolios of properties and schedules to comply with lender, joint venture partner or contract requirements and due diligence services for our managed consolidated and joint venture entities and our consolidated non-managed entities. Our share of these Audit-Related Fees was approximately 60% and 59% in 2020 and 2019, respectively.
- (3) Tax Fees include fees for international and other tax consulting services, tax due diligence, and tax return compliance services associated with the tax returns for certain managed joint ventures as well as other miscellaneous tax compliance services. Our share of these Tax Fees was approximately 81% and 65% in 2020 and 2019, respectively.

**The Audit Committee:**

J. Albert Smith, Jr., Chairman  
 Larry C. Glasscock  
 Reuben S. Leibowitz  
 Stefan M. Selig  
 Marta R. Stewart

## SUSTAINABILITY

At Simon, we define and implement **sustainability** and ESG initiatives into our business; from how we plan, develop, and operate our properties, to how we do business with our customers, engage with our communities, and create a healthy, safe, productive, and positive work environment for our employees. Our **sustainability** framework focuses on four key areas: Customers, Communities, Environment, and Employees.

The health and safety of those who work in and visit our properties continues to be our top priority. In 2020, more than 200 of our properties were enrolled and successfully achieved the International WELL Building Institute (IWBI)'s third party verified WELL Health-Safety Rating for Facility Operations and Management.

To learn more about our Health-Safety efforts and rating visit: [www.simon.com/health](http://www.simon.com/health)

In 2020, Simon announced new 2035 emissions targets approved by the Science Based Target Initiative (SBTi). Our commitment is to reduce scope 1 and scope 2 emissions by 68% (2019 baseline), and scope 3, including tenant emissions by 21% (2018 baseline). Additionally, in our 2020 **Sustainability** Report we have aligned our climate-related risk disclosure with the recommendations made by the Task Force on Climate Related Financial Disclosures (TCFD), established by the Financial Stability Board (FSB).

Simon's **sustainability** performance was recognized by international organizations. In 2020, Simon participated in CDP's annual climate change questionnaire and received an A score, earning a prestigious place on CDP's climate change 'A List' list that represents results achieved by only 277 of the 5,800+ (<5%) reporting organizations globally. Simon was also awarded a Green Star ranking—the designation awarded for leadership in **sustainability** performance by the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (GRESB).

We measure our environmental impact and our focus has been to reduce this impact while achieving cost efficiencies in our operations by implementing a range of energy management practices, and energy monitoring and reporting. As a result, we have reduced our energy consumption every year since 2003. In this period, excluding new developments, we have reduced the energy usage over which we have direct control by 354 million kWh, representing a 33% reduction across a portfolio of comparable properties. In recent years, we have ramped up these efforts, and from 2013-2019 have achieved an energy use reduction of 182 million kWh, which represents a 20% reduction in a six-year period, accounting for 51% of total reductions achieved since 2003.

Our reduction in greenhouse gas emissions resulting from our energy management efforts since 2003 is 312,067 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e. This figure represents a reduction of 54% and includes emission streams scope 1, scope 2. Enhanced efforts from 2013-2019 have resulted in emissions reduction of 125,457 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e. This represents a 32% reduction in a six-year period, accounting for 40% of total reductions achieved since 2003. Additional emission streams, such as scope 3 emissions generated from tenants' plug-load consumptions, are included in Simon's annual **sustainability** report published in accordance with the guidelines of the Global Reporting Initiatives (GRI), the most widely used international standard for **sustainability** reporting.

We are also focused on reducing our water usage, and in 2019, achieved a reduction of 5.4% in water use. Since 2015, we have reduced water consumption by 1.5 million gallons, representing an 18% reduction since 2015, and are on track to meeting our 2025 20% reduction target ahead of time.



FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY'S SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS, PLEASE VIEW OUR 2020 SUSTAINABILITY REPORT ON THE COMPANY'S WEBSITE, BY VISITING [SUSTAINABILITY.SIMON.COM](http://SUSTAINABILITY.SIMON.COM).

## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Report, including financial statements audited by EY, our independent registered public accounting firm, and EY's report thereon, is available to our shareholders on the Internet as described in the Notice. In addition, a copy of our Annual Report will be sent to any shareholder without charge (except for exhibits, if requested, for which a reasonable fee will be charged), upon written request to: Investor Relations, Simon Property Group, Inc., 225 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Our Annual Report is also available and may be accessed free of charge at [annualreports.simon.com](http://annualreports.simon.com).

### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS AT OUR 2022 ANNUAL MEETING

#### RULE 14a-8 SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS

To be considered for inclusion in the proxy materials for the 2022 annual meeting of shareholders pursuant to Rule 14a-8 of the Exchange Act, a shareholder proposal made pursuant to such rule must be received by the General Counsel and Secretary of the Company, Steven E. Fivel, at 225 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204, by the close of business on November 26, 2021. For any such proposal to be considered for inclusion, it should be delivered by U.S. Postal Service-Priority Mail Express with proof of delivery or an internationally recognized overnight carrier (providing proof of delivery). If the date of such meeting is changed by more than 30 days from May 12, 2022, the proposal must be received by the Company at a reasonable time before the Company begins to print and send its proxy materials. In addition, shareholder proposals must otherwise comply with the requirements of Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Exchange Act and any other applicable laws and regulations.

#### SHAREHOLDER PROPOSALS OR OTHER BUSINESS OUTSIDE OF THE RULE 14a-8 PROCESS

The Company's By-Laws also establish an advance notice procedure for shareholders who wish to present a proposal of business or nominate a director before an annual meeting of shareholders but do not intend for the proposal to be included in the Company's Proxy Statement pursuant to Rule 14a-8. Pursuant to the Company's By-Laws, such a proposal of business or nomination of a director may be brought before the meeting by a shareholder who is entitled to vote at such meeting and who gives timely notice of such proposal or nomination and otherwise satisfies the applicable requirements. To be timely for the 2022 annual meeting of shareholders, such notice should be delivered by U.S. Postal Service-Priority Mail Express with proof of delivery or an internationally recognized overnight carrier (providing proof of delivery), and must be received by the General Counsel and Secretary of the

Company, Steven E. Fivel, at 225 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 by the close of business on January 12, 2022. If the date of the 2022 annual meeting of shareholders is changed by more than 30 days from May 12, 2022, the proposal must be received by the Company not later than the close of business on the later of 120 calendar days in advance of the 2022 annual meeting of shareholders or 10 calendar days following the date upon which public announcement of the date of the meeting is first made.

### PROXY ACCESS NOMINATIONS

The Company's By-Laws also establish a proxy access provision for shareholders who wish to include director nominees in the Company's proxy statement. Such nomination of a director may be submitted by a shareholder if the shareholder nominee, nominating shareholder and nomination process meet certain requirements outlined in our By-Laws, including that timely notice of such director nomination is provided. To be timely for the 2022 annual meeting of shareholders, such notice should be delivered by U.S. Postal Service-Priority Mail Express with proof of delivery or an internationally recognized overnight carrier (providing proof of delivery), and must be received by the General Counsel and Secretary of the Company, Steven E. Fivel, at 225 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 not later than November 26, 2021 nor earlier than October 27, 2021. If the date of the 2022 annual meeting of shareholders is changed more than 30 days from May 12, 2022, the notice must be received no later than the close of business on the 10th day following the day on which public announcement of the date of the annual meeting is first made. For more information on our proxy access provision, see the section of this Proxy Statement titled "Corporate Governance of the Company—Policies on Corporate Governance" on page 10.

### WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We are subject to the informational requirements of the Exchange Act and thus file periodic reports and other information with the SEC. These reports and other information are filed by us electronically with the SEC and are available at its website, [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

### INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

To the extent this Proxy Statement has been or will be specifically incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, the sections of this Proxy Statement, titled, "Compensation Committee Report" and "Report of the Audit Committee" should not be deemed to be so incorporated unless specifically otherwise provided in any such filing.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

### WHAT IS A PROXY?

A proxy is your legal designation of another person to vote on your behalf. By completing and returning the enclosed proxy card, you are giving the persons named in the proxy card, Mr. David Simon and Mr. Larry C. Glasscock, the authority to vote your shares in the manner you indicate on your proxy card.

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE?

You are eligible to vote on all matters presented to the shareholders at the meeting if you own shares of our common stock, par value \$.0001 per share at the close of business on the Record Date.

All of the Class B common stock is subject to voting trusts as to which Mr. David Simon and Mr. Herbert Simon are the voting trustees. The Board is not soliciting proxies in respect of the Class B common stock.

