



**CANADA'S SHOPPING CENTRE  
FOR OVER **THIRTY YEARS****

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



**SMARTCENTRES FOUNDING VISION:  
MAKE A BETTER LIFESTYLE  
ACCESSIBLE TO ALL CANADIANS**



# 30 YEARS OF CREATING VALUE FOR CANADIANS FROM COAST TO COAST



WALMART JOINT  
VENTURE WITH  
SMARTCENTRES

JV partners in  
100 shopping centres

1999

1989  
- 1994

MITCHELL GOLDHAR  
HELPED BRING  
WALMART TO  
CANADA

Ultimately developing  
176 Walmart stores in  
Canada

Walmart 

2003

FIRST  
TRANSACTION  
WITH  
CALLOWAY REIT  
(CWT assets \$100M)

CALLOWAY  
REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

We have since expanded to every Canadian province, but have never lost sight of why we do what we do. As Canadians' needs evolve, our offering continues to expand, we remain true to our purpose and core values, all while leveraging our land development expertise.

## TENANTS AND PARTNERSHIPS THAT STAND THE TEST OF TIME

**98+%**

rental receipts

**95+%**

of tenants are national  
or regional

**45+%**

of rental income from  
top 10 tenants

**60+%**

of tenants are essential  
services tenants



PENGUIN PICKUP CONCEPT IS INTRODUCED

SMARTCENTRES' STRATEGIC FOCUS EVOLVES TO MIXED-USE DIVERSIFICATION



SMARTCENTRES LAUNCHES SMARTLIVING

Residential growth becomes a strategic priority



SMARTVMC ACQUIRES \$513M SMARTVMC WEST LANDS

Doubling the REIT's interest in the flagship development.

2014

2016

2019

2022

2015

CALLOWAY REIT & SMARTCENTRES MERGE

Development platform moves to the REIT, excluding Mitchell Goldhar



2018

SMARTCENTRES BEGINS FORMING DIVERSIFIED JV PARTNERSHIPS

SmartStop | Simon Property Group | Fieldgate Homes Greenwin | CentreCourt Cogir | Jadco

2020

SMARTCENTRES ANNOUNCES TRANSFORMATION PLANS

\$16B transformation of existing properties 'From Shopping Centres to City Centres'

Condos | Apartments Townhomes | Seniors Residences | Hotels Storage | Offices | Retail Industrial

2023

SMARTCENTRES CONTINUES TO DELIVER

Self storage portfolio reaches 1M sq. ft.

Transit City 4 & 5 Condos

The Millway Apartments

TOP 10 TENANTS



TRUSTED PARTNERS





# OUR FOUNDATION IS SUPPORTED BY FOUR KEY PILLARS.

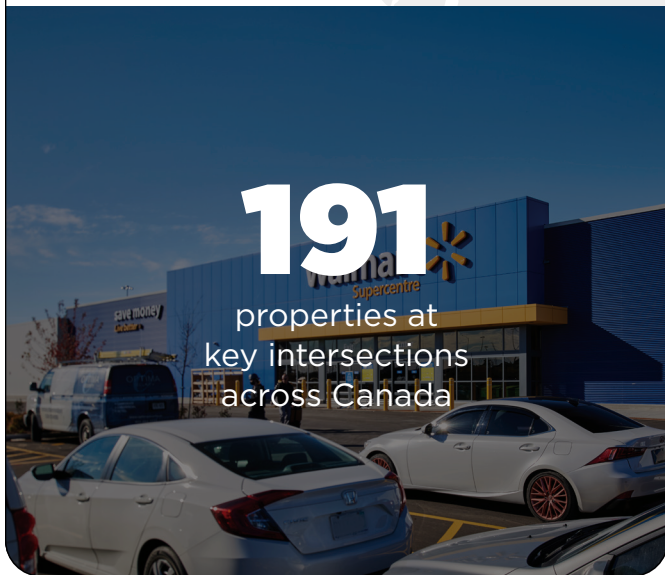
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## Resilient Walmart and Grocery-anchored Shopping Centres

Favourably located open-air shopping centres across the country with ample parking

Existing and new retailers continue to expand and require additional retail space

High occupancy and increasing renewal rates



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## Growing Income from Mixed-use Portfolio

Diversified portfolio of mixed-use generating recurring income from formats including multi-res, self-storage, office, and industrial

Partnered with leaders in various formats





**3**

**We are Experienced  
Developers which  
is Core to our DNA  
and Growth Plan**

- Significant landbank
- 30 years of development experience
- Strong relationships
- SmartLiving brand

**4**

**Strategically  
Located Development  
Pipeline**

- All on lands already owned by the REIT
- Less than 25% land utilization currently
- Significant access to capital



**40M SQ.  
FT.**

of mixed-use  
development initiatives  
under planning



**\$15B**

intensification  
program



# PORTFOLIO HIGHLIGHTS

SmartCentres' portfolio includes an ownership interest in 191 properties comprising retail shopping centres, mixed-use properties, and development lands.

**98.5%**

industry-leading committed occupancy

**24%**

revenue from Walmart, largest retailer in the world

**35.0M**

sq. ft. of income-producing properties

**\$11.9B**

total assets

## RECESSION RESISTANT PORTFOLIO PROVIDES SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH



Resilient Retail Base with Growing Mixed-use Portfolio



30+ Year Strategic Partnership with Walmart



Significant Development Pipeline



Robust Financial Position



Exceptional Team



# ESG HIGHLIGHTS

Developed a three-year action plan to guide the implementation of our ESG strategy. Improved Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (“GRESB”) score significantly over our previous submission.

## ENVIRONMENT

- Installed 227 electric vehicle charging stations across our portfolio
- Achieved a 43% waste diversion rate
- Certified 94% of our retail sites as BOMA BEST Silver for excellence in energy and environmental management

## SOCIAL

- 150 Associates across Canada donate 1200 volunteer hours to local charities
- Commenced development of portfolio-wide community and tenant engagement framework
- Established a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Policy

## GOVERNANCE

- 75% of Board of Trustees are independent
- 37.5% of Board of Trustees members are female
- Increased oversight of ESG strategy to Board of Trustees, through the Board ESG sub-committee



LEADING DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE

# ARTWALK

SmartVMC Vaughan, ON

**Phase 1:**

- 320 pre-sold condo units
- 3 mixed-use towers
- 550,000 sq. ft.
- 569 residential units
- 50% REIT ownership
- Construction commenced in Fall 2023

**Full ArtWalk Build-out:**

- 12 acres
- 12 buildings
- +4 Million sq. ft.
- 4,600 residential units





#### LEADING DEVELOPMENT PIPELINE

## CANADIAN TIRE FLAGSHIP STORE

Leaside, Toronto

# 224,000

sq. ft.  
retail project

- 200,000 sq. ft. flagship Canadian Tire store
- 24,000 sq. ft. of additional retail space
- Canadian Tire expected to take possession in early 2026
- 50/50 joint venture with Penguin



# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE CHAIRMAN & CEO



## DEAR FELLOW UNITHOLDERS,

This year marks 30 years since we built our first Walmart-anchored shopping centre in Canada. Since that time, SmartCentres' commitment to delivering *value and convenience* to communities across Canada has never wavered. We believe that this is more relevant now than ever before.

That original core retail business continues to perform exceptionally well, thus, fulfilling our mission to allow Canadians to save money on everything from groceries to general merchandise, apparel and home-improvement, all located within local communities and convenient to 95% of Canada's population. Beyond retail, we are very pleased with the performance and strategic positioning of the other growth areas and initiatives in the REIT. Highlights from across the business in 2023:

### Retail:

- Strong traffic and tenant retention,
- Industry-leading occupancy of 98.5%,
- Rent collection 99%,
- Strong demand for additional locations and larger on-site expansions.

### Mixed-use and Industrial:

- Achieved 7.8 million square feet of development permissions,
  - Zoned lands now total -80 million sq. ft. (at 100%)
- Closed on 1,026 condo units in Transit City 4 & 5 in VMC,
- Completed The Millway, 458-unit rental apartment in VMC,
- Completed our first Industrial building, 241,000 sq. ft. in Pickering.

### Construction starts:

- 40-storey ArtWalk condominium project in VMC, 373-units, 85% pre-sold,
- 225,000 sq. ft. retail in Leaside featuring a flagship Canadian Tire store with a long-term lease,

### On-site, zoned, development projects currently on hold pending market conditions:

- GTA properties; 1900 Eglinton Avenue East, Balliol, Pickering, Eglinton and Cawthra, Oakville North, Markham Main Street, Vaughan NW
- Other Ontario properties; Owen Sound, Barrie Lakeshore, Ottawa South Keys,
- Quebec properties; Laval Centre, Mirabel, Vaudreuil, Kirkland, Gatineau Hull, Mascouche North.

### Self-Storage:

- Two new facilities open in Ontario, portfolio reached one million square feet,
- Stabilized occupancy ahead of schedule,
- Six projects currently under construction;
  - Income anticipated within 12 months,
- 3-4 new storage facilities per year.

### Balance sheet:

- Net Asset Value per Unit approximately \$35.35 at year-end,
- Leverage (as a multiple of EBITDA) was reduced from 10.3x to 9.6x during the year.

### ESG:

- Environmental activity is built into our business strategy;
  - Building design and energy utilization in our open-air retail centres,
  - Sustainable energy opportunities within our development pipeline.
- Social responsibility designed into "SmartLiving" communities, supporting our residents and tenants in their desire to live physically and mentally healthy lifestyles through;
  - access to public transit,
  - pedestrian-first open spaces,
  - and wellness amenities.
- Governance;
  - Fully independent Corporate Governance & Compensation Committee,
  - Established a standing Independent Committee of the board,
  - Adopted term limits for new board members,
  - Adjusted certain compensation arrangements to ensure post-employment unitholder alignment.

Looking ahead, we are confident that our original vision of providing *value and convenience* to all Canadians, combined with the focused on-site development of opportunities of impact, will continue to produce strong earnings and growth for our unitholders. On behalf of our entire team at SmartCentres, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

**Mitchell Goldhar**

Executive Chairman and CEO SmartCentres REIT

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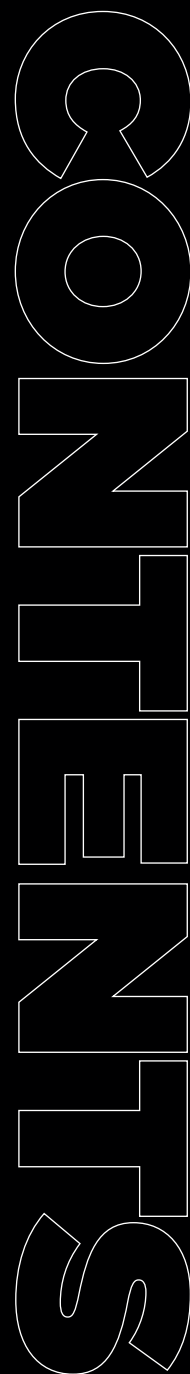
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# **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS.**

# MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

## FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

### Section I — Introduction

#### About this Management's Discussion and Analysis

This Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") sets out SmartCentres Real Estate Investment Trust's ("SmartCentres" or the "Trust") business overview and strategic direction, and provides an analysis of the financial performance and financial condition as at December 31, 2023 and for the year ended December 31, 2023, management's outlook and the risks facing the business.

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the Trust's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, and the notes contained therein, and the Trust's annual information form ("AIF"). Such consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IFRS Accounting Standards"). The Canadian dollar is the functional and reporting currency for purposes of preparing the consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022.

This MD&A is dated February 14, 2024, which is the date of the press release announcing the Trust's results for the year ended December 31, 2023. Disclosure contained in this MD&A is current to that date, unless otherwise noted.

#### Key Operational, Development and Financial Information

(in thousands of dollars, except per Unit and other non-financial data)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
<b>Portfolio Information (Number of properties)</b>			
Retail properties	155	155	155
Office properties	4	4	4
Self-storage properties	8	6	6
Residential properties	3	2	1
Industrial properties	1	—	—
Properties under development	20	19	17
Total number of properties with an ownership interest	191	186	183
<b>Leasing and Operational Information<sup>(1)</sup></b>			
Gross leasable retail and office area (in thousands of sq. ft.)	35,045	34,750	34,119
In-place and committed occupancy rate	98.5 %	98.0 %	97.6 %
Average lease term to maturity (in years)	4.3	4.2	4.4
Net annualized retail rental rate excluding Anchors (per occupied sq. ft.)	\$22.59	\$22.20	\$22.07
<b>Mixed-Use Development Information</b>			
Trust's share of future development area (in thousands of sq. ft.)	39,900	41,200	40,600
Trust's share of estimated costs of future projects currently under construction, or for which construction is available to commence within the next five years (in millions of dollars)	10,600	10,000	9,800
Total number of estimated future projects currently in development planning stage	269	274	283



(in thousands of dollars, except per Unit and other non-financial data)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
<b>Financial Information</b>			
Total assets <sup>(2)</sup>	11,905,422	11,702,153	11,293,248
Investment properties <sup>(2)(6)</sup>	10,564,269	10,286,891	9,923,120
Total unencumbered assets <sup>(3)</sup>	9,170,121	8,415,900	6,640,600
Debt <sup>(2)</sup>	4,999,522	4,983,265	4,854,527
Debt to Aggregate Assets <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup>	43.1 %	43.6 %	42.9 %
Adjusted Debt to Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup>	9.6X	10.3X	9.2X
Weighted average interest rate <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	4.15 %	3.86 %	3.11 %
Weighted average term of debt (in years)	3.6	4.0	4.8
Interest coverage ratio <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	2.7X	3.1X	3.4X

(1) Excluding residential and self-storage area.

(2) Represents a Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") measure.

(3) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

(4) Includes the Trust's proportionate share of equity accounted investments.

(5) As at December 31, 2023, cash-on-hand of \$31.4 million was excluded for the purposes of calculating the applicable ratios (December 31, 2022 – \$33.4 million, December 31, 2021 – \$80.0 million).

(6) The comparatives reflect a reclassification of "other assets". See "Material Accounting Estimates and Policies – Reclassification of Comparative Figures" in this MD&A.

(in thousands of dollars, except per Unit information)	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Financial Information</b>				
Rentals from investment properties and other <sup>(1)</sup>	211,021	206,223	834,581	804,598
Net income and comprehensive income <sup>(1)</sup>	14,165	100,310	510,103	635,965
Cash flows provided by operating activities <sup>(1)</sup>	93,745	134,668	330,853	370,762
Net rental income and other <sup>(1)</sup>	128,451	129,151	513,561	502,604
NOI <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	136,349	133,632	560,756	518,520
NOI from condominium and townhome closings and other adjustments <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	2,643	(191)	25,139	305
SPNOI <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	135,045	132,764	528,697	517,078
Change in SPNOI <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	1.7 %	4.7 %	2.2 %	3.3 %
FFO <sup>(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>	106,893	102,471	400,965	371,572
FFO with adjustments <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	91,362	104,092	376,592	383,472
AFFO <sup>(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>	92,187	86,105	354,424	334,335
AFFO with adjustments <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	76,656	87,726	330,051	346,235
Distributions declared	82,413	82,386	329,639	329,531
Units outstanding <sup>(6)</sup>	178,188,148	178,133,853	178,188,148	178,133,853
Weighted average – basic	178,188,148	178,129,000	178,178,090	178,121,149
Weighted average – diluted <sup>(7)</sup>	180,086,748	179,696,944	180,023,932	179,657,455

#### Per Unit Information (Basic/Diluted)

Net income and comprehensive income <sup>(1)</sup>	\$0.08/\$0.08	\$0.56/\$0.56	\$2.86/\$2.83	\$3.57/\$3.54
FFO <sup>(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>	\$0.60/\$0.59	\$0.58/\$0.57	\$2.25/\$2.23	\$2.09/\$2.07
FFO with adjustments <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	\$0.51/\$0.51	\$0.58/\$0.58	\$2.11/\$2.09	\$2.15/\$2.13
AFFO <sup>(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>	\$0.52/\$0.51	\$0.48/\$0.48	\$1.99/\$1.97	\$1.88/\$1.86
AFFO with adjustments <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	\$0.43/\$0.43	\$0.49/\$0.49	\$1.85/\$1.83	\$1.94/\$1.93
Distributions declared	\$0.463	\$0.463	\$1.850	\$1.850

#### Payout Ratio Information

Payout Ratio to cash flows provided by operating activities	87.9 %	61.2 %	99.6 %	88.9 %
Payout Ratio to AFFO <sup>(2)(3)(4)(5)</sup>	89.4 %	95.7 %	93.0 %	98.6 %
Payout Ratio to AFFO with adjustments <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	107.5 %	93.9 %	99.9 %	95.2 %

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(3) Includes the Trust's proportionate share of equity accounted investments.

- (4) See "Other Measures of Performance" in this MD&A for a reconciliation of these measures to the nearest consolidated financial statement measure.
- (5) The calculation of the Trust's FFO and AFFO and related payout ratios, including comparative amounts, are financial metrics that were determined based on the REALpac White Paper on FFO and AFFO issued in January 2022 ("REALpac White Paper"). Comparison with other reporting issuers may not be appropriate. The payout ratio to AFFO is calculated as declared distributions divided by AFFO.
- (6) Total Units outstanding include Trust Units and LP Units (each as defined below), including Units classified as liabilities. LP Units classified as equity in the consolidated financial statements are presented as non-controlling interests.
- (7) The diluted weighted average includes the vested portion of the deferred units issued pursuant to the deferred unit plan.

## Highlights for the Quarter

### Operational

- Shopping centre leasing activity remained strong with an industry-leading in-place and committed occupancy rate of 98.5% (December 31, 2022 – 98.0%).
- Executed new leases of 84,227 square feet during the quarter.
- Average renewal rent growth of 5.3% (excluding anchors).

### Development

- All the 106 remaining units within Transit City 4 & 5 were successfully closed during the quarter, generating \$2.7 million of FFO<sup>(1)</sup>.
- The Millway, a 458-rental unit apartments project, became fully opened in the quarter. Leasing activity is on track with 60% of the units leased by year-end and rental rates ahead of expectations.
- The siteworks at ArtWalk condominium Phase 1 are well underway, with all 320 released units sold out and the remaining units expected to be released for sale in 2024.
- The construction of Phase I of the Vaughan NW townhomes is underway, with all 100 released units sold out and closings expected to begin in the first half of 2024.
- The second phase of the purpose-built residential rental project in Laval, Quebec, comprising 211 units, opened on July 1, 2023, and was 92% leased at the end of the fourth quarter. Demand for the first phase remained strong with 98% occupancy.
- The court has officially appointed a new partner to succeed Groupe Sélection in the 402-unit apartment and seniors' residence project at Ottawa's Laurentian Place shopping centre. In the past months, the Trust has recommenced structural construction activities, with an expected completion of this portion in Q1 2024. Moving forward, the Trust and the new partner will explore alternative scenarios for the project's completion.
- The siteworks for the 224,000 square foot retail project on Laird Drive in Toronto continues, Canadian Tire is expected to take possession of the 200,000 square foot in early 2026.
- Obtained municipal approvals and commenced construction on two self-storage facilities in Dorval (St-Regis Blvd.), Quebec and in Toronto (Jane St.) during the quarter.

### Financial

- Same Property NOI<sup>(1)</sup> for the three months and year ended December 31, 2023 increased by \$2.3 million or 1.7%, and \$11.6 million or 2.2%, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2022. The increases were primarily driven by lease-up activity and higher rental renewal rates.
- Rentals from investment properties and other<sup>(2)</sup> for the three months and year ended December 31, 2023 was \$211.0 million and \$834.6 million, respectively, representing an increase of \$4.8 million or 2.3% and \$30.0 million or 3.7% compared to the same periods in 2022. The increases were primarily due to lease-up activity and higher rental renewal rates.
- Net rental income and other remained flat with a marginal decline of \$0.7 million or 0.5% for the three months ended December 31, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022, due to a modest increase in operating costs. For the year ended December 31, 2023, net rental income and other increased by \$11.0 million or 2.2%, primarily attributable to lease-up activity with higher rents and renewal rates.