### HOW MANY SHARES MAY VOTE AT THE MEETING?

On the Record Date, there were outstanding 328,181,153 shares of common stock and 8,000 shares of Class B common stock. As a result, a total of 328,189,153 shares are entitled to vote (which we refer to in this Proxy Statement as the "voting shares") on all matters presented to shareholders at the meeting.

### HOW MANY SHARES MUST BE PRESENT TO HOLD THE MEETING?

The presence at the meeting, in person or by proxy of holders of shares representing a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast at the meeting, or 164,094,577 voting shares, will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Attendance at the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting will be considered "present".

### WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A "SHAREHOLDER OF RECORD" AND A "STREET NAME" HOLDER?

These terms describe how your shares are held. If your shares are registered directly in your name with Computershare Shareowner Services, our transfer agent, you are a "shareholder of record." If your shares are held in the name of a brokerage, bank, trust or other nominee as a custodian, you are a "street name" holder.

### HOW DO I VOTE MY SHARES BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING?

If you are a "shareholder of record," you have several choices. You can vote your shares by proxy:

- Via the Internet by visiting [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com);
- By telephone by dialing toll-free 1-800-690-6903; or
- By mailing your proxy card. Please refer to the specific instructions set forth on the Notice or printed proxy materials. For security reasons, our electronic voting system has been designed to authenticate your identity as a shareholder.

If you are a "street name" holder, you can vote your shares by following the instructions on the voting instructions or your broker/bank/trustee/nominee will provide you with materials and instructions for voting your shares.

### CAN I VOTE MY SHARES DURING THE MEETING?

To attend, vote, and submit questions during the virtual Annual Meeting, which will be held via live audio webcast, shareholders of record will need to visit [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021) and use their 16-digit Control Number provided on their proxy card, voting instruction form, or notice that they previously received to log in to this website.

Beneficial owners of shares held in street name will need to follow the instructions provided by the broker, bank or other nominee that holds their shares. Only one shareholder per 16-digit Control Number can access the virtual Annual Meeting. Shareholders will have the option to log in to this website beginning at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time and we would encourage shareholders to log in to this website and access the webcast at least 15 minutes before the virtual Annual Meeting's start time.

Further instructions on how to attend, participate in, ask questions during, and vote at the virtual Annual Meeting, including how to demonstrate your ownership of our stock as of the Record Date, will be available at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021).

Shareholders may still, and are encouraged to, vote prior to the virtual Annual Meeting by Internet, telephone or by mail per the instructions on the proxy card they previously received. Shareholders that have already voted do not need to vote again.

### HOW DO I SIGNUP FOR ELECTRONIC DELIVERY OF PROXY MATERIALS?

On the Internet visit [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) with your proxy card in hand with your control number, and follow the instructions to indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years. The Company will make a \$1.00 charitable contribution to the [Simon Youth Foundation \(www.syf.org\)](http://www.syf.org) on behalf of each shareholder who signs up for electronic delivery.

### ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS—WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO ATTEND THE VIRTUAL 2021 ANNUAL MEETING?

To attend, vote, and submit questions during the virtual Annual Meeting, which will be held via live audio webcast, shareholders of record will need to visit [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021) and use their 16-digit Control Number provided on their proxy card, voting instruction form, or notice that they previously received to log in to this website.

Beneficial owners of shares held in street name will need to follow the instructions provided by the broker, bank or other nominee that holds their shares. Only one shareholder per 16-digit Control Number can access the virtual Annual Meeting. Shareholders will have the option to log in to this website beginning at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time and we would encourage shareholders to log in to this website and access the webcast at least 15 minutes before the virtual Annual Meeting's start time.

Further instructions on how to attend, participate in, ask questions during, and vote at the virtual Annual Meeting, including how to demonstrate your ownership of our stock as of the Record Date, will be available at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021).

#### WHAT IF I HAVE TROUBLE ACCESSING THE VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING?

The virtual meeting platform is fully supported across browsers (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Chrome and Safari) and devices (desktops, laptops, tablets and cell phones) running the most updated version of applicable software and plugins. Participants should ensure that they have a strong Wi-Fi connection wherever they intend to participate in the Annual Meeting. We encourage you to access the virtual annual meeting platform at least 15 minutes prior to the start time. Please allow ample time for on-line check-in, which will begin at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. If you encounter any difficulties accessing the virtual meeting platform during the check-in time or during the Annual Meeting, please call the technical support number that will be posted on [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021).

#### WILL I BE ABLE TO ASK QUESTIONS DURING THE VIRTUAL 2021 ANNUAL MEETING?

You will be able to submit questions during the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting, however just as has always been the case with the Company's in-person annual meetings, all questions will be subject to time restrictions and the length of time scheduled for the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting. We will do our best to accommodate as many questions as possible.

#### WHAT ARE THE BOARD'S RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW I SHOULD VOTE MY SHARES?

The Board recommends that you vote your shares as follows:

- Proposal 1: **FOR** the election of all ten (10) independent director nominees named in this Proxy Statement.
- Proposal 2: **FOR** the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.
- Proposal 3: **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2021.

#### HOW WOULD MY SHARES BE VOTED IF I DO NOT SPECIFY HOW THEY SHOULD BE VOTED?

If you sign and return a proxy card without indicating how you want your shares to be voted, the persons named as proxies will vote your shares as follows:

- Proposal 1: **FOR** the election of all ten (10) independent director nominees named in this Proxy Statement.
- Proposal 2: **FOR** the advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers.
- Proposal 3: **FOR** the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2021.

#### HOW WILL ABSTENTIONS BE TREATED?

For the 2021 Annual Meeting, abstentions will have no effect on the outcome of Proposal 1: Election of Directors, Proposal 2: Advisory Vote to Approve the Compensation of our NEOs, and Proposal 3: Ratification of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.

However, abstentions will be considered present and entitled to vote at the 2021 Annual Meeting and will be counted towards determining whether or not a quorum is present.

#### WHAT ARE BROKER NON-VOTES AND HOW WILL BROKER NON-VOTES BE TREATED?

A broker non-vote occurs when a nominee, such as a broker, holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because the nominee does not have discretionary authority to vote for that particular proposal and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner as to how to vote its shares. Proposals 1 and 2 fall into this category. If you do not provide your broker with voting instructions, any of your shares held by the broker will not be counted as having been voted on any of these proposals. We do not expect there to be any broker non-votes with respect to Proposal 3, as brokers are entitled to vote on the ratification of independent registered accounting firms. "Broker non-votes" will be considered present at the 2021 Annual Meeting and will be counted towards determining whether or not a quorum is present.

#### WHAT VOTE IS REQUIRED TO APPROVE EACH PROPOSAL?

All voting shares are entitled to one vote per share. To approve each of the proposals, the following votes are required from the holders of voting shares.



**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

PROPOSAL NUMBER	SUBJECT	VOTE REQUIRED	IMPACT OF ABSTENTIONS AND BROKER NON-VOTES, IF ANY
1	Elect the ten (10) independent director nominees named in this Proxy Statement	More votes FOR than AGAINST. Under our By-Laws, for purposes of this proposal, a "majority of votes cast" means more votes cast FOR than AGAINST.	Abstentions and broker non-votes will not impact the outcome of this proposal, as they are not considered votes cast under the majority of votes cast standard.
2	Advisory vote to approve the compensation of our Named Executive Officers	Majority of votes cast.	Abstentions and broker non-votes will not impact the outcome of this proposal, as they are not considered votes cast under the majority of votes cast standard.
3	Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2021	Majority of votes cast.	Abstentions will not impact the outcome of this proposal, as they are not considered votes cast under the majority of votes cast standard. We do not expect there to be any broker non-votes with respect to this proposal, as brokers are entitled to vote on the ratification of independent registered accounting firms.

The voting trustees who vote the Class B common stock have advised us that they intend to vote all shares of the Class B common stock FOR the election of all nominees and FOR Proposals 2 and 3.

**WHY DID I RECEIVE MORE THAN ONE NOTICE OR PROXY CARD?**

You will receive multiple Notices or cards if you hold your shares in different ways (e.g., joint tenancy, trusts, custodial accounts) or in multiple accounts. If your shares are held by a broker (i.e., in "street name"), you will receive your proxy card or other voting information from your broker, and you will return your proxy card(s) to your broker. You should vote on and sign each proxy card you receive.