- Net income and comprehensive income<sup>(2)</sup> decreased by \$86.1 million or 86% for the three months ended December 31, 2023 compared to the same period in 2022. The decrease was due to: i) a \$41.3 million decrease in fair value adjustment on financial instruments; ii) a \$28.3 million decrease in fair value adjustment on investment properties; and iii) a \$10.0 million higher losses from equity accounted investments mainly due to a decrease in fair value adjustment on investment properties.
- Net income and comprehensive income<sup>(2)</sup> for the year ended December 31, 2023 was \$510.1 million as compared to \$636.0 million for the same period in 2022, representing a decrease of \$125.9 million. This decrease was primarily attributable to: i) a \$110.4 million decrease in the fair value adjustment of investment properties; ii) an \$80.9 million decrease in the fair value adjustment of financial instruments; and iii) a \$15.0 million increase in interest expense; partially offset by iv) an \$71.0 million increase in earnings from equity accounted investments primarily due to the fair value adjustment of investment properties, condo closing at Transit City 4 & 5, and higher net rental income.
- Net income and comprehensive income per Unit<sup>(2)</sup> was \$0.08 and \$2.83 for the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, respectively (three months ended December 31, 2022 – \$0.56 and year ended December 31, 2022 – \$3.54). The decreases were primarily due to a decrease in fair value adjustment on investment properties and financial instruments compared to the same periods in 2022.
- FFO per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> for the three months and year ended December 31, 2023 was \$0.59, and \$2.23, respectively, compared to \$0.57 and \$2.07 for the same periods in 2022. The increases were mainly attributable to higher profits from condo closings at Transit City 4 & 5, and higher rental income, partially offset by higher interest expense. FFO with adjustments per Unit<sup>(1)</sup> for the three months and year ended December 31, 2023 was \$0.51 and \$2.09, respectively, compared to \$0.58 and \$2.13 for the same periods in 2022.
- Payout Ratio to AFFO<sup>(1)</sup> was 89.4% for the three months ended December 31, 2023, and 93.0% for the year, as compared to 95.7% and 98.6% for the same periods in 2022, respectively. The Payout Ratio to AFFO<sup>(1)</sup> with adjustments was 107.5% for the three months ended December 31, 2023, and 99.9% for the year, as compared to 93.9% and 95.2% for the same periods in 2022, respectively.
- Payout Ratio to cash flows provided by operating activities was 87.9% for the three months ended December 31, 2023 and 99.6% for the year ended December 31, 2023, as compared to 61.2% and 88.9% for the same periods in 2022, respectively.
- As at December 31, 2023, the Trust increased its unsecured/secured debt ratio<sup>(1)(3)</sup> to 81%/19% (December 31, 2022 – 74%/26%).
- The Trust's fixed rate/variable rate debt ratio<sup>(1)(3)</sup> was 82%/18% as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – 82%/18%).
- The Trust continues to add to its unencumbered pool of high-quality assets. As at December 31, 2023, this unencumbered portfolio of investment properties was valued at \$9.2 billion (December 31, 2022 – \$8.4 billion).

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(2) Represents a GAAP measure.

(3) Net of cash-on-hand of \$31.4 million as at December 31, 2023 for the purposes of calculating the applicable ratios.

## Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures

Readers are cautioned that certain terms used in this MD&A include non-GAAP measures and other terms. The following terms are non-GAAP measures used in this MD&A: Adjusted Debt, Adjusted Funds From Operations ("AFFO"), AFFO with adjustments, AFFO per Unit, AFFO with adjustments per Unit (defined below), Net Debt, Adjusted Debt to Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization Expense ("Adjusted EBITDA"), Adjusted Interest Expense including Capitalized Interest, Debt Service Expense, Aggregate Assets, Gross Book Value, Debt to Aggregate Assets, Debt to Aggregate Assets excluding TRS debt and receivable, Debt to Gross Book Value, Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio, Fixed Rate to Variable Rate Debt Ratio, Forecasted Annualized NOI, Funds From Operations ("FFO"), FFO with adjustments, FFO per Unit, FFO with adjustments per Unit, Interest Coverage Ratio, Net Operating Income ("NOI"), Investment Properties – non-GAAP, Payout Ratio to AFFO, Payout Ratio to AFFO with adjustments, Proportionate Share Reconciliation, Recovery Ratio, Same Properties NOI ("SPNOI"), Total Proportionate Share, Transactional FFO, Unencumbered Assets, Unencumbered Assets to Unsecured Debt, and Unsecured to Secured Debt Ratio. These non-GAAP measures are defined in this MD&A and non-GAAP financial measures have been reconciled to the closest IFRS measure in the consolidated financial statements of the Trust for the year ended December 31, 2023 in "Non-GAAP Measures". Readers should refer to "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A for definitions and reconciliations of the Trust's non-GAAP financial measures.

The following are other terms used in this MD&A: Net Asset Value ("NAV"), any related measure per Variable Voting Unit of the Trust (a "Trust Unit") and per unit of the Trust's subsidiary limited partnerships (an "LP Unit") (where management discloses the combination of Trust Units and LP Units, combined units are referred to as a "Unit" or "Units").

These non-GAAP measures and other terms are used by management to measure, compare and explain the operating results and financial performance of the Trust and do not have any standardized meaning prescribed under IFRS and, therefore, should not be construed as alternatives to net income or cash flow from operating activities calculated in accordance with IFRS where applicable. Such terms do not have a standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and may not be comparable to similar measures disclosed by other issuers. For further details of these terms, see "Other Measures of Performance", "Net Operating Income", "Debt", "Financial Covenants", and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.



## Non-GAAP Measures

The following table details the Trust's non-GAAP measures. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable.

Measure	Definition and Intended Use	Reference to Reconciliation and/or Additional Information
<b>Adjusted Debt</b> and <b>Net Debt</b>	<p>Adjusted Debt is defined as Debt, inclusive of the Trust's share of debt in equity accounted investments, net of loans receivable and cash-on-hand. Net Debt is defined as Debt, inclusive of the Trust's share of debt in equity accounted investments, net of cash-on-hand.</p> <p>Adjusted Debt and Net Debt are intended to be used by investors as measures of the level of indebtedness of the Trust and its ability to meet its obligations, as liquid assets are used to reduce outstanding liabilities. Management uses Adjusted Debt and Net Debt to calculate certain covenant ratios, and to assess the Trust's level of indebtedness.</p>	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Debt", "Financial Covenants"
<b>Adjusted Debt to Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<p>Adjusted Debt to Adjusted EBITDA is defined as Adjusted Debt divided by Adjusted EBITDA.</p> <p>The ratio is intended to be used by investors as a measure of the level of the Trust's debt versus the Trust's ability to service that debt. Management uses the ratio to assess the Trust's level of leverage and its capacity to borrow.</p>	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Financial Covenants"
<b>Adjusted Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization Expense ("Adjusted EBITDA")</b>	<p>Adjusted EBITDA is defined as the Trust's total proportionate share of net income and comprehensive income adjusted by income taxes, interest expense net of interest income ("net interest expense"), amortization expense and depreciation expense, as well as adjustments for gains and losses on disposal of investment properties including transactional gains and losses on the sale of investment properties to a joint venture that are expected to be recurring, and the fair value changes associated with investment properties and financial instruments, and excludes extraordinary items such as, but not limited to, yield maintenance on redemption of unsecured debentures and Transactional FFO – gain (loss) on sale of land to co-owners.</p> <p>The measure is intended to be used by investors to help determine the Trust's ability to service its debt, finance capital expenditures and provide for distributions to its unitholders ("Unitholders"). Management uses this measure to assess the Trust's profitability, as it removes the non-cash impact of the fair value changes and gains and losses on investment property dispositions.</p>	Section IV — Business Operations and Performance, "Results of Operations"

## Non-GAAP Measures (Continued)

Measure	Definition and Intended Use	Reference to Reconciliation and/or Additional Information
<p><b>Adjusted Interest Expense including Capitalized Interest</b></p> <p>and</p> <p><b>Debt Service Expense</b></p>	<p>Adjusted Interest Expense including Capitalized Interest is defined as the Trust's total proportionate share of interest expense, less distributions on vested deferred units and Units classified as liabilities and interest income from mortgages and loans receivable, plus capitalized interest. Debt Service Expense is defined as the Trust's total proportionate share of interest expense, less distributions on vested deferred units and Units classified as liabilities and interest income from mortgages and loans receivable, plus capitalized interest and mortgage principal amortization payments.</p> <p>Adjusted Interest Expense including Capitalized Interest and Debt Service Expense are intended to be used by investors as measures of the interest expense on the Trust's debt. Management uses these to calculate certain covenant ratios, and to assess the Trust's ability to service its debt.</p>	<p>Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Financial Covenants"</p>
<p><b>Adjusted Funds From Operations ("AFFO")</b></p> <p>and</p> <p><b>AFFO with adjustments</b></p> <p>and</p> <p><b>AFFO per Unit</b></p> <p>and</p> <p><b>AFFO with adjustments per Unit</b></p>	<p>AFFO is a non-GAAP financial measure of operating performance widely used by the real estate industry in Canada. AFFO is calculated as FFO less straight-line rent, normalized capital expenditures and leasing costs. The Trust calculates AFFO in accordance with the recommendations of the guidance set out in the REALpac White Paper. AFFO with adjustments is calculated as AFFO less non-recurring items such as TRS gain (loss), FFO sourced from condominium and townhome closings, and gain (loss) on sale of land to co-owners.</p> <p>AFFO per Unit and AFFO with adjustments per Unit, are defined as AFFO and AFFO with adjustments divided by weighted average number of Units.</p> <p>Management considers AFFO, AFFO with adjustments, AFFO per Unit, and AFFO with adjustments per Unit as meaningful measures of recurring economic earnings and relevant in understanding the Trust's ability to service its debt, funding capital expenditures and determining an appropriate level of distributions.</p> <p>Management also considers these measures to be useful measures of operating performance as they further adjust FFO for capital expenditures that sustain income producing properties and eliminates the impact of straight-line rent.</p>	<p>Section IV — Business Operations and Performance, "Other Measures of Performance"</p>
<p><b>Aggregate Assets</b></p> <p>and</p> <p><b>Gross Book Value</b></p>	<p>Aggregate Assets is defined as the Trust's total proportionate share of assets, less cash-on-hand. Gross Book Value is defined as the total proportionate share of assets, less cash-on-hand and fair value adjustments on investment properties net of accumulated amortization.</p> <p>Aggregate Assets and Gross Book Value, are intended to be used by investors as measures of the total value of assets managed by the Trust. Management uses Aggregate Assets, and Gross Book Value, to calculate certain covenant ratios, and to assess the Trust's ability to continue to grow.</p>	<p>Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Financial Covenants"</p>



**Non-GAAP Measures (Continued)**

<b>Measure</b>	<b>Definition and Intended Use</b>	<b>Reference to Reconciliation and/or Additional Information</b>
<b>Debt to Aggregate Assets</b> and <b>Debt to Aggregate Assets (excluding TRS debt and receivable)</b>	Debt to Aggregate Assets is defined as Net Debt divided by Aggregate Assets. Debt to Aggregate Assets (excluding TRS debt and receivable) is defined as Net Debt (excluding TRS debt) divided by Aggregate Assets (excluding TRS receivable).  The ratios are intended to be used by investors to assess the leverage of the Trust on a consolidated basis. Management uses the ratios to assess an acceptable level of leverage for the Trust.	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Financial Covenants"
<b>Debt to Gross Book Value</b>	Debt to Gross Book Value is defined as Net Debt divided by Gross Book Value.  The ratio is intended to be used by investors to assess the leverage of the Trust on a consolidated basis, while using the Trust's cost basis for assets. Management uses this ratio to assess an acceptable level of leverage for the Trust.	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Financial Covenants"
<b>Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio</b>	Fixed Charge Coverage Ratio is defined as Adjusted EBITDA divided by Debt Service Expense.  The ratio is intended to be used by investors to assess the Trust's ability to service its fixed charges. Management uses this ratio to manage the Trust's cash flows and fixed obligations.	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Financial Covenants"
<b>Fixed Rate to Variable Rate Debt Ratio</b>	Fixed Rate to Variable Rate Debt Ratio is defined as the percentage of Fixed Rate Debt out of total Debt compared with the percentage of Variable Rate Debt (excluding interest rate swap agreements with fixed interest rates) out of total Debt.  The ratio is intended to be used by investors to assess the Trust's ability to service its debt against the fluctuation of interest rates.	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Debt"
<b>Forecasted Annualized NOI</b>	Forecasted Annualized NOI is defined as management's estimate of NOI for the next fiscal year, based on the current period's NOI.  The measure is intended to be used by investors to project the next year's operating income of the Trust. Management uses this measure as a benchmark of the Trust's future profitability.	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Debt"

**Non-GAAP Measures (Continued)**

Measure	Definition and Intended Use	Reference to Reconciliation and/or Additional Information
<b>Funds From Operations ("FFO")</b>	FFO is a measure of operating performance widely used by the Canadian real estate industry based on the definition set forth by REALpac White Paper.	Section IV — Business Operations and Performance, "Other Measures of Performance"
and <b>FFO with adjustments</b>	It is the Trust's view that IFRS net income does not necessarily provide a complete measure of the Trust's economic earnings. This is primarily because IFRS net income includes items such as fair value changes of investment property that are subject to market conditions and capitalization rate fluctuations and gains and losses on the disposal of investment properties, including associated transaction costs and taxes, which are not representative of a company's economic earnings. For these reasons, the Trust has adopted the REALpac White Paper's definition of FFO, which was created by the real estate industry as a supplemental measure of economic earnings.	
and <b>FFO per Unit</b>		
and <b>FFO with adjustments per Unit</b>	FFO is defined as net income and comprehensive income attributable to Unitholders adjusted for items such as, but not limited to, unrealized changes in the fair value of investment properties and financial instruments and transaction gains and losses on the acquisition or disposal of investment properties. FFO with adjustments is defined as FFO less TRS gain (loss), FFO sourced from condominium and townhome closings, and gain (loss) on sale of land to co-owners.	
	FFO per Unit and FFO with adjustments per Unit, are defined as FFO, and FFO with adjustments, divided by weighted average number of Units.	
	These measures are intended to be used by investors to assess the operating performance of the Trust. Management uses these measures to assess profitability and performance of the Trust.	
<b>Interest Coverage Ratio</b>	Interest Coverage Ratio is defined as Adjusted EBITDA divided by Adjusted Interest Expense including Capitalized Interest.	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Financial Covenants"
	The ratio is intended to be used by investors to measure the Trust's ability to make interest payments on its existing debt. Management uses this ratio to measure an acceptable level of interest expense relative to available earnings.	
<b>Investment Properties – non-GAAP</b>	Investment Properties – non-GAAP is defined as the Trust's total proportionate share of investment properties, inclusive of the Trust's share of investment properties in equity accounted investments.	Section VI — Asset Profile, "Investment Properties"
	The measure is intended to be used by investors to measure the amount of the Trust's entire portfolio.	
<b>Net Operating Income ("NOI")</b>	NOI from continuing operations is defined as: i) rentals from investment properties and other less property operating costs and other, and ii) net profit from condominium sales. In the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, NOI is presented as "net rental income and other".	Section IV — Business Operations and Performance, "Results of Operations"
	The measure is intended to be used by investors to assess the Trust's profitability. Management uses NOI as a meaningful measure of economic performance and profitability from continuing operations, as it excludes changes in fair value of investment properties and financial instruments.	

**Non-GAAP Measures (Continued)**

Measure	Definition and Intended Use	Reference to Reconciliation and/or Additional Information
<b>Payout Ratio to AFFO</b> and <b>Payout Ratio to AFFO with adjustments</b>	<p>Payout Ratio to AFFO and Payout Ratio to AFFO with adjustments, are defined as distributions declared divided by AFFO, and AFFO with adjustments. It is the proportion of earnings paid out as dividends to Unitholders.</p> <p>The measures are intended to be used by investors to assess the distribution rate of the Trust. Management determines the Trust's Unit cash distribution rate by, among other considerations, its assessment of cash flow as determined using certain non-GAAP measures. As such, management believes the cash distributions are not an economic return of capital, but a distribution of sustainable cash flow from operations.</p>	Section IV — Business Operations and Performance, "Other Measures of Performance"
<b>Proportionate Share Reconciliation</b> and	<p>References made to a "total proportionate share" or "the Trust's proportionate share of EAI" represent the Trust's proportionate interest in the financial position and operating activities of its entire portfolio, which reflect the difference in accounting treatment between joint ventures using proportionate consolidation and equity accounting.</p>	Section IV — Business Operations and Performance, "Results of Operations"
<b>Total Proportionate Share</b>	<p>Proportionate Share Reconciliation represents the adjustment to account for the Trust's proportionate share of equity accounted investments.</p> <p>The presentation is intended to be used by investors to assess the Trust's financial position and performance on a consolidated basis because it represents how the Trust and its partners manage the net assets and operating performance for each of the Trust's co-owned properties. The Trust accounts for its investments in both associates and joint ventures using the equity method of accounting.</p>	
<b>Recovery Ratio</b>	<p>The Recovery Ratio is defined as property operating cost recoveries divided by recoverable costs.</p> <p>The measure is intended to be used by investors and management to assess the Trust's ability to manage recoverable operating expenses for its investment properties.</p>	Section IV — Business Operations and Performance, "Results of Operations"



**Non-GAAP Measures (Continued)**

Measure	Definition and Intended Use	Reference to Reconciliation and/or Additional Information
<b>Same Properties NOI ("SPNOI")</b>	<p>To facilitate a more meaningful comparison of NOI between periods, SPNOI amounts are defined as the NOI attributable to those income properties that were owned by the Trust during the current period and the same period in the prior year. Any NOI from properties either acquired, Earnouts, developed or disposed of, outside of the periods mentioned above, are excluded from Same Properties NOI. Certain non-cash items including straight-line rent and amortization of tenant incentives are also excluded to present the SPNOI on a cash basis.</p> <p>Same Properties NOI is intended to be used by investors and management as profitability growth indicators on the Trust's existing investment property portfolio.</p>	Section IV — Business Operations and Performance, "Results of Operations"
<b>Transactional FFO</b>	<p>Transactional FFO represents the net financial/economic gain resulting from a partial sale of an investment property. Transactional FFO is calculated as the difference between the actual selling price and actual costs incurred for the subject investment property.</p> <p>Because the Trust intends to establish numerous joint ventures with partners in which it plans to co-develop mixed-use development initiatives, the Trust expects such gains to be recurring and therefore represent part of the Trust's overall distributable earnings.</p> <p>The measure is intended to be used by investors to assist in assessing the profitability of the Trust. Management uses this measure to calculate FFO with adjustments and Transactional FFO, a profitability measure.</p>	Section IV — Business Operations and Performance, "Other Measures of Performance"
<b>Unencumbered Assets</b>	<p>Unencumbered Assets is defined as the Trust's assets that are free and clear of any encumbrances.</p> <p>The measure is intended to be used by investors and management to assess the Trust's ability to secure additional financing. Management uses this measure to calculate Unencumbered Assets to Unsecured Debt Ratio.</p>	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Debt"
<b>Unencumbered Assets to Unsecured Debt Ratio</b>	<p>Unencumbered Assets to Unsecured Debt Ratio is defined as the Trust's unencumbered assets divided by the Trust's unsecured debt.</p> <p>The ratio is intended to be used by investors to assess the Trust's ability to use investment properties to satisfy unsecured debt obligations. This ratio is a significant financial covenant pursuant to the terms of the Trust's revolving operating facilities and other credit facilities.</p>	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Financial Covenants"
<b>Unsecured to Secured Debt Ratio</b>	<p>Unsecured to Secured Debt Ratio is defined as the Trust's unsecured debt (including on equity accounted investments) divided by the Trust's secured debt (including on equity accounted investments).</p> <p>The ratio is intended to be used by investors to assess the Trust's composition of debt. Management uses this ratio to determine the Trust's ability to borrow additional unsecured debt.</p>	Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources, "Financial Covenants"

## Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements in this MD&A are “forward-looking statements”, including forward-looking information within the meaning of applicable Canadian securities laws, that reflect management’s expectations regarding the Trust’s future growth, results of operations, performance, business prospects and opportunities, including those statements outlined under the headings, “Highlights for the Quarter”, “Key Operational, Development and Financial Information”, “Business Overview”, “Strategic Direction”, “Environmental, Social and Governance”, “Outlook”, “Mixed-Use Development Initiatives”, “Residential Development Inventory”, “Properties Under Development”, “Completed and Future Earnouts and Developments on Existing Properties”, “Results of Operations”, “Other Measures of Performance”, “Leasing Activities and Lease Expiries”, “Investment Properties”, “Equity Accounted Investments”, “Amounts Receivable and Other, and Prepaid Expenses, Deposits and Deferred Financing Costs”, “Mortgages, Loans and Notes Receivable”, “Capital Resources and Liquidity”, “Maintenance Capital Requirements”, “Debt” (which includes “Unencumbered Assets”), and “Risks and Uncertainties”.

More specifically, certain statements contained in this MD&A, including the Trust’s plans, expectations and intentions with respect to the collection of rent from tenants, the operation, maintenance and development of its properties and its expectations with respect to liquidity; the Trust’s future growth potential and the identification of development opportunities; future occupancy levels; plans to extract additional sources of FFO and NAV; expected replacement income to be generated by backfilling existing vacant space over time; the Trust’s maintenance capital requirements, estimated future development plans and joint venture projects, including the described type, scope, costs and other financial metrics related thereto; the Trust’s expectations regarding future potential mixed-use development opportunities, the timing of construction and costs thereof and returns therefrom; the Trust’s ability to pay future distributions to Unitholders and expectations regarding monthly cash distribution levels, view of term mortgage renewals, including rates and refinancing amounts, timing of future payments of obligations, intentions to obtain additional secured and unsecured financing and potential financing sources; the Trust’s potential future pipeline and uncommitted pipeline; Forecasted Annualized NOI; vacancy and leasing assumptions; and statements that contain words such as “could”, “should”, “can”, “anticipate”, “expect”, “believe”, “plan”, “potential”, “propose”, “schedule”, “estimate”, “intend”, “project”, “will”, “may”, “continue”, “forecast”, “outlook”, “direction”, “come” and similar expressions or negative variations thereof and statements relating to matters that are not historical facts, constitute “forward-looking statements”. These forward-looking statements are presented for the purpose of assisting Unitholders to understand the Trust’s operating environment, and may not be appropriate for other purposes. Such forward-looking statements reflect management’s current beliefs and are based on information currently available to management.

However, such forward-looking statements involve significant risks and uncertainties. A number of factors could cause actual results to differ materially from the results discussed in the forward-looking statements. These risks include real property ownership and leasing/tenant risk; liquidity risk; capital requirements and access to capital; environmental and climate change risk; potential conflicts of interest; cyber security; debt financing; interest and financing risk; inflation risk; joint venture risk; development and construction risk; credit risk; litigation and regulatory risks; potential volatility of Unit prices; cash distributions are not guaranteed and will fluctuate with the Trust’s performance; availability of cash flow; significant Unitholder risk; tax-related risks; and public health crises risks. These risks and others are more fully discussed under the heading “Risks and Uncertainties” and elsewhere in this MD&A, as well as under the heading “Risk Factors” in the Trust’s most recent AIF. The Trust has attempted to identify important factors that could cause actual results, performance or achievements to be other than as expected or estimated and that could cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from current expectations. These factors are not intended to represent a complete list of the factors that could affect the Trust. Although the forward-looking statements contained in this MD&A are based on what management believes to be reasonable assumptions, including those discussed under the heading “Outlook” and elsewhere in this MD&A, the Trust cannot assure investors that actual results will be consistent with these forward-looking statements.

Material factors or assumptions that were applied in drawing a conclusion or making an estimate set out in the forward-looking information may include, but are not limited to: a rising interest rate environment; a continuing trend toward land use intensification, including residential development in urban and suburban markets; access to equity and debt capital markets, and to bank and mortgage financing, to fund, at acceptable costs, future capital requirements and to enable the refinancing of debts as they mature on acceptable terms; the availability of investment opportunities for growth in Canada; the timing and ability of the Trust to sell certain properties; the timing and ability of the Trust and its joint venture partners to pre-sell and close on the sale of condominium and townhome units as well as lease available residential rental units; and the valuations to be realized on property sales relative to current IFRS values. Certain statements included in this MD&A may be considered “financial outlook” for purposes of applicable Canadian securities laws and, as such, the financial outlook may not be appropriate for purposes other than this MD&A. The forward-looking statements contained herein are expressly qualified in their entirety by this cautionary statement and readers should not place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements are made as at the date of this MD&A and the Trust assumes no obligation to update or revise them to reflect new events or circumstances unless otherwise required by applicable securities legislation.

All amounts in the MD&A are expressed in millions of Canadian dollars, except where otherwise stated. Per Unit amounts are expressed on a diluted basis, except where otherwise stated. Additional information relating to the Trust, including the AIF, can be found on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval+ (“SEDAR+”) ([www.sedarplus.ca](http://www.sedarplus.ca)).

## Section II — Business Overview, Strategic Direction, ESG and Outlook

### Business Overview

The Trust is an unincorporated open-ended mutual fund trust governed by the laws of the Province of Alberta created under a declaration of trust, dated December 4, 2001, subsequently amended and last restated on December 9, 2020 (“the Declaration of Trust”).

The Trust develops, leases, constructs, owns and manages shopping centres, office buildings, high-rise and low-rise condominiums and rental residences, seniors’ housing, townhome units, self-storage rental facilities, and industrial facilities in Canada.

As of December 31, 2023, the Trust owned 191 properties representing 35.0 million square feet at key intersections across Canada with a 98.5% industry-leading committed occupancy rate and total enterprise value of approximately \$11.6 billion.

### Strategic Direction

The Trust has recognized that it could do more with its large open-format shopping centre portfolio and significant land holdings, and as a result is evolving by diversifying its real estate with recurring revenue from two major sources:

- i) core rental income from retail, office, apartments, industrial and self-storage properties, and
- ii) income from condominium and townhome sales.

As SmartCentres expands its major mixed-use real estate development, it has partnered with experienced industry experts in many real estate categories, including: rental apartments, condominiums, self-storage centres, seniors’ housing and office buildings. This focus on mixed-use development provides the Trust with a foundation for growth of both NAV and FFO with a development pipeline of 269 projects representing 54.0 million square feet, all located in Canada’s major markets.

To enhance the stability and growth of its income, creating entire city centres has become a major new growth avenue for the Trust and, together with Penguin, the Trust has designed and commenced the development of over 100 acres in its flagship Vaughan Metropolitan Centre in Vaughan, Ontario (“SmartVMC”). SmartVMC is a master-planned community that, once completed, is expected to have over 20 million square feet of mixed-use space. The Trust has a 50% interest in the approximately 52 acres comprising the eastern portion of SmartVMC and, in December 2021, the Trust acquired a two-thirds interest from unrelated parties in approximately 53 acres of development lands in the western part of SmartVMC. By virtue of this transaction, the Trust has become the largest landowner in SmartVMC, Vaughan’s rapidly growing downtown.

The Trust maintains sufficient liquidity and manages its balance sheet and capital structure conservatively. The Trust sets goals to maintain leverage within target ranges and staggers its debt maturities with a mix of unsecured and secured debt to provide continued financial flexibility and liquidity. This provides the Trust with the financial strength needed to thrive and continue its growth.

### Environmental, Social and Governance (“ESG”)

ESG considerations have long been part of the Trust’s culture and ethos. The Trust continues to embed ESG considerations into its business strategy to create value, today and well into the future. That strategy underpins the Trust’s decision-making processes across all levels of the business.

The Trust was founded with the economic realities of the average Canadian household in mind: bringing value and convenience-oriented retail to the Canadian market. That market is evolving as Canadians seek a more integrated lifestyle that seamlessly combines work with home life. These changes are at the heart of the SmartLiving transformation plan, one that is driven by ESG opportunities such as diverse housing forms, accessibility to urban amenities, transit connections, and green space.

In 2023, the Trust achieved its ESG targets including:

- Developed a three-year roll-forward ESG plan that aligns with the Trust’s business plan for the coming years;
- Commenced the development of a Task Force on Climate-related Financial Disclosures (“TCFD”) framework alignment strategy as well as greenhouse gas (“GHG”) assessment and management plan;
- Established best practices and processes to collect and analyze utility consumption data to set reduction targets commenced in 2023;
- Investigated and documented analysis of new ESG initiatives, including geothermal, solar power, district energy, and green bond issuance;



- Enhanced governance through improved enterprise resource planning (“ERP”) systems and updated segregation of duties and authority levels; and
- Commenced development of portfolio-wide community and tenant engagement framework.

To date, the Trust has made progress on its key sustainability and ESG initiatives, as follows:

- Completed a materiality assessment to identify and prioritize the ESG factors that have the potential to drive value in its business;
- In alignment with the recommendations of the TCFD, increased oversight and management structures for ESG factors to the Trust’s board of trustees (the “Board of Trustees”);
- Established a Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging Policy;
- Exceeded its diversity target of 30% female independent Trustees with 50% of its current independent Trustees and 37.5% of total Board of Trustees members being female;
- Submitted the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmark (“GRESB”) for the second year and increased its score by 25 points over its previous submission in 2022;
- Integrated Penguin Pick-Up into its centres as a convenient one-stop shop for customers and the neighbouring community, creating transportation efficiencies with positive environmental impacts;
- Installed 227 electric vehicle charging stations across its portfolio;
- Achieved a 43% waste diversion rate; and
- Certified 94% of retail sites as BOMA BEST Silver for excellence in energy and environmental management.

The core values of the Trust have always been to build value-oriented affordable centres in the midst of communities to help people live better lives. The principles of ESG, and sustainability, are aligned with our core values. In addition to being the right thing to do, it creates value for the business. We are thinking about the future of the organization, how we will operate and respond to increased concern for topics like climate change, especially with an eye to the next generation of employees and investors.

In 2023, the Trust submitted its second submission to the GRESB, which is the global benchmark for sustainability for real estate companies. Additionally, the Trust has increased measurement of GHG emissions, set ESG-related reduction targets, and continues to incorporate green lease provisions in its leases. The Trust also implemented a procurement process to evaluate ESG-related metrics for select vendors.

On the social pillar, the Trust continued to create lasting value for the towns and cities in which it operates, as well as for its tenants, neighbours, associates and for its Unitholders. The Trust is focused on community engagement through its developments and expanding the SmartLiving brand. The Trust participated in 20 community events to support local charities and help people within the communities that we live. Through the SmartCentres volunteer program called “Helping People Changing Lives”, 150 Associates across Canada donated 1,200 volunteer hours to local charities. The Trust continues to strengthen its partnerships with tenants, and employees, through engagement surveys and working to create a formal tenant and employee engagement framework. In 2023, the Trust hosted an ESG education session for all Associates to increase awareness and understanding of ESG-related matters that are material to its business.

Lastly, under governance, the Trust successfully upgraded its ERP system to support growth and increase processes productivity and completed an enterprise risk management update to integrate sustainability-related risks and opportunities into its general risk management process. In its efforts to align with the recommendations of the TCFD, the Board of Trustees is responsible for governance and oversight of the ESG strategy, through the ESG Sub-committee of the Audit Committee. The ESG Sub-committee is regularly informed of material ESG-related matters and provides oversight and direction on ESG-related matters. The EVP, Portfolio Management & Investments holds senior executive responsibility for the management and implementation of the Trust’s ESG strategy and is supported by an internal cross-functional ESG Taskforce. The Trust monitors its progress relative to peers through benchmarks including GRESB and by its inclusion in *the Globe and Mail’s* Board Games rankings.

The Trust has published its 2022–2023 ESG report, which can be found on the Trust’s website ([www.smartcentres.com](http://www.smartcentres.com)). The information on the Trust’s website does not form part of this MD&A.

## Outlook

The Trust is focused on delivering stable and growing cash flows and net asset value appreciation, all with a long-term focus. The Trust expects continued stability and strong occupancy across its retail portfolio and growth through its mixed-use initiatives. The Trust expects to continue to fortify its balance sheet and limit new financing initiatives primarily to refinance upcoming maturities and those required to advance the Trust's development initiatives, particularly those where construction is expected to commence in the upcoming year.

Although the Trust cannot predict the impacts of the broader economic environment on its 2024 financial results, the Trust remains confident that its business model, stable tenant base and strong balance sheet will continue to position it for future success. The Trust's retail portfolio continues to act as the anchor to cash flow, 82% of the Trust's debt is fixed, with a staggered ladder of manageable maturities and strong relationships with Canada's lending community that are expected to assure strong levels of liquidity for the future. Several projects, all having financing in place, will continue under construction over the course of 2024. New development initiatives will only commence when market conditions permit and when appropriate financing has been arranged.

The Trust has an unparalleled development pipeline of mixed-use development initiatives, and a significant underutilized landbank, that present exceptional mixed-use intensification potential in major cities across Canada. By focusing on the quality of our portfolio and the build out of our development pipeline, we will continue to generate resilient income and grow FFO to support sustainable distributions and increase net asset value. Continuing to build on the development pipeline, the siteworks at ArtWalk condominium Phase 1 and at a retail project on Laird Avenue in Toronto are well in progress. In addition, a townhome project in Vaughan and an additional six self-storage facilities are each under construction with initial closing expected during 2024.

## Section III — Development Activities

### Mixed-Use Development Initiatives

The following table summarizes the 269 identified mixed-use, recurring rental income and development income initiatives, which are included in the Trust's large development pipeline:

Description	Under construction		Construction available to commence within next 2 years		Active (Construction available to commence within next 3–5 years)		Future (Construction available to commence after 5 years)		Total	
	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q4 2023	Q3 2023
<b>Section A</b>										
<b>Number of projects in which the Trust has an ownership interest</b>										
Residential Rental	1	2	16	16	30	30	71	71	118	119
Seniors' Housing	1	1	1	1	6	6	12	12	20	20
Self-storage	6	4	2	4	10	10	12	12	30	30
Office Buildings / Industrial	1	1	1	1	1	1	5	5	8	8
Hotels	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	3
<b>Subtotal – Recurring rental income initiatives</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>180</b>
Condominium developments	1	3	9	9	28	28	45	45	83	85
Townhome developments	1	1	1	1	2	2	3	3	7	7
<b>Subtotal – Development income initiatives</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>92</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>269</b>	<b>272</b>
<b>Section B</b>										
Planning entitlements (#) <sup>(1)</sup>	11	12	27	29	53	53	85	85	176	179
<b>Section C</b>										
Project area (in thousands of sq. ft.) – at 100% <sup>(2)</sup>										
Recurring rental income initiatives	1,525	1,700	3,550	3,850	7,550	7,550	17,250	17,250	29,875	30,350
Development income initiatives	725	1,525	3,275	3,275	8,500	8,500	11,600	11,600	24,100	24,900
<b>Total project area (in thousands of sq. ft.) – at 100%</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>3,225</b>	<b>6,825</b>	<b>7,125</b>	<b>16,050</b>	<b>16,050</b>	<b>28,850</b>	<b>28,850</b>	<b>53,975</b>	<b>55,250</b>
Trust's share of project area (in thousands of sq. ft.)										
Recurring rental income initiatives	875	950	2,700	2,850	4,800	4,800	12,075	12,075	20,450	20,675
Development income initiatives	375	575	2,975	2,975	5,800	5,800	10,300	10,300	19,450	19,650
<b>Total Trust's share of project area (in thousands of sq. ft.)</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>1,525</b>	<b>5,675</b>	<b>5,825</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>10,600</b>	<b>22,375</b>	<b>22,375</b>	<b>39,900</b>	<b>40,325</b>
<b>Section D</b>										
Total estimated costs (in millions of dollars) – at 100% based on current planning budgets <sup>(2)</sup>										
	850	1,500	4,350	4,425	9,950	9,950	— <sup>(3)</sup>	— <sup>(3)</sup>	15,150	15,875
Trust's share of such estimated costs (in millions of dollars)	450	700	3,550	3,575	6,600	6,600	— <sup>(3)</sup>	— <sup>(3)</sup>	10,600	10,875

(1) Planning entitlements represent those projects whereby the official plan currently permits intended/proposed uses.

(2) Square footage and cost figures provided at 100% pertain to projects for which the Trust has an ownership interest in such projects.

(3) The Trust has not fully determined the costs attributable to future projects expected to commence after five years and as such they are not included in this table.



## Status of Current Development Initiatives

This section contains forward-looking statements related to expected milestones and completion dates of various development initiatives. Completion, milestone or occupancy dates of each of the projects described below may be delayed or adversely impacted. Please refer to the "Forward-Looking Statements" section in this MD&A for more information.

The Trust's development initiatives have resulted in the Trust participating in various construction development projects. This includes construction at: i) SmartVMC; ii) a retail project in Toronto (Laird), Ontario; iii) seniors' apartments and retirement residences in Ottawa, Ontario; iv) self-storage locations throughout Ontario and Quebec; v) a townhome project in Vaughan, Ontario; and vi) an industrial project in Pickering, Ontario. In addition, the Trust is currently working on development initiatives for many other properties that will primarily consist of residential developments located in Ontario and Quebec.

The following table provides additional details on the Trust's 12 development initiatives that are currently under construction or where initial siteworks have begun (in order of estimated initial occupancy/closing date):

Projects under construction (Location/Project Name)	Type	Trust's share	Actual / estimated initial occupancy / closing date	% of capital spend	GFA <sup>(1)</sup> (sq. ft.)	No. of units
<b>Mixed-use Developments</b>						
Pickering (Seaton Lands)	Industrial	100 %	Q2 2023	91 %	229,000	—
Whitby Self-Storage	Self Storage	50 %	Q1 2024	82 %	126,000	810
Markham East / Boxgrove	Self Storage	50 %	Q2 2024	79 %	133,000	910
Vaughan NW	Townhouse	50 %	Q2 2024	39 %	—	174
Stoney Creek Self-Storage	Self Storage	50 %	Q4 2024	36 %	138,000	973
Gilbert Self-Storage	Self Storage	50 %	Q1 2025	46 %	176,000	1,469
Dorval (St-Regis Blvd.) Self-Storage	Self Storage	50 %	Q2 2025	24 %	164,000	1,165
Toronto (Jane St.) Self-Storage	Self Storage	50 %	Q3 2025	31 %	143,000	1,404
Ottawa SW <sup>(2)</sup>	Retirement Residence	50 %	Q2 2026	27 %	376,000	402
Ottawa SW <sup>(2)</sup>	Seniors' Apartments	50 %	Q2 2026	27 %	376,000	402
Vaughan / ArtWalk (40-Storey)	Condo	50 %	Q2 2027	14 %	320,000	373
<b>Retail Development</b>						
Toronto (Laird)	Retail	50 %	Q1 2026	20 %	224,000	—

### In millions of dollars

<b>Total Capital Spend to Date at 100%<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$344.2</b>
<b>Estimated Cost to Complete at 100%</b>	<b>758.0</b>
<b>Total Expected Capital Spend by Completion at 100%<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$1,102.2</b>
<b>Total Capital Spend to Date at Trust's Share<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$196.7</b>
<b>Estimated Cost to Complete at Trust's Share</b>	<b>381.5</b>
<b>Total Expected Capital Spend by Completion at Trust's Share<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$578.2</b>

(1) GFA represents Gross Floor Area.