**CAN I CHANGE MY MIND AFTER I HAVE VOTED?**

Yes, you can change your vote at any time before voting is closed during the 2021 Annual Meeting. You may revoke your proxy by doing one of the following:

- By sending a written notice of revocation to our Secretary at 225 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204 that is received prior to the 2021 Annual Meeting, stating that you revoke your proxy;
- By signing a later-dated proxy card and submitting it so that it is received prior to the 2021 Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions included in the proxy card(s);
- Submit a later-dated proxy over the Internet in accordance with the instructions on the Internet voting website; or
- Attend the 2021 Annual Meeting and vote online at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021). Please see "Admission Requirements-What do I need to do to attend the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting?" and "Can I vote my shares during the meeting?" on page 50 for more information.

If your proxy is not revoked, we will vote it at the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting in accordance with your instructions indicated

on the proxy card or voting instruction card or, if submitted over the Internet, as indicated on the submission.

**WHAT HAPPENS IF ADDITIONAL MATTERS ARE PRESENTED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING?**

We know of no other matters other than the items of business described in this Proxy Statement that can be considered at the 2021 Annual Meeting. If other matters requiring a vote do arise, the persons named as proxies will have the discretion to vote on those matters for you.

**WHO WILL COUNT THE VOTES?**

Broadridge Financial Solutions, Inc. will count the votes and will facilitate the engagement of an independent inspector of election. The inspector will be monitoring the voting during the 2021 Annual Meeting.

**HOW CAN I REVIEW THE LIST OF SHAREHOLDERS ENTITLED TO VOTE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING?**

A list of shareholders entitled to vote at the meeting will be available for viewing online when you join the virtual 2021 Annual Meeting at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021) and for ten days prior to the 2021 Annual Meeting, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. (Eastern Daylight Time), at our offices at 225 West Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. If you were a shareholder on the Record Date, and would like to view the shareholder list, please contact our Secretary to schedule an appointment.

**WHO PAYS THE COST OF THIS PROXY SOLICITATION?**

The Company will pay the cost of soliciting proxies in connection with this Proxy Statement, including the cost of preparing, assembling and mailing the proxy materials. We will also request banks, brokers and other holders of record to send the proxy materials to, and obtain proxies from, beneficial owners and will reimburse them for their reasonable expenses



in doing so. In addition, we have hired Georgeson LLC to assist in the solicitation of proxies. We will pay Georgeson LLC a base fee of \$21,000 for its proxy solicitation services.

#### IS THIS PROXY STATEMENT THE ONLY WAY THAT PROXIES ARE BEING SOLICITED?

Certain employees or other representatives of the Company may also solicit proxies by telephone, facsimile, e-mail or personal contact. They will not be specifically compensated for doing so.

#### HAS THE COMPANY ADOPTED A MAJORITY VOTING STANDARD?

Yes. Under our By-Laws, in an uncontested election a nominee will be elected only if the number of votes cast FOR a director's election exceeds the number of votes cast AGAINST that director's election. A nominee who receives more AGAINST votes than FOR votes will be required to tender his or her resignation, subject to acceptance by the Board. For more information, see the section of this Proxy Statement titled "Corporate Governance Matters—Majority Vote Standard for Election of Directors" on page 10.

#### WHERE DO I FIND RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP TERMS TO GAAP TERMS?

FFO is a non-GAAP financial measure that we believe provides useful information to investors. Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of

Operations on pages 75-77 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, for a definition and reconciliation of FFO to consolidated net income and FFO per share to net income per share. When comparing 2017 FFO per share to 2020 FFO per share to calculate the CAGR, for 2017 the Compensation Committee utilized comparable FFO per share rather than reported FFO per share. The 2017 reported FFO per share was adjusted for the effect of a \$0.36 per share loss on extinguishment of debt during 2017 as well as to reflect a \$0.12 per share amount related to the new Leases standard (ASC 842) which was adopted by the Company effective January 1, 2019. As a result of the adoption of the new Leases standard, the Company is no longer permitted to capitalize certain indirect leasing costs. The adjustment for 2017 reflects the amounts capitalized in the previously reported periods, which were not required to be restated to adopt this change in accounting. The 2020 FFO is our reported 2020 FFO of \$9.11 per share because no adjustments were necessary to properly compare it to the \$11.45 FFO per share for 2017.

NOI is a non-GAAP financial measure that we believe provides useful information to investors. Please refer to Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations on pages 75-77 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020, for a definition and reconciliation of NOI to consolidated net income and set forth the computations of portfolio NOI and comparable property NOI.