(2) Figure represents capital spend of both retirement residence and seniors' apartments projects.

(3) Total capital spend to date and total expected capital spend by completion include land value.

## SmartVMC Development Initiatives

In December 2021, the Trust acquired a two-thirds interest in approximately 53 acres in SmartVMC valued at \$513.0 million. Existing permissions on the property include multi-residential, condominium, seniors' housing, office, retail, schools, recreational, entertainment and other uses, although further entitlements or permissions may be required as specific developments are planned. The Trust now has an ownership interest in approximately 105.0 acres in the Vaughan Metropolitan Centre. When completed, SmartVMC is planned to consist of approximately 20.0 million square feet (11.5 million square feet at the Trust's share) of mixed-use development, anchored by public transit infrastructure spending by the various levels of government of over \$3.0 billion, including the VMC subway station. SmartVMC currently includes:

- i) the 360,000 square foot KPMG tower, with 100% of the office space leased;
- ii) the 225,000 square foot PwC-YMCA office and community-use complex, with fully occupied office space and community-use space, including a new world-class YMCA facility and municipal library, both of which opened in 2022;
- iii) the 140,000 square foot Walmart store which opened in 2020;
- iv) the 458-unit rental apartment project, The Millway;
- v) 2.6 million square feet of condo units (Transit City 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5).

The Trust is actively pursuing additional initiatives at SmartVMC, which include:

- i) the development of more than 4.0 million square feet (4,600 units) of residential density on the land at SmartVMC previously occupied by a Walmart store, with zoning and site plan applications submitted in 2020 for approval of Phase 1 of 550,000 square feet. Zoning was approved by the City of Vaughan in September 2021. Pre-sale of the first phase condominium, ArtWalk, was launched in November 2021 and all of the 320 released units have been pre-sold. The remaining units are expected to be released for sale in Q1 2024;
- ii) the development of 1.2 million square feet of mixed-use density – office, retail and residential – on the SmartVMC lands immediately south of the Transit City 4 & 5 towers, with the rezoning and site plan applications submitted in September 2020; and
- iii) Park Place condominium pre-development is underway on the 53-acre SmartVMC West lands strategically acquired in December 2021. Pre-sales for this development have commenced.

The following table summarizes the associated mixed-use initiatives completed, under construction or currently being planned at SmartVMC:

Project	Storeys	Type	Estimated Total Building Area (sq. ft./units)	Expected Completion Year	Trust's Share (%)
KPMG Tower	15	Office	330,000 sq. ft.	Completed	50
KPMG Tower	N/A	Retail	30,000 sq. ft.	Completed	50
PwC-YMCA Complex/Tower	9	Office	225,000 sq. ft. <sup>(1)</sup>	Completed	50
Office Tower #3 – Proposed	TBD <sup>(2)</sup>	Office	500,000 sq. ft.	2028	50
Office Tower #4 – Proposed	TBD <sup>(2)</sup>	Office	500,000 sq. ft.	2029	50
Total Office			1,585,000 sq. ft.		
Transit City 1	55	Condo	551 units	Completed (2020)	25
Transit City 2	55	Condo	559 units	Completed (2020)	25
Transit City 3	55	Condo	631 units	Completed (2021)	25
Transit City 1 & 2 Townhomes	N/A	Townhomes	22 units	Completed (2022)	25
Transit City 4 & 5	45 and 50	Condo	1,026 units	Completed (2023)	25
The Millway	36	Apartments	458 units <sup>(3)</sup>	Completed (2023)	50
ArtWalk	40 and 18	Condo/ Apartments	569 units	2026–2027	50
Park Place	48 and 56	Condo	1,094 units	2027	67
Apple Mill Road and Jane Street	64	Condo	798 units	TBD	50
Total Residential			5,708 units		

(1) Includes 112,000 square feet of YMCA, library and community-use space.

(2) The number of storeys for this project has not been finalized.

(3) 92 of the 458 units attributable to the purpose-built residential rental apartment, The Millway, are located in the podiums of Transit City 4 & 5.

### Residential and Other Mixed-Use Development Initiatives

In addition to the Trust's 12 development initiatives that are currently under construction, the following table shows the mixed-use development initiatives which have been completed during the last two years:

Project	Type	Estimated Total GFA (sq. ft./units)	Year of Construction Completion <sup>(1)</sup>	Trust's Share (%)
Aurora SmartStop (ON)	Self-storage facility	141,000 sq. ft. (960 units)	2022	50
Mascouche N Phase 1 (QC)	Residential rental	238 units	2022	80
Brampton (Kingspoint Plaza) SmartStop (ON)	Self-storage facility	138,000 sq. ft. (1,000 units)	2023	50
Laval Centre (QC)	Residential rental	211 units	2023	50
Vaughan / Transit 4 & 5	Condominium	1,026 units	2023	25
The Millway	Residential rental	458 units	2023	50

(1) Economic stabilization is achieved at 92% to 98% occupancy which varies by asset class and unique project-based factors. Residential rental and seniors' housing projects are generally expected to achieve economic stabilization in 2-3 years after construction completion. Self-storage projects are generally expected to achieve economic stabilization in 4-5 years after construction completion.

In addition, the Trust is currently working on initiatives for the development of many properties for which final municipal approvals have been obtained or are being actively pursued. Completion, milestone or occupancy dates of each of the projects described below may be delayed or adversely impacted. Please refer to the "Forward-Looking Statements" section in this MD&A for more information.

## Residential

- i. the development of a new residential block consisting of three phases totalling 500 units at Laval Centre in Quebec. The application for architecture approval for the first two phases was submitted in Q4 2021 and approved in Q3 2022. The application for the construction permit was made in Q4 2022. Construction permit for Phase 1 (163 units) and Phase 2 (178 units) is ready to be issued;
- ii. the development of a 35-storey high-rise purpose-built residential rental tower containing 442 units, on Balliol Street in midtown Toronto, Ontario, with zoning and site plan applications submitted in September 2020. A second submission of these applications was made in July 2021. A third submission of these applications was made in March 2022. Zoning approval was received in July 2022 and site plan approval is expected in Q1 2024;
- iii. the development of up to 1,600 residential units, in various forms, in Mascouche, Quebec, with the first phase consisting of 238 units in two 10-storey rental towers which opened in July 2022. More than 210 units have been leased and current lease-up activity is ongoing at a favourable pace. Construction of a second phase is expected to commence in 2024;
- iv. the development of up to 5.3 million square feet of predominately residential space, in various forms, at Highway 400 & Highway 7, in Vaughan, Ontario, with a rezoning application submitted in December 2019 and a site plan application for the first four residential buildings totalling 1,742 units submitted in October 2020. Currently working with the City of Vaughan on advancement of Weston & Highway 7 Secondary Plan;
- v. the development of up to 5.5 million square feet of predominately residential space, in various forms, at Oakville North in Oakville, Ontario, with an initial two-tower 587-unit residential phase, with 6,000 square feet of retail, which is now permitted following a decision by the Ontario Land Tribunal in settlement of our May 2023 zoning appeal. Site plan approval is underway;
- vi. the development of up to 1.5 million square feet of residential space in various forms on the Trust's undeveloped lands at the Vaughan NW property in Vaughan, Ontario. The municipal approval on draft plan was received for 174 townhomes to be developed in three phases, of which approximately 83% of the first phase comprising 120 townhomes have been pre-sold, lot servicing has been completed, and new home construction has commenced. Official Plan and Zoning Approval were obtained in June 2022 for five mid-rise buildings, of which site plan approval was obtained for the Phase I development of two mid-rise buildings;
- vii. the development of up to 1.5 million square feet of residential space, in various forms, in Pointe-Claire, Quebec, with the first phase, a two-tower rental project, being actively pursued, but subject to the urban planning revision process by the city of Pointe-Claire;
- viii. the development of up to 200,000 square feet of residential townhomes at Oakville South in Oakville, Ontario;
- ix. the development of four high-rise purpose-built residential rental buildings comprising approximately 1,700 units with Greenwin, in Barrie, Ontario, for which a zoning application was approved by Barrie City Council in January 2021 with the site plan approved for Phase 1 by Barrie City Council in June 2021. An application for a building permit was submitted in July 2021. Environmental Risk Assessment was approved for the entire site in September 2021 and the application of Certificate of Property Use was submitted in February 2022 and approved in September 2022;
- x. the development of residential density at the Trust's shopping centre at 1900 Eglinton Avenue East in Scarborough, Ontario, with Official Plan Approval obtained in August 2022 for 4.65 million square feet of density. Approval was also obtained in August 2022 of a Phase I development to include two residential towers (46 and 48 storeys), permitting 975 residential units comprising up to 806,000 square feet. Site plan application and approvals for Phase 1 are ongoing. In addition, applications for Phase 2, consisting of approximately 1.4 million square feet were submitted in September 2022 and continue to be processed with the City;
- xi. the development of the first phase, a 46-unit rental building, which is part of a multi-phase master plan in Alliston, Ontario, with a rezoning application approved by town council in December 2020, a site plan application approved in July 2022, and the full building permit received in December 2022;
- xii. the Q4 2020 acquisition of an additional 33.33% interest (new ownership structure of 66.66% held by the Trust and 33.33% held by Penguin) in 50 acres of adjacent land to the Trust's Premium Outlets Montreal in Mirabel, Quebec, for the ultimate development of residential density of up to 4,500 units. Site plan applications for the first phase rental building with 168 units expected to be submitted in 2024. Master plan of development for the site is subject to approval;



- xiii. the development of up to 900,000 square feet of predominately residential space on Yonge St. in Aurora, Ontario, with rezoning applications for the entire site and site plan submitted for Phase 1 in July 2021 and resubmitted in April 2022 and an appeal filed to the Ontario Land Tribunal in March 2023. Entire site zoning and Phase 1 site plan approvals are anticipated in Q1 2024;
- xiv. the development of 1.5 million square feet of residential density adjacent to the new South Keys light rail train station at the Trust's Ottawa South Keys Centre, consistent with current zoning permissions. Site plan application for the first phase rental complex with 446 units was submitted and deemed complete in Q4 2021 and work is ongoing on a second submission to respond to agency comments on the application;
- xv. the development of approximately 404,000 square feet of residential space in various forms on the Trust's undeveloped lands situated in Owen Sound, Ontario, with a Phase I application submitted on January 31, 2023, that will permit two four-storey apartment form buildings totalling 156 units, along with 87 traditional townhouses. Phase II is proposed to accommodate three four-storey apartment form buildings totalling 234 units. The entire 404,000 square foot project was approved by Owen Sound City Council on May 29, 2023. Conditional site plan approval was granted on August 24, 2023;
- xvi. the Q4 2020 acquisition of a 50% interest in a property in downtown Markham, Ontario, for the development of a 243,000 square foot retirement residence planned with Revera. The rezoning application was submitted in December 2020, and an appeal was filed in July 2022 for the initial Official Plan Amendment & Zoning Bylaw Amendment submission. In Q1 2023 Revera agreed to sell its interests in the proposed retirement living projects in Markham (which closed in July 2023) and Vaughan NW (which closed in this quarter) that were subject to site-specific joint venture agreements with Revera to SmartCentres. A settlement agreement was entered into with the City of Markham and formally approved by the Ontario Land Tribunal on June 12, 2023. The zoning bylaw now approved by Ontario Land Tribunal permits the development of a residential mixed-use project (apartment or condo) of approximately 260,000 square feet as-of-right. A Site Plan Application is underway with an anticipated submission in Q1 2024;
- xvii. the development of approximately 980,000 square feet of mixed-use density on the Trust's Parkway Plaza Centre in Stoney Creek, Ontario, with a Phase 1 development consisting of two towers (each 20 storeys), totalling approximately 420,000 square feet and 494 residential units. The 980,000 square foot proposal was approved by Hamilton City Council on August 18, 2023. A Site Plan Application is underway with an anticipated submission in early 2024;

#### **Office Buildings / Industrial**

- xviii. during the second quarter of 2022, the Trust completed the purchase of approximately 38 acres of industrial lands in Pickering, adjacent to Hwy 407, on which the Trust received approval and built 228,500 square feet of space for the 16-acre Phase 1 development, of which over half of the space was leased and turned over to the tenant for their head office and warehouse;
- xix. the intensification of the Toronto StudioCentre in Toronto, Ontario (zoning allows for up to 1.2 million square feet);

#### **Seniors' Housing**

- xx. the development of a retirement residential building at the Trust's shopping centre at Bayview and Major Mackenzie in Richmond Hill, Ontario, with a rezoning application for a nine-storey building submitted in Q1 2021 and a site plan application submitted in Q4 2021. The application was appealed to the Ontario Land Tribunal and a hearing on the matter took place July 4–10, 2023. The Tribunal approved the Trust's application. The Trust is working on the Official Plan and Zoning instruments, which will be returned to the Tribunal for formal approval in January 2024 at which time zoning would be in full force and effect;

#### **Self-storage**

- xxi. all of the eight operating self-storage facilities (Toronto (Leaside), Vaughan NW, Brampton (Bramport), Oshawa South, Toronto (Dupont), Scarborough East, Aurora and Brampton (Kingspoint Plaza)) have been very well received by their local communities, with current combined occupancy levels ahead of expectations, at over 91% for facilities which have been operating for more than one year;
- xxii. six self-storage facilities are currently under construction in Whitby, Markham, Stoney Creek, Toronto (Gilbert Ave.), Toronto (Jane St.), and Dorval (St-Regis Blvd.), Quebec. The Trust is in the process of obtaining municipal approvals for three sites outside of Ontario in New Westminster and Burnaby, British Columbia, and in Montreal (Notre Dame St. W), Quebec;

**Mixed-Use**

- xxiii. the development of up to 2.6 million square feet of predominately residential space, in various forms, at the Westside Mall in Toronto, Ontario, with a zoning application for the first 35-storey mixed-use tower submitted in 2021 and work continuing collaboratively with the City. A complete Official Plan application and revised Zoning application were submitted to the City on October 3, 2023. The Official Plan and Zoning Bylaw is anticipated to be presented at City Council in Q1 2024;
- xxiv. the Trust is planning the redevelopment of a portion of its 73-acre Cambridge, Ontario, retail property (subject to a leasehold interest with Penguin) which now allows various forms of residential, retail, office, institutional and commercial uses, providing for the creation of a vibrant urban community with the potential for over 12.0 million square feet of development on the overall property once completed. Work is underway to start the site plan approval process for an initial mid-rise apartment. Discussions with City staff continue with a site plan application submission anticipated in Q1 2024; and
- xxv. the development of up to 5.0 million square feet of predominately residential space, in various forms over the long term, in Pickering, Ontario, with the initial zoning for five towers with a gross floor area of approximately 1,400,000 square feet and site plan application for a three-tower mixed-use phase, approximating 700,000 square feet, approved by the City Council in June 2022.

## Residential Development Inventory

### Vaughan NW Residential Development

Residential development inventory consists of development lands, co-owned with Fieldgate and another partner, located at Vaughan NW, Ontario, for the purpose of developing and selling residential townhome units. The municipally approved draft plan consists of 174 townhomes to be developed in three phases within 31 townhouse blocks. A phased sales program for the Vaughan NW Townhomes was launched in December 2021, with a first phase comprising 120 townhomes situated within 20 townhouse blocks. As of December 31, 2023, approximately 83% of the phase one townhomes have been pre-sold. Construction of phase one is substantially underway with closings expected to begin in the first half of 2024.

The following table summarizes the activity in residential development inventory (at the Trust's share):

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31, 2023	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Balance – beginning of year	\$40,373	\$27,399
Development costs	9,824	11,931
Capitalized interest for the period	1,522	1,043
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$51,719</b>	<b>\$40,373</b>

### SmartVMC Residential Development

Residential development concerning SmartVMC, is recorded under equity accounted investments (investment in associates) in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

During 2023, the Trust has closed all the condominium units at Transit City 4 & 5. The following table summarizes the number of units closed in each quarter during 2023:

	As at and for the Year Ended December 31, 2023		
	Transit City 4	Transit City 5	Total
Units closed in Q1 2023	194	—	194
Units closed in Q2 2023	174	278	452
Units closed in Q3 2023	123	151	274
Units closed in Q4 2023	7	99	106
Total units available, sold, and closed	498	528	1,026
% of units closed	100 %	100 %	100 %

The following table summarizes the net profits and FFO from the closings of Transit City 4 & 5 taking into account the Trust's proportionate share in equity accounted investments (non-GAAP):

(in thousands of dollars, except per Unit information)	Three Months Ended December 31, 2023		Year Ended December 31, 2023	
	Total	Trust's share	Total	Trust's share
Condominium sales revenue	\$52,734	\$13,184	\$543,840	\$135,960
Cost of goods sold	(42,199)	(10,550)	(439,517)	(109,879)
Other	427	107	318	79
NOI before additional partnership profit <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>\$10,962</b>	<b>\$2,741</b>	<b>\$104,641</b>	<b>\$26,160</b>
Additional partnership profit <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	—	549	—	3,187
NOI <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>\$10,962</b>	<b>\$3,290</b>	<b>\$104,641</b>	<b>\$29,347</b>
General and administrative expenses	—	(461)	—	(3,817)
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>\$10,962</b>	<b>\$2,829</b>	<b>\$104,641</b>	<b>\$25,530</b>
Adjustment for previously capitalized interest associated with Transit City closing	N/A	(172)	N/A	(1,520)
<b>FFO<sup>(1)</sup></b>		<b>\$2,657</b>		<b>\$24,010</b>
Per Unit – basic/diluted <sup>(3)</sup> :				
<b>FFO<sup>(1)</sup></b>		<b>\$0.01 / \$0.01</b>		<b>\$0.13 / \$0.13</b>

(1) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

(2) Additional profit allocated to the Trust for Transit City closing pursuant to the development agreement and limited partnership agreement.

(3) Diluted FFO is adjusted for the dilutive effect of vested deferred units, which are not dilutive for net income purposes. To calculate diluted FFO for the year ended December 31, 2023, 1,845,842 vested deferred units are added back to the weighted average Units outstanding.

## Properties Under Development

As at December 31, 2023, the fair value of properties under development, including properties under development recorded in equity accounted investments, totalled \$2.3 billion, resulting in a net decrease of \$68.5 million as compared to December 31, 2022, as presented in the following table. The net decrease was primarily due to transfers of completed developments to income properties and the sale of land parcels located in Vaughan, Ontario ("VMC"), partially offset by capital expenditures and fair value adjustments (gains) during the year ended December 31, 2023. See "Investment Properties" in this MD&A for further discussion.

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	Variance
Developments	\$1,758,774	\$1,698,652	\$60,122
Earnouts subject to option agreements <sup>(1)</sup>	61,687	54,847	6,840
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,820,461</b>	<b>\$1,753,499</b>	<b>\$66,962</b>
Equity accounted investments	448,446	583,898	(135,452)
<b>Total including equity accounted investments<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$2,268,907</b>	<b>\$2,337,397</b>	<b>\$(68,490)</b>
Less: Properties under development classified as held for sale	—	(58,371)	58,371
<b>Total including equity accounted investments (excluding properties classified as held for sale)<sup>(2)</sup></b>	<b>\$2,268,907</b>	<b>\$2,279,026</b>	<b>\$(10,119)</b>

(1) Earnout development costs during the development period are paid by the Trust and funded through interest-bearing secured debt provided by the vendors to the Trust. On completion of the development and the commencement of lease payments by a tenant, the Earnouts will be acquired from the vendors based on predetermined or formula-based capitalization rates ranging from 6.00% to 7.40%, net of land and development costs incurred. Penguin has contractual options to acquire Trust Units and LP Units on completion of Earnouts as shown in Note 13(b) of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. Effective December 9, 2020, pursuant to the Omnibus Agreement (defined below) between the Trust and Penguin (see also "Related Party Transactions"), Penguin has the option to extend all Earnouts by two years from the previous expiry date, and the Trust has been given a right of first offer in connection with the sale of the economic and financial benefits and rights of any such development parcel during any extended period. For further details, see the Trust's management information circular dated November 6, 2020, filed on SEDAR+.

(2) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

### Future Retail Developments, Earnouts and Mezzanine Financing

Total future Retail Developments, Earnouts and Mezzanine Financing could increase the existing Trust portfolio by an additional 2.1 million square feet. With respect to the future pipeline, commitments have been negotiated on 0.3 million square feet. The Trust continues to revise its estimates and adjust its plans towards mixed-use developments.

The following table summarizes the expected potential future retail pipeline in properties under development as at December 31, 2023:

(in thousands of square feet)	Committed	Years 0–2	Years 3–5	Beyond Year 5	Total <sup>(1)</sup>
Developments	248	492	672	65	1,477
Earnouts	25	13	127	—	165
	273	505	799	65	1,642
Mezzanine Financing	—	—	—	488	488
	273	505	799	553	2,130

(1) The estimated timing of development is based on management's best estimates and can be adjusted based on changes in business conditions.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the future retail properties under development pipeline decreased by 41,000 square feet to a total of 1.6 million square feet. The change is summarized in the following table:

(in thousands of square feet)	Total Area
Future retail properties under development pipeline – January 1, 2023	1,683
Add:	
Transferred from investment properties to properties under development	27
Net adjustment to project densities	(402)
Less:	
Completion of Earnouts and Developments	334
Net change	(41)
Future retail properties under development pipeline – December 31, 2023	1,642



### Uncommitted Retail Pipeline

The following table summarizes the estimated future investment by the Trust in retail properties under development. It is expected the future development costs will be spent over the next five years and beyond:

(in thousands of dollars)	Years 0–2	Years 3–5	Beyond Year 5	Total Estimated Costs	Costs Incurred	Future Development Costs
Developments	\$148,831	\$278,413	\$30,957	\$458,201	\$142,764	\$315,437
Earnouts	3,455	40,152	—	43,607	4,027	39,580
	<b>\$152,286</b>	<b>\$318,565</b>	<b>\$30,957</b>	<b>\$501,808</b>	<b>\$146,791</b>	<b>\$355,017</b>

Approximately 8.2% of the retail properties under development, representing a proportion of gross investment cost (committed and uncommitted) relating to Earnouts (\$53.1 million, divided by total estimated costs of \$648.0 million), representing 165,000 square feet are lands that are under contract by vendors to develop and lease for additional proceeds when developed. In certain events, the developer may sell the portion of undeveloped land to accommodate the construction plan that provides the best use of the property. It is management's intention to finance the costs of construction through interim financing or operating facilities and, once rental revenue is stabilized, long-term financing will be arranged. With respect to the remaining gross leasable area, it is expected that 1.5 million square feet of future space will be developed as the Trust leases space and finances the related construction costs.

### Completed and Future Earnouts and Developments on Existing Properties

For the three months ended December 31, 2023, \$307.0 million of developments (including developments relating to equity accounted investments) were completed and transferred to income properties, as compared to \$87.5 million in the same period in 2022.

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2023		Three Months Ended December 31, 2022	
	Area (sq. ft.)	Investment (\$ millions)	Area (sq. ft.)	Investment (\$ millions)
Earnouts	—	\$—	26,450	\$1.1
Retail Developments	—	—	7,439	4.0
Redevelopment – transfers from properties under development to income properties	11,452	2.5	47,189	1.1
Self-storage facilities – equity accounted investments	—	—	140,268	24.9
Developments – equity accounted investments	604,102	304.5	165,348	56.4
	<b>615,554</b>	<b>\$307.0</b>	<b>386,694</b>	<b>\$87.5</b>

For the year ended December 31, 2023, \$467.9 million of Earnouts and developments (including developments relating to equity accounted investments) were completed and transferred to income properties, as compared to \$131.6 million in the same period in 2022.

	Year Ended December 31, 2023		Year Ended December 31, 2022	
	Area (sq. ft.)	Investment (\$ millions)	Area (sq. ft.)	Investment (\$ millions)
Earnouts <sup>(1)</sup>	12,610	\$5.8	32,341	\$2.7
Retail Developments	—	—	11,278	8.3
Redevelopment – transfers from properties under development to income properties	321,531	76.2	161,869	39.3
Self-storage facilities – equity accounted investments	98,956	23.8	140,268	24.9
Developments – equity accounted investments	769,076	362.1	165,348	56.4
	<b>1,202,173</b>	<b>\$467.9</b>	<b>511,104</b>	<b>\$131.6</b>

(1) The Earnouts for the year ended December 31, 2023 excluded one land parcel sale totalling \$2.4 million of investment and the area for this parcel sale is not reflected in the table above (for the year ended December 31, 2022: one land parcel sale totalling \$5.6 million of investment was excluded).

The following table summarizes future retail developments, Earnouts and Mezzanine Financing as at December 31, 2023:

(in thousands of dollars)	Area (sq. ft.)	Total Area	Income	Gross Commitment	Invested To Date	Net Commitment	Yield / Cap Rate
<b>Developments</b>							
<b>Committed Developments</b>							
2024	133,781	8.2 %	\$3,357	\$56,684 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$35,917 <sup>(2)</sup>	\$20,767	5.9 % <sup>(3)</sup>
2025 and beyond	114,053	7.0 %	4,368	80,066 <sup>(2)</sup>	14,369 <sup>(2)</sup>	65,697	5.5 % <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Total Committed Developments</b>	<b>247,834</b>	<b>15.2 %</b>	<b>\$7,725</b>	<b>\$136,750</b>	<b>\$50,286</b>	<b>\$86,464</b>	<b>5.6 %</b>
<b>Uncommitted Developments</b>							
2024	116,655	7.1 %	1,614	32,640 <sup>(2)</sup>	30,488 <sup>(2)</sup>	2,152	4.9 % <sup>(3)</sup>
2025 and beyond	1,112,835	67.7 %	24,547	425,560 <sup>(2)</sup>	112,276 <sup>(2)</sup>	313,284	5.8 % <sup>(3)</sup>
<b>Total Uncommitted Developments</b>	<b>1,229,490</b>	<b>74.8 %</b>	<b>\$26,161</b>	<b>\$458,200</b>	<b>\$142,764</b>	<b>\$315,436</b>	<b>5.7 %</b>
<b>Total Developments</b>	<b>1,477,324</b>	<b>90.0 %</b>	<b>\$33,886</b>	<b>\$594,950</b>	<b>\$193,050</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>\$401,900</b>	<b>5.7 %</b>
<b>Earnouts</b>							
<b>Committed Earnouts</b>							
2024	6,782	0.4 %	221	3,586	1,180	2,406	6.2 %
2025 and beyond	18,000	1.1 %	390	5,860	129	5,731	6.7 %
<b>Total Committed Earnouts</b>	<b>24,782</b>	<b>1.5 %</b>	<b>\$611</b>	<b>\$9,446</b>	<b>\$1,309</b>	<b>\$8,137</b>	<b>6.5 %</b>
<b>Uncommitted Earnouts</b>							
2024	—	— %	—	—	—	—	— %
2025 and beyond	139,720	8.5 %	3,029	43,607	4,027	39,580	6.9 %
<b>Total Uncommitted Earnouts</b>	<b>139,720</b>	<b>8.5 %</b>	<b>\$3,029</b>	<b>\$43,607</b>	<b>\$4,027</b>	<b>\$39,580</b>	<b>6.9 %</b>
<b>Total Earnouts</b>	<b>164,502</b>	<b>10.0 %</b>	<b>\$3,640</b>	<b>\$53,053</b>	<b>\$5,336</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>\$47,717</b>	<b>6.9 %</b>
<b>Total Before Non-cash Development Cost</b>	<b>1,641,826</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>\$37,526</b>	<b>\$648,003</b>	<b>\$198,386</b>	<b>\$449,617</b>	<b>5.8 %</b>
Non-cash development cost <sup>(4)</sup>					84,009 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Land / Intensification projects					1,538,066 <sup>(1)</sup>		
Equity accounted investments					448,446 <sup>(1)</sup>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,641,826</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>\$37,526</b>	<b>\$648,003</b>	<b>\$2,268,907</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>\$449,617</b>	<b>5.8 %</b>
Options through Mezzanine Financing	<b>488,440</b>						
<b>Total Potential Pipeline</b>	<b>2,130,266</b>						

(1) Under "Completed and Future Earnouts and Developments on Existing Properties" in this MD&A, Earnouts of \$61.7 million, developments of \$1,758.8 million and equity accounted investments of \$448.4 million comprise the total amount of \$2,268.9 million. The amounts in the table above have been adjusted for Earnouts that are expected to be completed after the expiry of the Earnout options being reclassified as developments.

(2) Includes fair value adjustment for land.

(3) On a cost basis, the yield would be 5.6%, 5.3%, 4.2%, and 5.0%, respectively.

(4) Represents net liability currently recorded.

## Section IV — Business Operations and Performance

### Results of Operations

Below is a summary of selected financial information concerning the Trust's operations for the year ended December 31, 2023. This information should be read in conjunction with the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

### Proportionately Consolidated Statements of Income and Comprehensive Income (including the Trust's Interests in Equity Accounted Investments)

The following tables present the proportionately consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income, which include a reconciliation of the Trust's proportionate share of equity accounted investments:

#### Quarterly Comparison to Prior Year

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended December 31, 2023			Three Months Ended December 31, 2022			Variance of Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>
	GAAP Basis	Proportionate Share Reconciliation	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>	GAAP Basis	Proportionate Share Reconciliation	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>Net rental income and other</b>							
Rentals from investment properties and other	\$211,021	\$10,439	\$221,460	\$206,223	\$8,441	\$214,664	\$6,796
Property operating costs and other	(82,073)	(5,681)	(87,754)	(77,062)	(3,779)	(80,841)	(6,913)
	<b>\$128,948</b>	<b>\$4,758</b>	<b>\$133,706</b>	<b>\$129,161</b>	<b>\$4,662</b>	<b>\$133,823</b>	<b>\$(117)</b>
Residential sales revenue and other <sup>(2)</sup>	—	13,789	13,789	—	—	—	13,789
Residential cost of sales and other	(497)	(10,649)	(11,146)	(10)	(181)	(191)	(10,955)
	<b>\$(497)</b>	<b>\$3,140</b>	<b>\$2,643</b>	<b>\$(10)</b>	<b>\$(181)</b>	<b>\$(191)</b>	<b>\$2,834</b>
NOI	<b>\$128,451</b>	<b>\$7,898</b>	<b>\$136,349</b>	<b>\$129,151</b>	<b>\$4,481</b>	<b>\$133,632</b>	<b>\$2,717</b>
<b>Other income and expenses</b>							
General and administrative expense, net	(10,542)	—	(10,542)	(7,790)	—	(7,790)	(2,752)
Losses from equity accounted investments	(10,107)	10,107	—	(113)	113	—	—
Fair value adjustment on investment properties	(14,887)	(12,953)	(27,840)	13,377	(1,418)	11,959	(39,799)
Gain on sale of investment properties	67	—	67	531	—	531	(464)
Interest expense	(41,886)	(4,560)	(46,446)	(40,342)	(3,846)	(44,188)	(2,258)
Interest income	4,379	743	5,122	5,496	1,408	6,904	(1,782)
Supplemental costs	—	(1,235)	(1,235)	—	(738)	(738)	(497)
Fair value adjustment on financial instruments	(41,310)	—	(41,310)	—	—	—	(41,310)
<b>Net income and comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$14,165</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$14,165</b>	<b>\$100,310</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$100,310</b>	<b>\$(86,145)</b>

(1) This column contains non-GAAP measures because it includes figures that are recorded in equity accounted investments. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

(2) Includes additional partnership profit and other revenues.

For the three months ended December 31, 2023, net income and comprehensive income decreased by \$86.1 million as compared to the same period in 2022. This decrease was primarily attributable to the following:

- \$41.3 million fair value loss on financial instruments compared to the same period in 2022, primarily due to mark to market adjustments for interest rate swap agreements;
- \$39.8 million fair value loss on investment properties, mainly relating to changes in valuation parameters compared to the same period in 2022;
- \$4.0 million increase in net interest expense primarily due to higher interest rates (see "Interest Income and Interest Expense" section in this MD&A for further discussion); and
- \$2.8 million increase in general and administrative expense mainly due to the increase in salaries and benefits expenses;

Partially offset by the following:

- \$2.7 million increase in NOI primarily due to condo closings at Transit City 4 & 5 (see "Net Operating Income" subsection in this MD&A for further discussion).

## Year-to-Date Comparison to Prior Year

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31, 2023			Year Ended December 31, 2022			Variance of Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>
	GAAP Basis	Proportionate Share Reconciliation	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>	GAAP Basis	Proportionate Share Reconciliation	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>	
<b>Net rental income and other</b>							
Rentals from investment properties and other	\$834,581	\$36,544	\$871,125	\$804,598	\$28,643	\$833,241	\$37,884
Property operating costs and other	(317,147)	(18,361)	(335,508)	(301,559)	(13,467)	(315,026)	(20,482)
	\$517,434	\$18,183	\$535,617	\$503,039	\$15,176	\$518,215	\$17,402
Residential sales revenue and other <sup>(2)</sup>	—	139,190	139,190	—	4,524	4,524	134,666
Residential cost of sales and other	(3,873)	(110,178)	(114,051)	(435)	(3,784)	(4,219)	(109,832)
	\$(3,873)	\$29,012	\$25,139	\$(435)	\$740	\$305	\$24,834
NOI	\$513,561	\$47,195	\$560,756	\$502,604	\$15,916	\$518,520	\$42,236
<b>Other income and expenses</b>							
General and administrative expense, net	(36,370)	(260)	(36,630)	(33,269)	(107)	(33,376)	(3,254)
Earnings from equity accounted investments	75,170	(75,170)	—	4,199	(4,199)	—	—
Fair value adjustment on investment properties	91,448	45,896	137,344	201,834	624	202,458	(65,114)
Gain (loss) on sale of investment properties	44	—	44	315	(241)	74	(30)
Interest expense	(163,741)	(14,191)	(177,932)	(148,702)	(7,798)	(156,500)	(21,432)
Interest income	19,647	2,239	21,886	18,036	453	18,489	3,397
Supplemental costs	—	(5,709)	(5,709)	—	(4,648)	(4,648)	(1,061)
Fair value adjustment on financial instruments	10,344	—	10,344	91,246	—	91,246	(80,902)
Acquisition-related costs	—	—	—	(298)	—	(298)	298
<b>Net income and comprehensive income</b>	<b>\$510,103</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$510,103</b>	<b>\$635,965</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$635,965</b>	<b>\$(125,862)</b>

(1) This column contains non-GAAP measures because it includes figures that are recorded in equity accounted investments. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

(2) Includes additional partnership profit and other revenues.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, net income and comprehensive income decreased by \$125.9 million as compared to the same period in 2022. This decrease was primarily attributed to the following:

- \$80.9 million decrease in the fair value adjustment on financial instruments primarily due to \$52.0 million decrease in fair value adjustments of interest rate swaps (see further details in the "Debt" subsection of this MD&A), \$27.8 million and \$5.8 million lower fair value gains on Units classified as liabilities and Unit based compensation, respectively, due to fluctuation in the Trust's Unit price, partially offset by \$4.7 million lower fair value loss on the TRS;
- \$65.1 million decrease in the fair value gain on investment properties, primarily as a result of changes in valuation parameters, partially offset by leasing activities during the year ended December 31, 2023;
- \$21.4 million increase in interest expense primarily due to higher interest rates (see "Interest Income and Interest Expense" section in this MD&A for further discussion); and
- \$3.3 million increase in general and administrative expense mainly due to the increase in salaries and benefits expenses;

Partially offset by the following:

- \$42.2 million increase in NOI primarily due to higher lease-up and rental renewal rates, and condo closings at Transit City 4 & 5 (see "Net Operating Income" subsection in this MD&A for further discussion); and
- \$3.4 million increase in interest income mainly due to higher interest rates.



## Net Operating Income

The following tables summarize NOI, related ratios and recovery ratios, provide additional information, and reflect the Trust's proportionate share of equity accounted investments, the sum of which represent a non-GAAP measure:

### Quarterly Comparison to Prior Year

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended December 31, 2023			Three Months Ended December 31, 2022			Variance <sup>(1)</sup>
	Trust portion excluding EAI	Equity Accounted Investments	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>	Trust portion excluding EAI	Equity Accounted Investments	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>	
Net base rent	\$133,183	\$7,259	\$140,442	\$127,941	\$5,260	\$133,201	\$7,241
Property tax and insurance recoveries	42,824	707	43,531	42,833	807	43,640	(109)
Property operating cost recoveries	24,065	1,255	25,320	25,552	1,574	27,126	(1,806)
Miscellaneous revenue	5,654	1,569	7,223	4,979	1,171	6,150	1,073
Rentals from investment properties	\$205,726	\$10,790	\$216,516	\$201,305	\$8,812	\$210,117	\$6,399
Service and other revenues	4,944	—	4,944	4,547	—	4,547	397
Earnings from other	351	(351)	—	371	(371)	—	—
Rentals from investment properties and other <sup>(2)</sup>	\$211,021	\$10,439	\$221,460	\$206,223	\$8,441	\$214,664	\$6,796
Recoverable tax and insurance costs	(43,609)	(735)	(44,344)	(43,818)	(755)	(44,573)	229
Recoverable CAM costs	(29,533)	(1,149)	(30,682)	(28,662)	(1,311)	(29,973)	(709)
Property management fees and costs	(1,324)	(406)	(1,730)	(1,090)	(314)	(1,404)	(326)
Non-recoverable operating costs	(1,651)	(3,202)	(4,853)	266	(1,317)	(1,051)	(3,802)
ECL	(1,011)	(189)	(1,200)	792	(82)	710	(1,910)
Property operating costs	\$(77,128)	\$(5,681)	\$(82,809)	\$(72,512)	\$(3,779)	\$(76,291)	\$(6,518)
Other expenses	(4,945)	—	(4,945)	(4,550)	—	(4,550)	(395)
Property operating costs and other <sup>(2)</sup>	\$(82,073)	\$(5,681)	\$(87,754)	\$(77,062)	\$(3,779)	\$(80,841)	\$(6,913)
Net rental income and other	\$128,948	\$4,758	\$133,706	\$129,161	\$4,662	\$133,823	\$(117)
Residential sales closings revenue	—	13,789	13,789	—	—	—	13,789
Residential cost of sales and marketing costs	(497)	(10,649)	(11,146)	(10)	(181)	(191)	(10,955)
Net profit on condominium sales	\$(497)	\$3,140	\$2,643	\$(10)	\$(181)	\$(191)	\$2,834
<b>NOI<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$128,451</b>	<b>\$7,898</b>	<b>\$136,349</b>	<b>\$129,151</b>	<b>\$4,481</b>	<b>\$133,632</b>	<b>\$2,717</b>
Net rental income and other as a percentage of net base rent	96.8 %	65.5 %	95.2 %	101.0 %	88.6 %	100.5 %	(5.3)%
Net rental income and other as a percentage of rentals from investment properties	62.7 %	44.1 %	61.8 %	64.2 %	52.9 %	63.7 %	(1.9)%
Net rental income and other as a percentage of rentals from investment properties and other	61.1 %	45.6 %	60.4 %	62.6 %	55.2 %	62.3 %	(1.9)%
Recovery Ratio (including prior year adjustments)	91.5 %	104.1 %	91.8 %	94.4 %	115.2 %	94.9 %	(3.1)%
Recovery Ratio (excluding prior year adjustments)	91.1 %	114.1 %	91.2 %	91.5 %	132.8 %	92.7 %	(1.5)%

(1) This column contains non-GAAP measures because it includes figures that are recorded in equity accounted investments. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

(2) As reflected under the column "Trust portion excluding EAI" in the table above, this amount represents a GAAP measure.