#### ATTEND OUR ANNUAL MEETING



Date and Time: **May 12, 2021 at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time**

Virtual Webcast: **This year's annual meeting will be held via live webcast at [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021)**

Record Date: **March 15, 2021**

Details on how to participate in the 2021 Annual Meeting are available at [investors.simon.com](http://investors.simon.com).



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**SCAN TO**  
VIEW MATERIALS & VOTE



**VOTE BY INTERNET**

*Before The Meeting* - Go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information. Vote by 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 11, 2021. Have your proxy card in hand when you access the website and follow the instructions to obtain your records and to create an electronic voting instruction form.

*During The Meeting* - Go to [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021)

The meeting is online only. You may attend the meeting via the Internet and vote during the meeting. Have your Control number that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available at that time and follow the instructions on the website.

**VOTE BY PHONE - 1-800-690-6903**

Use any touch-tone telephone to transmit your voting instructions. Vote by 11:59 p.m. EDT on May 11, 2021. Have your proxy card in hand when you call and then follow the instructions.

**VOTE BY MAIL**

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

**E-DELIVERY OF FUTURE PROXY MATERIALS**

To sign up for E-Delivery of future proxy statements, proxy cards, and annual reports via e-mail or the Internet, follow the instructions above to Vote by Internet Before the Meeting and where prompted, indicate that you agree to receive or access proxy materials electronically in future years.

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

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KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS  
DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION ONLY

THIS PROXY CARD IS VALID ONLY WHEN SIGNED AND DATED.

SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following Proposals:

**1. Election of Directors**

Nominees:

	For	Against	Abstain
1a. Glyn F. Aepfel	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1b. Larry C. Glasscock	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1c. Karen N. Horn, Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1d. Allan Hubbard	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1e. Reuben S. Leibowitz	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1f. Gary M. Rodkin	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1g. Stefan M. Selig	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1h. Daniel C. Smith, Ph.D.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1i. J. Albert Smith, Jr.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1j. Marta R. Stewart	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

For Against Abstain

<b>2. An Advisory Vote to Approve the Compensation of our Named Executive Officers.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>3. Ratification of Ernst &amp; Young LLP as our Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm for 2021.</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**NOTE:** Other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements of the meeting.

Sign up for E-Delivery and we will make a \$1 donation to Simon Youth Foundation on your behalf.

*Thank You!*

**SYF** Simon Youth Foundation

Please sign exactly as your name(s) appear(s) hereon. When signing as attorney, executor, administrator, or other fiduciary, please give full title as such. Joint owners should each sign personally. All holders must sign. If a corporation or partnership, please sign in full corporate or partnership name by authorized officer.

Signature [PLEASE SIGN WITHIN BOX]	Date

Signature (Joint Owners)	Date

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting:**  
Simon Property Group, Inc.'s Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials and Proxy Statement and an Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2020 are available at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com).

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**SIMON PROPERTY GROUP, INC.  
THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
FOR THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 12, 2021**

The shareholder hereby appoints David Simon and Larry C. Glasscock, or either of them, as proxies, each with the power of substitution, and hereby authorizes them to represent and to vote, as designated on the reverse side of this ballot, all of the shares of Common Stock of Simon Property Group, Inc. that the shareholder is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held at 8:30 a.m., Eastern Daylight Time, on May 12, 2021, in a "virtual meeting", conducted via live audio webcast on the Internet, and any adjournment or postponement thereof. This "virtual meeting" may be accessed by visiting [www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021](http://www.virtualshareholdermeeting.com/SPG2021).

**THIS PROXY, WHEN PROPERLY EXECUTED, WILL BE VOTED AS DIRECTED BY THE SHAREHOLDER. IF NO SUCH DIRECTIONS ARE MADE, THIS PROXY WILL BE VOTED "FOR" ALL TEN NOMINEES LISTED ON THE REVERSE SIDE FOR ELECTION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, "FOR" PROPOSAL 2 AND "FOR" PROPOSAL 3. IF ANY OTHER MATTER IS PROPERLY BROUGHT BEFORE THE ANNUAL MEETING AND ANY ADJOURNMENTS OR POSTPONEMENTS THEREOF, THE PERSONS NAMED IN THIS PROXY WILL VOTE IN THEIR DISCRETION.**

**PLEASE MARK, SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THIS PROXY CARD PROMPTLY USING THE ENCLOSED REPLY ENVELOPE.**

Continued and to be signed on reverse side