(3) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

NOI for the three months ended December 31, 2023 increased by \$2.7 million or 2.0% as compared to the same period in 2022. This increase was primarily attributable to the following:

- \$5.2 million net increase in base rent primarily due to lease-up activity and rental renewals with higher rates;
- \$2.8 million increase in profit on condo closing; and
- \$2.0 million increase in base rent from self-storage facilities and apartment rentals;

Partially offset by the following:

- \$3.8 million increase in non-recoverable expenses, of which \$1.9 million relates to newly developed apartment rentals and self-storage facilities;
- \$2.4 million increase in net CAM recovery shortfall primarily from higher operating expenses compared to the same period in 2022; and
- \$1.9 million increase in ECL mainly due to a reversal in the same period in 2022.

## Year-to-Date Comparison to Prior Year

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31, 2023			Year Ended December 31, 2022			Variance of Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>
	Trust portion excluding EAI	Equity Accounted Investments	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>	Trust portion excluding EAI	Equity Accounted Investments	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(1)</sup>	
Net base rent	\$523,511	\$24,674	\$548,185	\$508,023	\$18,378	\$526,401	\$21,784
Property tax and insurance recoveries	174,617	2,977	177,594	171,874	3,029	174,903	2,691
Property operating cost recoveries	100,078	4,890	104,968	93,407	4,681	98,088	6,880
Miscellaneous revenue	18,744	5,256	24,000	15,393	3,804	19,197	4,803
Rentals from investment properties	\$816,950	\$37,797	\$854,747	\$788,697	\$29,892	\$818,589	\$36,158
Service and other revenues	16,378	—	16,378	14,652	—	14,652	1,726
Earnings from other	1,253	(1,253)	—	1,249	(1,249)	—	—
Rentals from investment properties and other <sup>(2)</sup>	\$834,581	\$36,544	\$871,125	\$804,598	\$28,643	\$833,241	\$37,884
Recoverable tax and insurance costs	(178,423)	(3,099)	(181,522)	(176,876)	(3,042)	(179,918)	(1,604)
Recoverable CAM costs	(109,801)	(4,766)	(114,567)	(102,721)	(4,535)	(107,256)	(7,311)
Property management fees and costs	(4,783)	(1,368)	(6,151)	(4,288)	(1,004)	(5,292)	(859)
Non-recoverable operating costs	(6,428)	(8,684)	(15,112)	(6,465)	(4,695)	(11,160)	(3,952)
ECL	(1,332)	(444)	(1,776)	3,448	(191)	3,257	(5,033)
Property operating costs	\$(300,767)	\$(18,361)	\$(319,128)	\$(286,902)	\$(13,467)	\$(300,369)	\$(18,759)
Other expenses	(16,380)	—	(16,380)	(14,657)	—	(14,657)	(1,723)
Property operating costs and other <sup>(2)</sup>	\$(317,147)	\$(18,361)	\$(335,508)	\$(301,559)	\$(13,467)	\$(315,026)	\$(20,482)
Net rental income and other	\$517,434	\$18,183	\$535,617	\$503,039	\$15,176	\$518,215	\$17,402
Residential sales closings revenue	—	139,190	139,190	—	4,524	4,524	134,666
Residential cost of sales and marketing costs	(3,873)	(110,178)	(114,051)	(435)	(3,784)	(4,219)	(109,832)
Net profit on condo and townhome closings	\$(3,873)	\$29,012	\$25,139	\$(435)	\$740	\$305	\$24,834
<b>NOI<sup>(3)</sup></b>	<b>\$513,561</b>	<b>\$47,195</b>	<b>\$560,756</b>	<b>\$502,604</b>	<b>\$15,916</b>	<b>\$518,520</b>	<b>\$42,236</b>
Net rental income and other as a percentage of net base rent	98.8 %	73.7 %	97.7 %	99.0 %	82.6 %	98.4 %	(0.7)%
Net rental income and other as a percentage of rentals from investment properties	63.3 %	48.1 %	62.7 %	63.8 %	50.8 %	63.3 %	(0.6)%
Net rental income and other as a percentage of rentals from investment properties and other	62.0 %	49.8 %	61.5 %	62.5 %	53.0 %	62.2 %	(0.7)%
Recovery Ratio (including prior year adjustments)	95.3 %	100.0 %	95.4 %	94.9 %	101.8 %	95.1 %	0.3 %
Recovery Ratio (excluding prior year adjustments)	95.1 %	94.9 %	95.1 %	94.2 %	100.9 %	94.4 %	0.7 %

(1) This column contains non-GAAP measures because it includes figures that are recorded in equity accounted investments. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

(2) As reflected under the column "Trust portion excluding EAI" in the table above, this amount represents a GAAP measure.

(3) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

NOI for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased by \$42.2 million or 8.1% as compared to the same period in 2022. This increase was primarily attributed to the following:

- \$24.8 million increase in profits from condo closings;
- \$21.8 million net increase in base rent, of which \$15.3 million relates to lease-up activity and rental renewals with higher rates for retail properties, \$2.2 million relates to self-storage facilities and \$4.3 million relates to apartment rentals; and
- \$4.8 million increase in miscellaneous revenue mainly due to higher short-term rentals, percentage rent, and parking revenue;

Partially offset by the following:

- \$4.0 million increase in non-recoverable expenses mainly related to newly developed apartment rentals and self-storage facilities; and
- \$5.0 million increase in ECL mainly due to a reversal in the same period in 2022.

**Same Properties NOI**

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended		Year Ended	
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Net rental income	\$128,452	\$129,154	\$513,563	\$502,609
Service and other revenues	4,944	4,547	16,378	14,652
Other expenses	(4,945)	(4,550)	(16,380)	(14,657)
Net rental income and other	\$128,451	\$129,151	\$513,561	\$502,604
NOI from equity accounted investments <sup>(1)</sup>	7,898	4,481	47,195	15,916
Total portfolio NOI before adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$136,349	\$133,632	\$560,756	\$518,520
Adjustments:				
Lease termination	(984)	(82)	(1,675)	(214)
Net profit on condo and townhome closings	(2,643)	191	(25,139)	(305)
Non-recurring items and other adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>	4,112	(567)	7,906	5,820
Total portfolio NOI after adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$136,834	\$133,174	\$541,848	\$523,821
NOI sourced from:				
Acquisitions	(363)	—	(8,014)	(5,468)
Dispositions	1	3	2	(9)
Earnouts and Developments	(1,427)	(413)	(5,139)	(1,266)
<b>Same Properties NOI<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$135,045</b>	<b>\$132,764</b>	<b>\$528,697</b>	<b>\$517,078</b>

(1) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

(2) Includes non-recurring items such as one-time adjustments relating to vaccination centre costs, royalties, straight-line rent and amortization of tenant incentives.

The Same Properties NOI for the three months ended December 31, 2023 increased by \$2.3 million or 1.7% as compared to the same period in 2022, which was primarily due to the following:

- \$3.6 million increase attributable to lease-up activity and rental renewals with higher rates on existing leases;

partially offset by the following:

- \$1.5 million increase in ECL mainly due to reversal of ECL in 2022.

The Same Properties NOI for the year ended December 31, 2023 increased by \$11.6 million or 2.2% as compared to the same period in 2022, which was primarily due to the following:

- \$13.7 million increase attributable to lease-up activity and rental renewals with higher rates on existing leases;

Partially offset by the following:

- \$2.4 million increase in ECL mainly due to reversal of ECL in 2022.

**Adjusted EBITDA**

The following table presents a reconciliation of net income and comprehensive income to Adjusted EBITDA:

(in thousands of dollars)	12 Months Ended	12 Months Ended	Variance
	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	
Net income and comprehensive income	\$510,103	\$635,965	\$(125,862)
Add (deduct) the following items:			
Net interest expense	157,990	138,464	19,526
Amortization of equipment, intangible assets and tenant improvements	11,619	11,078	541
Fair value adjustments on investment properties and financial instruments	(147,688)	(293,704)	146,016
Fair value adjustment on TRS	(205)	(4,918)	4,713
Adjustment for supplemental costs	5,709	4,648	1,061
Gain on sale of investment properties	(44)	(74)	30
Acquisition-related costs	—	298	(298)
<b>Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$537,484</b>	<b>\$491,757</b>	<b>\$45,727</b>

(1) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

## Other Measures of Performance

The following measures of performance are sometimes used by Canadian REITs and other reporting entities as indicators of financial performance. Because these measures are not standardized as prescribed by IFRS, they may not be comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting entities. Management uses these measures to analyze operating performance. Because one of the factors that may be considered relevant by prospective investors is the cash distributed by the Trust relative to the price of the Units, management believes these measures are useful supplemental measures that may assist prospective investors in assessing an investment in Units. The Trust analyzes its cash distributions against these measures to assess the stability of the monthly cash distributions to Unitholders. These measures are not intended to represent operating profits for the year; nor should they be viewed as an alternative to net income and comprehensive income, cash flows from operating activities or other measures of financial performance calculated in accordance with IFRS. The calculations are derived from the consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, unless otherwise stated, do not include any assumptions and forward-looking information, and are consistent with prior reporting years.

### Funds From Operations (“FFO”)

FFO is a non-GAAP financial measure of operating performance widely used by the Canadian real estate industry based on the definition set forth by the REALpac White Paper. It is the Trust's view that IFRS net income does not necessarily provide a complete measure of the Trust's recurring operating performance. This is primarily because IFRS net income includes items such as fair value changes of investment property that are subject to market conditions and capitalization rate fluctuations and gains and losses on the disposal of investment properties, including associated transaction costs and taxes, which management believes are not representative of a company's economic earnings. For these reasons, the Trust has adopted the REALpac White Paper's definition of FFO, which was created by the real estate industry as a supplemental measure of operating performance. FFO is computed as IFRS consolidated net income and comprehensive income attributable to Unitholders adjusted for items such as, but not limited to, unrealized changes in the fair value of investment properties and financial instruments and transaction gains and losses on the acquisition or disposal of investment properties calculated on a basis consistent with IFRS.

### Adjusted Funds From Operations (“AFFO”)

AFFO is a non-GAAP financial measure of operating performance widely used by the Canadian real estate industry based on the definition set forth by the REALpac White Paper. AFFO is a supplemental measure historically used by many in the real estate industry to measure operating cash flow generated from the business. In calculating AFFO, the Trust adjusts FFO for actual costs incurred relating to leasing activities, major maintenance costs (both recoverable and non-recoverable) and straight-line rent in excess of contractual rent paid by tenants (a receivable). Working capital changes, viewed as short-term cash requirements or surpluses, are deemed financing activities pursuant to the methodology and are not considered when calculating AFFO. Capital expenditures that are excluded and not deducted in the calculation of AFFO comprise those which generate a new investment stream, such as erecting a new pylon sign that generates sign rental income, constructing a new retail pad during property expansion or intensification, development activities or acquisition activities. Accordingly, AFFO differs from FFO in that AFFO excludes from its definition certain non-cash revenues and expenses recognized under IFRS, such as straight-line rent and the amortization of financing costs, but also includes capital and leasing costs incurred during the period that are capitalized for IFRS purposes. Management is of the view that AFFO is a useful measure of recurring economic earnings generated from operations after providing for operating capital requirements and as a result is also useful in evaluating the ability of the Trust to fund distributions to Unitholders. A reconciliation of AFFO to IFRS net income and comprehensive income can be found below.

Management considers both FFO and AFFO as key performance indicators to assess the Trust's operating performance and the sustainability of the Trust's distribution level. FFO and AFFO should not be construed as an alternative to net income and comprehensive income or cash flows provided by or used in operating activities determined in accordance with IFRS. The Trust's method of calculating FFO and AFFO is in accordance with the recommendations in the REALpac White Paper, but may differ from other issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable to FFO and AFFO reported by other issuers.



**Reconciliation of FFO**

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended December 31			Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2022	Variance	2023	2022	Variance
Net income and comprehensive income	\$14,165	\$100,310	\$(86,145)	\$510,103	\$635,965	\$(125,862)
Add (deduct):						
Fair value adjustment on investment properties and financial instruments <sup>(1)</sup>	56,197	(13,377)	69,574	(101,792)	(293,080)	191,288
Gain (loss) on derivative – TRS	13,314	6,221	7,093	(205)	(4,918)	4,713
Gain on sale of investment properties	(67)	(531)	464	(44)	(315)	271
Amortization of intangible assets and tenant improvement allowance	2,469	2,338	131	9,199	8,535	664
Distributions on Units classified as liabilities and vested deferred units	2,157	1,807	350	8,478	7,140	1,338
Adjustment on debt modification	—	—	—	—	(1,960)	1,960
Salaries and related costs attributed to leasing activities <sup>(2)</sup>	2,709	1,514	1,195	8,519	7,508	1,011
Acquisition-related costs	—	—	—	—	298	(298)
Adjustments relating to equity accounted investments <sup>(3)</sup>	15,949	4,189	11,760	(33,293)	12,399	(45,692)
<b>FFO<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$106,893</b>	<b>\$102,471</b>	<b>\$4,422</b>	<b>\$400,965</b>	<b>\$371,572</b>	<b>\$29,393</b>
Add (deduct) non-recurring adjustments:						
(Gain) loss on derivative – TRS	(13,314)	(6,221)	(7,093)	205	4,918	(4,713)
FFO sourced from condominium and townhome closings	(2,657)	180	(2,837)	(24,010)	(680)	(23,330)
Transactional FFO – gain (loss) on sale of land to co-owner	440	7,662	(7,222)	(568)	7,662	(8,230)
<b>FFO with adjustments<sup>(4)</sup></b>	<b>\$91,362</b>	<b>\$104,092</b>	<b>\$(12,730)</b>	<b>\$376,592</b>	<b>\$383,472</b>	<b>\$(6,880)</b>

(1) Includes fair value adjustments on investment properties and financial instruments. Fair value adjustment on investment properties is described in "Investment Properties" in the Trust's MD&A. Fair value adjustment on financial instruments comprises the following financial instruments: units classified as liabilities, Deferred Unit Plan ("DUP"), Equity Incentive Plan ("EIP"), TRS, interest rate swap agreements, and LTIP recorded in the same period in 2022. The significant assumptions made in determining the fair value are more thoroughly described in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. For details, please see discussion in "Results of Operations" section in this MD&A.

(2) Salaries and related costs attributed to leasing activities of \$8.5 million were incurred in the year ended December 31, 2023 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$7.5 million) and were eligible to be added back to FFO based on the definition of FFO, in the REALpac White Paper, which provided for an adjustment to incremental leasing expenses for the cost of salaried staff. This adjustment to FFO results in more comparability between Canadian publicly traded real estate entities that expensed their internal leasing departments and those that capitalized external leasing expenses.

(3) Includes tenant improvement amortization, indirect interest with respect to the development portion, fair value adjustment on investment properties, loss (gain) on sale of investment properties, and adjustment for supplemental costs.

(4) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

For the three months ended December 31, 2023, FFO increased by \$4.4 million or 4.3% to \$106.9 million as compared to the same period in 2022. This increase was primarily attributable to:

- \$7.1 million increase in fair value adjustment on TRS resulting from fluctuations in the Trust's Unit price; and
- \$2.8 million increase in net condo profits representing 106 units at Transit City 4 & 5;

Partially offset by:

- \$4.0 million increase in net interest expense due to higher interest rates; and
- \$1.6 million increase in general and administrative expense net of leasing costs.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, FFO increased by \$29.4 million or 7.9% to \$401.0 million as compared to the same period in 2022. This increase was primarily attributable to:

- \$23.3 million increase in net condo profits representing 1,026 units at Transit City 4 & 5;
- \$17.4 million higher net rental income from higher occupancy, lease-up activity and rental renewal rates; and
- \$4.7 million increase in fair value adjustment on TRS resulting from fluctuations in the Trust's Unit price;

Partially offset by:

- \$18.0 million increase in net interest expense due to higher interest rates; and
- \$2.2 million increase in general and administrative expense net of leasing costs.

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, FFO with adjustments decreased by \$12.7 million to \$91.4 million and \$6.9 million to \$376.6 million, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2022. The decreases were primarily due to the transactional FFO gain in 2022 resulting from sale of land to co-owner.

## Reconciliation of AFFO

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended December 31			Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2022	Variance	2023	2022	Variance
<b>FFO<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$106,893</b>	\$102,471	\$4,422	<b>\$400,965</b>	\$371,572	\$29,393
Add (Deduct):						
Straight-line rents	(479)	(31)	(448)	(690)	(433)	(257)
Adjusted salaries and related costs attributed to leasing	(2,709)	(1,514)	(1,195)	(8,519)	(7,508)	(1,011)
Capital expenditures, leasing commissions, and tenant improvements <sup>(2)</sup>	(11,518)	(14,821)	3,303	(37,332)	(29,296)	(8,036)
<b>AFFO<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$92,187</b>	\$86,105	\$6,082	<b>\$354,424</b>	\$334,335	\$20,089
Add (deduct) non-recurring adjustments:						
(Gain) loss on derivative – TRS	(13,314)	(6,221)	(7,093)	205	4,918	(4,713)
FFO sourced from condominium and townhome closings	(2,657)	180	(2,837)	(24,010)	(680)	(23,330)
Transactional FFO – gain (loss) on sale of land to co-owner	440	7,662	(7,222)	(568)	7,662	(8,230)
<b>AFFO with adjustments<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$76,656</b>	\$87,726	\$(11,070)	<b>\$330,051</b>	\$346,235	\$(16,184)

- (1) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.
- (2) Please see the "Maintenance Capital Requirements" section in this MD&A for details of actual capital expenditures, actual leasing commissions and actual tenant improvements.

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, AFFO increased by \$6.1 million to \$92.2 million and by \$20.1 million to \$354.4 million, respectively, as compared to the same periods in 2022. The increases were primarily due to the increase in FFO, partially offset by changes in capital expenditures, leasing commissions and tenant improvements.

The following table presents per Unit FFO and per Unit AFFO with adjustments (non-GAAP measures):

Per Unit – basic/diluted <sup>(1)</sup> :	Three Months Ended December 31			Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2022	Variance	2023	2022	Variance
FFO <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$0.60/\$0.59</b>	\$0.58/\$0.57	\$0.02/\$0.02	<b>\$2.25/\$2.23</b>	\$2.09/\$2.07	\$0.16/\$0.16
FFO with adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$0.51/\$0.51</b>	\$0.58/\$0.58	(\$0.07)/(\$0.07)	<b>\$2.11/\$2.09</b>	\$2.15/\$2.13	(\$0.04)/(\$0.04)
AFFO <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$0.52/\$0.51</b>	\$0.48/\$0.48	\$0.04/\$0.03	<b>\$1.99/\$1.97</b>	\$1.88/\$1.86	\$0.11/\$0.11
AFFO with adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>\$0.43/\$0.43</b>	\$0.49/\$0.49	(\$0.06)/(\$0.06)	<b>\$1.85/\$1.83</b>	\$1.94/\$1.93	(\$0.09)/(\$0.10)
Payout Ratio to AFFO <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>89.4 %</b>	95.7 %	(6.3)%	<b>93.0 %</b>	98.6 %	(5.6)%
Payout Ratio to AFFO with adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>107.5 %</b>	93.9 %	13.6 %	<b>99.9 %</b>	95.2 %	4.7 %

- (1) Diluted FFO and AFFO is adjusted for the dilutive effect of vested deferred units, which are not dilutive for net income purposes. The calculation of diluted FFO and AFFO is a non-GAAP measure and does not consider the impact of unvested deferred units. To calculate diluted FFO and AFFO for the three months ended December 31, 2023, 1,898,600 vested deferred units are added back to the weighted average Units outstanding (three months ended December 31, 2022 – 1,567,944 vested deferred units). To calculate diluted FFO and AFFO for the year ended December 31, 2023, 1,845,842 vested deferred units are added back to the weighted average Units outstanding (year ended December 31, 2022 – 1,536,306 vested deferred units).
- (2) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

### Weighted Average Number of Units

The weighted average number of Trust Units and exchangeable LP Units is used in calculating the Trust's net income and comprehensive income per Unit, net income and comprehensive income excluding fair value adjustments per Unit, and FFO/AFFO per Unit. The corresponding diluted per Unit amounts are adjusted for the dilutive effect of the vested portion of deferred units granted under the Trust's DUP unless they are anti-dilutive. To calculate diluted FFO/AFFO per Unit for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, vested deferred units are added back to the weighted average Units outstanding because they are dilutive.

The following table sets forth the weighted average number of Units outstanding for the purposes of FFO/AFFO per Unit and net income and comprehensive income per Unit calculations in this MD&A:

(number of Units)	Three Months Ended December 31		Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Trust Units	<b>144,625,322</b>	144,625,322	<b>144,625,322</b>	144,625,322
Class B LP Units	<b>16,424,430</b>	16,424,430	<b>16,424,430</b>	16,424,430
Class D LP Units	<b>311,022</b>	311,022	<b>311,022</b>	311,022
Class F LP Units	<b>8,708</b>	8,708	<b>8,708</b>	8,708
Class B LP II Units	<b>756,525</b>	756,525	<b>756,525</b>	756,525
Class B LP III Units	<b>4,117,096</b>	4,057,948	<b>4,107,038</b>	4,052,908
Class B LP IV Units	<b>3,112,565</b>	3,112,565	<b>3,112,565</b>	3,109,754
Class B Oshawa South LP Units	<b>710,416</b>	710,416	<b>710,416</b>	710,416
Class D Oshawa South LP Units	<b>260,417</b>	260,417	<b>260,417</b>	260,417
Class B Oshawa Taunton LP Units	<b>374,223</b>	374,223	<b>374,223</b>	374,223
Class D Series 1 VMC West LP Units	<b>3,623,188</b>	3,623,188	<b>3,623,188</b>	3,623,188
Class D Series 2 VMC West LP Units	<b>2,173,913</b>	2,173,913	<b>2,173,913</b>	2,173,913
Class B Boxgrove LP Units	<b>170,000</b>	170,000	<b>170,000</b>	170,000
Class B Series ONR LP Units	<b>1,248,140</b>	1,248,140	<b>1,248,140</b>	1,248,140
Class B Series 1 ONR LP I Units	<b>132,881</b>	132,881	<b>132,881</b>	132,881
Class B Series 2 ONR LP I Units	<b>139,302</b>	139,302	<b>139,302</b>	139,302
Total Exchangeable LP Units	<b>33,562,826</b>	33,503,678	<b>33,552,768</b>	33,495,827
<b>Total Units – Basic</b>	<b>178,188,148</b>	178,129,000	<b>178,178,090</b>	178,121,149
Vested deferred units	<b>1,898,600</b>	1,567,944	<b>1,845,842</b>	1,536,306
<b>Total Units and vested deferred units – Diluted</b>	<b>180,086,748</b>	179,696,944	<b>180,023,932</b>	179,657,455

### Determination of Distributions

Pursuant to the Trust's declaration of trust (the "Declaration of Trust") the Trust endeavours to distribute annually such amount as is necessary to ensure the Trust will not be subject to tax on its net income under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada).

The Board of Trustees determines the Trust's Unit cash distribution rate by, among other considerations, its assessment of cash flow as determined using certain non-GAAP measures. As such, management believes the cash distributions are not an economic return of capital, but a distribution of sustainable cash flow from operations. Given both existing AFFO and distribution levels, and current facts and assumptions, the Board of Trustees has indicated that barring any unexpected events, the Trust currently intends to maintain its monthly cash distribution levels.

In any given period, the distributions declared may differ from cash provided by operating activities, primarily due to seasonal fluctuations in non-cash operating items (amounts receivable, prepaid expenses, deposits, accounts payable and accrued liabilities). These seasonal or short-term fluctuations are funded, if necessary, by the Trust's revolving operating facility. In addition, the distributions declared previously included a component funded by the DRIP which was suspended by the Board of Trustees effective April 13, 2020. The Board of Trustees anticipates that distributions declared will, in the foreseeable future, continue to vary from net income and comprehensive income because net income and comprehensive income include fair value adjustments to investment properties, fair value changes in financial instruments, and other adjustments, and also because distributions are determined based on non-GAAP cash flow measures, which include consideration of the maintenance capital requirements. Accordingly, the Trust does not use IFRS net income and comprehensive income as a proxy for distributions.

## Distributions and AFFO Highlights

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended December 31			Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2022	Variance	2023	2022	Variance
Cash flows provided by operating activities	<b>\$93,745</b>	\$134,668	\$(40,923)	<b>\$330,853</b>	\$370,762	\$(39,909)
Distributions declared	<b>82,413</b>	82,386	27	<b>329,639</b>	329,531	108
AFFO <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>92,187</b>	86,105	6,082	<b>354,424</b>	334,335	20,089
AFFO with adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>76,656</b>	87,726	(11,070)	<b>330,051</b>	346,235	(16,184)
Surplus of cash flows provided by operating activities over distributions declared	<b>11,332</b>	52,282	(40,950)	<b>1,214</b>	41,231	(40,017)
Surplus of AFFO <sup>(1)</sup> over distributions declared	<b>9,774</b>	3,719	6,055	<b>24,785</b>	4,804	19,981
Surplus (shortfall) of AFFO <sup>(1)</sup> with adjustments over distributions declared	<b>(5,757)</b>	5,340	(11,097)	<b>412</b>	16,704	(16,292)

(1) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, there was an \$11.3 million and a \$1.2 million surplus of cash flows provided by operating activities over distribution declared, respectively, as compared to \$52.3 million and \$41.2 million surplus during the respective periods in 2022.

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, there was a \$9.8 million and a \$24.8 million surplus of AFFO over distributions declared, respectively, as compared to \$3.7 million and \$4.8 million surplus during the respective periods in 2022.

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, there was a \$5.8 million shortfall and a \$0.4 million surplus of AFFO with adjustments over distributions declared, respectively, as compared to a \$5.3 million and \$16.7 million surplus during the respective periods in 2022.

## General and Administrative Expense

The following tables summarize general and administrative expense for the year ended December 31, 2023:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2022	Variance
Salaries and benefits	<b>\$24,556</b>	\$21,704	\$2,852
Professional fees	<b>5,604</b>	6,172	(568)
Public company costs	<b>1,390</b>	1,343	47
Amortization of intangible assets	<b>1,331</b>	1,332	(1)
Other costs including office rent, information technology, marketing, communications, and other employee expenses	<b>3,489</b>	2,718	771
<b>General and administrative expense</b>	<b>\$36,370</b>	\$33,269	\$3,101

The \$3.1 million increase during the year ended December 31, 2023 was primarily attributed to transactional costs adjustment related to development initiatives and to higher salaries and benefits due to the growth of the platform and inflation adjustments.



## Interest Income and Interest Expense

### Interest Income

The following table summarizes the components of interest income:

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended December 31			Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2022	Variance	2023	2022	Variance
Mortgage interest	\$317	\$938	\$(621)	\$2,038	\$6,143	\$(4,105)
Loan interest	3,220	2,936	284	14,933	8,459	6,474
Notes receivable interest	66	66	—	263	263	—
TRS deposit interest	—	988	(988)	—	2,223	(2,223)
Bank interest	776	568	208	2,413	948	1,465
	<b>\$4,379</b>	<b>\$5,496</b>	<b>\$(1,117)</b>	<b>\$19,647</b>	<b>\$18,036</b>	<b>\$1,611</b>

For the three months ended December 31, 2023, interest income decreased by \$1.1 million as compared to the same period in 2022. The decrease was mainly attributable to lower mortgage receivable balances and the release of TRS deposit.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, interest income increased by \$1.6 million as compared to the same period in 2022, as a result of higher interest rates, partially offset by the impact of the repayment of mortgages receivable and the release of TRS deposit.

### Interest Expense

The following table summarizes the components of interest expense:

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended December 31			Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2022	Variance	2023	2022	Variance
Interest at stated rates	\$48,441	\$46,082	\$2,359	\$188,225	\$166,181	\$22,044
Amortization of acquisition date fair value adjustments on assumed debt	(43)	(94)	51	(285)	(460)	175
Adjustment on debt modification	—	—	—	—	(1,960)	1,960
Amortization of deferred financing costs	958	851	107	3,750	3,606	144
Distributions on Units classified as liabilities – excluding SmartVMC West	973	970	3	3,881	3,842	39
Distributions on Units classified as liabilities – SmartVMC West	2,681	2,681	—	10,725	10,725	—
Distributions on vested deferred units	873	724	149	3,411	2,847	564
Total interest expense before capitalized interest	<b>\$53,883</b>	<b>\$51,214</b>	<b>\$2,669</b>	<b>\$209,707</b>	<b>\$184,781</b>	<b>\$24,926</b>
Less:						
Interest capitalized to properties under development – excluding SmartVMC West	(4,639)	(4,146)	(493)	(17,645)	(14,836)	(2,809)
Interest capitalized to properties under development – SmartVMC West	(4,560)	(3,870)	(690)	(17,260)	(9,926)	(7,334)
Interest capitalized to residential development inventory	(430)	(287)	(143)	(1,522)	(1,043)	(479)
Distributions capitalized to properties under development – SmartVMC West	(2,368)	(2,569)	201	(9,539)	(10,274)	735
Total capitalized interest	<b>\$(11,997)</b>	<b>\$(10,872)</b>	<b>\$(1,125)</b>	<b>\$(45,966)</b>	<b>\$(36,079)</b>	<b>\$(9,887)</b>
<b>Interest expense net of capitalized interest expense</b>	<b>\$41,886</b>	<b>\$40,342</b>	<b>\$1,544</b>	<b>\$163,741</b>	<b>\$148,702</b>	<b>\$15,039</b>
Capitalized interest as a percentage of interest expense	<b>22.3 %</b>	21.2 %	1.1 %	<b>21.9 %</b>	19.5 %	2.4 %

For the three months and year ended December 31, 2023, interest expense net of capitalized interest increased by \$1.5 million and \$15.0 million, respectively, compared to the same periods in 2022. The increases were mainly attributable to higher debt balance and interest rates compared to the prior year periods.

## Quarterly Results and Trends

(in thousands of dollars, except percentage, square footage, Unit and per Unit amounts)

	Q4 2023	Q3 2023	Q2 2023	Q1 2023	Q4 2022	Q3 2022	Q2 2022	Q1 2022
<b>Results of operations</b>								
Net income and comprehensive income	\$14,165	\$215,175	\$167,902	\$112,861	\$100,310	\$3,548	\$161,997	\$370,110
Per Unit								
Basic	\$0.08	\$1.21	\$0.94	\$0.63	\$0.56	\$0.02	\$0.91	\$2.08
Diluted <sup>(3)</sup>	\$0.08	\$1.19	\$0.93	\$0.63	\$0.56	\$0.02	\$0.90	\$2.06
Net base rent <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$140,442	\$138,119	\$135,617	\$134,007	\$133,201	\$132,303	\$131,543	\$129,354
Rentals from investment properties and other	\$211,021	\$206,016	\$206,950	\$210,594	\$206,223	\$196,962	\$198,585	\$202,828
NOI <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$136,349	\$143,834	\$147,105	\$133,468	\$133,632	\$130,986	\$130,034	\$123,868
<b>Other measures of performance</b>								
FFO <sup>(2)</sup>	\$106,893	\$98,405	\$98,534	\$97,133	\$102,471	\$88,403	\$88,464	\$92,235
Per Unit								
Basic <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.60	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.58	\$0.50	\$0.50	\$0.52
Diluted <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	\$0.59	\$0.55	\$0.55	\$0.54	\$0.57	\$0.49	\$0.49	\$0.51
FFO with adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>	\$91,362	\$96,969	\$97,247	\$91,013	\$104,090	\$93,520	\$95,207	\$90,654
Per Unit								
Basic <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.51	\$0.54	\$0.55	\$0.51	\$0.58	\$0.53	\$0.53	\$0.51
Diluted <sup>(2)(3)</sup>	\$0.51	\$0.54	\$0.54	\$0.51	\$0.58	\$0.52	\$0.53	\$0.50
Cash flows provided by operating activities	\$93,745	\$93,855	\$61,322	\$81,931	\$134,668	\$97,011	\$43,970	\$102,819
AFFO <sup>(2)</sup>	\$92,187	\$85,788	\$87,848	\$88,601	\$86,102	\$81,094	\$81,436	\$85,700
AFFO with adjustments <sup>(2)</sup>	\$76,656	\$84,352	\$86,561	\$82,481	\$87,723	\$86,210	\$88,179	\$84,119
Distributions declared	\$82,413	\$82,411	\$82,410	\$82,405	\$82,386	\$82,382	\$82,385	\$82,376
Payout ratio to AFFO	89.4 %	96.1 %	93.8 %	93.0 %	95.7 %	101.6 %	101.2 %	96.1 %
Units outstanding <sup>(4)</sup>	178,188,148	178,188,148	178,181,722	178,176,825	178,133,853	178,126,285	178,122,655	178,122,655
Weighted average Units outstanding								
Basic	178,188,148	178,184,795	178,179,652	178,159,373	178,129,000	178,123,918	178,122,655	178,108,771
Diluted <sup>(3)</sup>	180,086,748	180,069,508	180,045,789	179,891,028	179,696,944	179,678,009	179,662,689	179,590,588
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$11,905,422</b>	<b>\$12,013,103</b>	<b>\$11,833,262</b>	<b>\$11,719,131</b>	<b>\$11,702,153</b>	<b>\$11,862,633</b>	<b>\$11,905,066</b>	<b>\$11,721,953</b>
Total unencumbered assets <sup>(2)</sup>	\$9,170,121	\$9,067,121	\$8,844,821	\$8,653,321	\$8,415,900	\$8,383,900	\$8,413,000	\$8,364,500
<b>Debt</b>	<b>\$4,999,522</b>	<b>\$5,052,722</b>	<b>\$5,010,331</b>	<b>\$4,956,957</b>	<b>\$4,983,265</b>	<b>\$5,159,860</b>	<b>\$5,128,604</b>	<b>\$4,951,171</b>
<b>Total leasable area (sq. ft.)</b>	<b>35,044,850</b>	<b>35,033,430</b>	<b>34,922,198</b>	<b>34,777,002</b>	<b>34,750,379</b>	<b>34,685,033</b>	<b>34,660,693</b>	<b>34,663,687</b>
<b>In-place occupancy rate</b>	<b>98.1 %</b>	<b>98.1 %</b>	<b>97.8 %</b>	<b>97.4 %</b>	<b>97.6 %</b>	<b>97.6 %</b>	<b>97.2 %</b>	<b>97.0 %</b>
<b>In-place and committed occupancy rate</b>	<b>98.5 %</b>	<b>98.5 %</b>	<b>98.2 %</b>	<b>98.0 %</b>	<b>98.0 %</b>	<b>98.1 %</b>	<b>97.6 %</b>	<b>97.2 %</b>

(1) Includes the Trust's proportionate share of equity accounted investments.

(2) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

(3) Diluted metrics are adjusted for the dilutive effect of the vested Earnout options and vested portion of deferred units, unless they are anti-dilutive.

(4) Total Units outstanding include Trust Units and LP Units, including Units classified as financial liabilities.

## Section V — Leasing Activities and Lease Expiries

### Leasing Activities

#### Retail, Office and Industrial

##### Occupancy

The Trust's value-oriented portfolio continued to provide an attractive place to shop and tenants' confidence continued to grow with the improving customer traffic resulting in demand for new locations in all markets and for all store sizes. In addition to the regular staple of value-oriented tenants continuing to seek more space in Walmart-anchored sites, new uses are also enhancing each centre's offering with entertainment/experiential, pet supplies, furniture and specialty and takeout food all growing their store counts. U.S.-based tenants are also re-engaging their search for new store openings in Canada.

As at December 31, 2023, the Trust's in-place and committed occupancy rate was 98.5% (December 31, 2022 – 98.0%). The increase in occupancy was principally driven by the higher demand for high traffic and dominant shopping centres, anchored by the likes of Walmart, Canadian Tire, TJX Banners, grocery and home improvement anchors.

##### Occupancy<sup>(1)</sup>

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	Variance
Total leasable area (in sq. ft.)	35,044,850	34,750,379	294,471
In-place occupancy rate	98.1 %	97.6 %	0.5 %
In-place and committed occupancy rate	98.5 %	98.0 %	0.5 %

(1) Excluding residential and self-storage area.

##### New Leasing Activity

During the three months ended December 31, 2023, the Trust completed new leases with a wide variety of tenants, with uses such as sporting goods and apparel, dollar stores and food service uses. Many of the Trust's existing tenants continued their growth plans with retailers in furniture, general merchandise and pet stores expanding their brick-and-mortar footprint nationally. During the fourth quarter of 2023, the Trust executed 84,227 square feet of new leasing on existing built space.

The following table presents a continuity of the Trust's in-place occupancy rate (excluding residential and self-storage area) for the three months ended December 31, 2023:

(in square feet)	Vacant Area	Occupied Area	Leasable Area	In-place Occupancy Rate
Beginning balance – October 1, 2023	672,614	34,360,816	35,033,430	98.1 %
New vacancies	68,108	(68,108)	—	
New leases	(84,227)	84,227	—	
Subtotal	656,495	34,376,935	35,033,430	
Transferred from properties under development to income properties	—	11,452	11,452	
Other including unit area remeasurements	(614)	582	(32)	
<b>Ending balance – December 31, 2023</b>	<b>655,881</b>	<b>34,388,969</b>	<b>35,044,850</b>	<b>98.1 %</b>
Committed new leases – December 31, 2023	(144,164)	144,164	—	
<b>Ending balance – December 31, 2023, including committed new leases</b>	<b>511,717</b>	<b>34,533,133</b>	<b>35,044,850</b>	<b>98.5 %</b>

The following table presents a continuity of the Trust's in-place occupancy rate (excluding residential and self-storage area) for the year ended December 31, 2023:

(in square feet)	Vacant Area	Occupied Area	Leasable Area	In-place Occupancy Rate
Beginning balance – January 1, 2023	825,531	33,924,848	34,750,379	97.6 %
New vacancies	428,766	(428,766)	—	
New leases	(582,266)	582,266	—	
Subtotal	672,031	34,078,348	34,750,379	
Acquisitions	—	12,610	12,610	
Transferred from properties under development to income properties	—	304,948	304,948	
Transferred from income properties to properties under development	(16,814)	(10,280)	(27,094)	
Other including unit area remeasurements	664	3,343	4,007	
<b>Ending balance – December 31, 2023</b>	<b>655,881</b>	<b>34,388,969</b>	<b>35,044,850</b>	<b>98.1 %</b>
Committed new leases – December 31, 2023	(144,164)	144,164	—	
<b>Ending balance – December 31, 2023, including committed new leases</b>	<b>511,717</b>	<b>34,533,133</b>	<b>35,044,850</b>	<b>98.5 %</b>

### Renewal Activity

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust achieved a tenant renewal rate of 83.8% (December 31, 2022 – 88.3%) for tenants with expiring leases in 2023.

#### Renewal Summary<sup>(1)</sup>

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	Variance
Space expiring in calendar year (in sq. ft.)	5,084,673	5,059,578	25,095
Renewed (in sq. ft.)	3,992,923	4,303,022	(310,099)
Near completion (in sq. ft.)	266,748	164,736	102,012
Total renewed and near completion (in sq. ft.)	4,259,671	4,467,758	(208,087)
Renewal rate (including near completion)	83.8 %	88.3 %	(4.5)%
Renewed rental rate (per sq. ft.) – including Anchors	\$16.44	\$13.19	\$3.25
Renewed rental rate (per sq. ft.) – excluding Anchors	\$22.78	\$19.51	\$3.27
Renewed rent change (including Anchors)	4.0 %	3.0 %	1.0 %
Renewed rent change (excluding Anchors)	5.3 %	3.6 %	1.7 %

(1) Excluding residential and self-storage area.

## Tenant Profile

The Trust's portfolio is represented in all major markets across Canada particularly in the Greater-VECTOM markets (Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Toronto, Ottawa and Montreal). While the Greater-VECTOM and primary markets have in-place occupancy of 97.8% and 98.3%, respectively, and account for 88.4% of revenue and 89.8% of fair value, properties in the secondary markets reflect a higher in-place occupancy rate of 99.2%.

#### Portfolio Summary by Market Type

Market	Number of Income Producing Properties	Area (000 sq. ft.)	Gross Revenue	Income Property Fair Value	In-place Occupancy
Greater-VECTOM	112	23,412	72.0 %	76.6 %	97.8 %
Primary	31	6,758	16.4 %	13.2 %	98.3 %
Secondary	28	4,875	11.6 %	10.2 %	99.2 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>171</b>	<b>35,045</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>98.1 %</b>

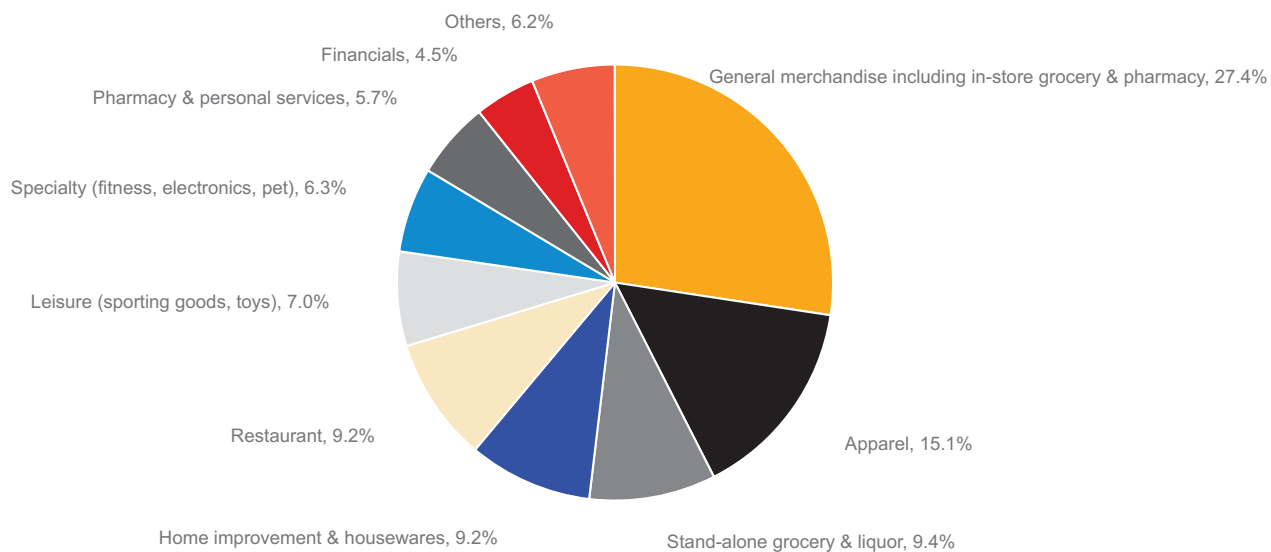
**Tenant Categories**

The portfolio is represented by strong individual shopping centres in every major market in Canada, with a diverse mix of tenant and service offerings, reflecting almost every retail category.

**Annualized Gross Rent by Category for Tenants In-place as at December 31, 2023**

Category	Total	Greater-VECTOM	Primary	Secondary
General merchandise including in-store grocery & pharmacy	27.4 %	23.3 %	34.0 %	43.8 %
Apparel	15.1 %	15.8 %	13.7 %	13.0 %
Stand-alone grocery & liquor	9.4 %	9.9 %	8.3 %	8.1 %
Home improvement & housewares	9.2 %	9.3 %	9.1 %	9.1 %
Restaurant	9.2 %	10.2 %	6.9 %	5.9 %
Leisure (sporting goods, toys)	7.0 %	7.3 %	8.1 %	4.1 %
Specialty (fitness, electronics, pet)	6.3 %	6.0 %	7.4 %	7.2 %
Pharmacy & personal services	5.7 %	6.7 %	3.7 %	2.5 %
Financials	4.5 %	5.0 %	4.0 %	2.5 %
Others	6.2 %	6.5 %	4.8 %	3.8 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>

The following chart represents the Trust's portfolio exposure by annualized gross rent by category as at December 31, 2023:





### Top 25 Tenants

The 25 largest tenants (by annualized gross rental revenue among retail, office and industrial tenants) accounted for 60.3% of portfolio revenue as at December 31, 2023 and are presented in the following table:

#	Tenant	Number of Stores	Annualized Gross Rental Revenue (\$ millions)	Percentage of Total Annualized Gross Rental Revenue	Leased Area (sq. ft.)	Leased Area as a % of Total Gross Leasable Area
1	Walmart <sup>(1)</sup>	100	\$197.1	24.0%	14,182,181	40.5 %
2	Winners, HomeSense, Marshalls	56	36.6	4.4%	1,464,401	4.2 %
3	Canadian Tire, Mark's and FGL Sports	74	35.9	4.4%	1,435,523	4.1 %
4	Loblaws, Shoppers Drug Mart	25	22.7	2.8%	909,054	2.6 %
5	Sobeys	15	16.9	2.1%	687,033	2.0 %
6	Dollarama	61	16.7	2.0%	585,606	1.7 %
7	LCBO	39	13.9	1.7%	363,674	1.0 %
8	Lowe's, Rona	8	13.5	1.6%	870,545	2.5 %
9	Michaels	24	12.7	1.5%	478,041	1.4 %
10	Best Buy	18	12.1	1.5%	437,074	1.2 %
11	Recipe Unlimited	55	11.6	1.4%	272,330	0.8 %
12	Staples	21	10.4	1.3%	449,599	1.3 %
13	Gap Inc.	26	9.2	1.1%	269,742	0.8 %
14	Reitmans	59	8.9	1.1%	309,397	0.9 %
15	Toys R Us	8	8.5	1.0%	304,515	0.9 %
16	Bulk Barn	49	7.9	1.0%	229,252	0.7 %
17	Bonnie Togs	42	7.5	0.9%	195,903	0.6 %
18	CIBC	27	7.4	0.9%	149,560	0.4 %
19	The Brick	9	7.2	0.9%	258,244	0.7 %
20	Dollar Tree, Dollar Giant	26	6.8	0.8%	217,286	0.6 %
21	Metro	9	6.8	0.8%	315,438	0.9 %
22	Sleep Country	38	6.8	0.8%	181,572	0.5 %
23	GoodLife Fitness Clubs	11	6.7	0.8%	255,759	0.7 %
24	PetSmart	16	6.6	0.8%	209,678	0.6 %
25	Bank of Nova Scotia	23	6.0	0.7%	123,002	0.4 %
		<b>839</b>	<b>\$496.4</b>	<b>60.3%</b>	<b>25,154,409</b>	<b>72.0 %</b>

(1) The Trust has a total of 100 Walmart locations under lease, of which 98 are Supercentres that represent stores that carry all merchandise that Walmart department stores offer including a full assortment of groceries. The Trust also has another 13 shopping centres with Walmart as Shadow Anchors, all of which are Supercentres.

## Lease Expiries

The following table presents total retail, office and industrial lease expiries for the portfolio as at December 31, 2023:

Year of Expiry	Total Area (sq. ft.)	Percentage of Total Area	Annualized Base Rent	Average Base Rent psf <sup>(1)</sup>
Month-to-month and holdovers	911,440	2.6 %	\$16,670	\$18.29
2024	2,151,166	6.1 %	40,911	19.02
2025	4,884,343	13.9 %	69,090	14.15
2026	4,224,913	12.1 %	64,207	15.20
2027	5,377,638	15.3 %	75,538	14.05
2028	4,628,704	13.0 %	77,418	16.73
2029	5,197,774	14.8 %	73,215	14.09
2030	1,078,292	3.1 %	22,200	20.59
2031	1,080,756	3.1 %	20,167	18.66
2032	1,873,237	5.3 %	30,851	16.47
2033	1,165,245	3.3 %	22,996	19.73
2034	615,137	1.8 %	9,583	15.58
Beyond	723,918	2.3 %	9,840	13.59
Vacant	655,881	1.9 %	—	—
<b>Total retail</b>	<b>34,568,444</b>	<b>98.6 %</b>	<b>\$532,686</b>	<b>\$15.71</b>
Total office	350,651	1.0 %		
Total industrial	125,755	0.4 %		
<b>Total retail, office and industrial</b>	<b>35,044,850</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>		

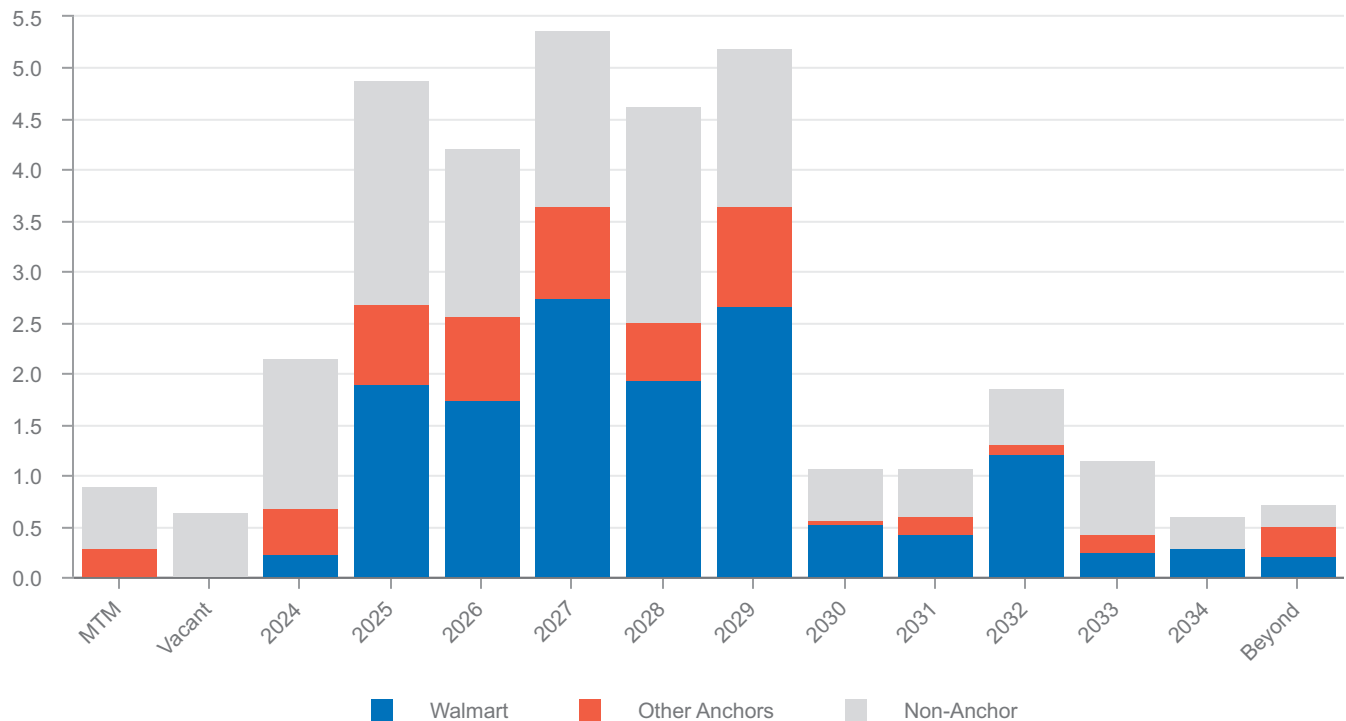
(1) The total average base rent per square foot excludes vacant space of 655,881 square feet.

The following table presents total retail, office and industrial lease expiries for the portfolio excluding Anchor tenants as at December 31, 2023:

Year of Expiry	Total Area (excluding Anchor tenants) (sq. ft.)	Percentage of Total Area (including Anchor tenants)	Percentage of Total Area (excluding Anchor tenants)	Annualized Base Rent	Average Base Rent psf <sup>(1)</sup>
Month-to-month and holdovers	607,795	1.7 %	4.0 %	\$13,407	\$22.06
2024	1,467,952	4.2 %	9.8 %	31,654	21.56
2025	2,200,796	6.3 %	14.6 %	45,861	20.84
2026	1,646,909	4.7 %	10.9 %	38,281	23.24
2027	1,722,222	4.9 %	11.4 %	38,819	22.54
2028	2,111,684	6.0 %	14.0 %	49,445	23.41
2029	1,543,198	4.4 %	10.3 %	35,033	22.70
2030	515,095	1.5 %	3.4 %	13,543	26.29
2031	464,934	1.3 %	3.1 %	11,440	24.61
2032	554,576	1.6 %	3.7 %	13,934	25.13
2033	740,946	2.1 %	4.9 %	17,857	24.10
2034	330,145	0.9 %	2.2 %	5,955	18.04
Beyond	220,538	0.6 %	1.6 %	3,879	17.59
Vacant	655,881	1.9 %	4.4 %	—	—
<b>Total retail</b>	<b>14,782,671</b>	<b>42.1 %</b>	<b>98.3 %</b>	<b>\$319,108</b>	<b>\$22.59</b>
Total office	258,934	0.7 %	1.7 %		
<b>Total retail, office and industrial</b>	<b>15,041,605</b>	<b>42.8 %</b>	<b>100.0 %</b>		

(1) The total average base rent per square foot excludes vacant space of 655,881 square feet.

### Retail Lease Expiries (in millions of square feet)



### Self-storage Rental Facilities

The following table provides information on the self-storage rental facilities completed as at December 31, 2023:

Self-storage location	Open date	Number of units <sup>(1)</sup>	Leasable area <sup>(1)</sup>	Total rental revenue YTD <sup>(2)</sup>
Toronto (Dupont)	October 2019	720	46,800	\$966
Toronto (Leaside)	June 2020	1,000	100,000	1,179
Brampton (Bramport)	November 2020	1,050	101,300	1,012
Vaughan NW	January 2021	880	85,300	814
Oshawa South	August 2021	950	95,300	904
Scarborough East	November 2021	940	98,900	901
Aurora	December 2022	960	99,700	360
Brampton (Kingspoint Plaza)	March 2023	1,000	95,900	253
		<b>7,500</b>	<b>723,200</b>	<b>\$6,389</b>

(1) Figures are shown at 100% ownership.

(2) Total rental figures are for the year ended December 31, 2023 and shown at the Trust's share.

As at December 31, 2023, the average occupancy rate for the self-storage rental facilities, which have been operating for more than one year, was over 91%.

## Section VI — Asset Profile

### Proportionately Consolidated Balance Sheets (including the Trust's interests in equity accounted investments)

The following table presents the proportionately consolidated balance sheets, which includes a reconciliation of the Trust's proportionate share of equity accounted investments:

	December 31, 2023			December 31, 2022		
	GAAP Basis	Proportionate Share Reconciliation <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(2)</sup>	GAAP Basis	Proportionate Share Reconciliation <sup>(1)</sup>	Total Proportionate Share <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>Assets</b>						
<b>Non-current assets</b>						
Investment properties	\$10,564,269	\$1,083,865	\$11,648,134	\$10,286,891	\$964,087	\$11,250,978
Equity accounted investments	756,919	(756,919)	—	680,999	(680,999)	—
Mortgages, loans and notes receivable	80,532	(54,145)	26,387	238,099	(76,994)	161,105
Other financial assets	152,162	—	152,162	171,807	—	171,807
Other assets	4,167	2,243	6,410	4,410	2,244	6,654
Intangible assets	42,476	—	42,476	43,807	—	43,807
	<b>\$11,600,525</b>	<b>\$275,044</b>	<b>\$11,875,569</b>	<b>\$11,426,013</b>	<b>\$208,338</b>	<b>\$11,634,351</b>
<b>Current assets</b>						
Assets held for sale	—	—	—	42,321	16,050	58,371
Residential development inventory	51,719	30,300	82,019	40,373	113,207	153,580
Current portion of mortgages, loans and notes receivable	129,777	—	129,777	86,593	—	86,593
Amounts receivable and other	73,610	1,862	75,472	57,124	(7,033)	50,091
Prepaid expenses, deposits and deferred financing costs	15,048	18,103	33,151	14,474	15,807	30,281
Cash and cash equivalents	34,743	50,850	85,593	35,255	35,419	70,674
	<b>\$304,897</b>	<b>\$101,115</b>	<b>\$406,012</b>	<b>\$276,140</b>	<b>\$173,450</b>	<b>\$449,590</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$11,905,422</b>	<b>\$376,159</b>	<b>\$12,281,581</b>	<b>\$11,702,153</b>	<b>\$381,788</b>	<b>\$12,083,941</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>						
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>						
Debt	4,394,044	301,375	4,695,419	4,523,987	212,928	4,736,915
Other financial liabilities	275,383	—	275,383	277,400	—	277,400
Other payables	17,727	—	17,727	17,265	—	17,265
	<b>\$4,687,154</b>	<b>\$301,375</b>	<b>\$4,988,529</b>	<b>\$4,818,652</b>	<b>\$212,928</b>	<b>\$5,031,580</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>						
Current portion of debt	605,478	(11,607)	593,871	459,278	63,860	523,138
Accounts payable and current portion of other payables	253,486	86,391	339,877	261,122	105,000	366,122
	<b>\$858,964</b>	<b>\$74,784</b>	<b>\$933,748</b>	<b>\$720,400</b>	<b>\$168,860</b>	<b>\$889,260</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$5,546,118</b>	<b>\$376,159</b>	<b>\$5,922,277</b>	<b>\$5,539,052</b>	<b>\$381,788</b>	<b>\$5,920,840</b>
<b>Equity</b>						
Trust Unit equity	5,272,334	—	5,272,334	5,126,197	—	5,126,197
Non-controlling interests	1,086,970	—	1,086,970	1,036,904	—	1,036,904
	<b>\$6,359,304</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$6,359,304</b>	<b>\$6,163,101</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$6,163,101</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>\$11,905,422</b>	<b>\$376,159</b>	<b>\$12,281,581</b>	<b>\$11,702,153</b>	<b>\$381,788</b>	<b>\$12,083,941</b>

(1) Represents the Trust's proportionate share of assets and liabilities in equity accounted investments.

(2) This column contains non-GAAP measures because it includes figures that are recorded in equity accounted investments. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

## Investment Properties

The following table summarizes the changes in fair values of investment properties including the Trust's proportionate share of equity accounted investments:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31, 2023			Year Ended December 31, 2022		
	Income Properties	Properties Under Development	Total Investment Properties	Income Properties	Properties Under Development	Total Investment Properties
<b>Investment properties</b>						
Opening balance	\$8,575,713	\$1,753,499	\$10,329,212	\$8,471,119	\$1,452,001	\$9,923,120
Transfer from properties under development to income properties	64,318	(64,318)	—	39,707	(39,707)	—
Transfer from income properties to properties under development	(7,308)	7,308	—	(7,887)	7,887	—
Transfer from properties under development to equity accounted investments	—	(1,500)	(1,500)	—	(25,000)	(25,000)
Transfer to properties under development from equity accounted investments	—	47,440	47,440	—	—	—
Acquisitions, Earnouts, and related adjustments of investment properties	—	2,435	2,435	101,993	28,679	130,672
Straight-line rents and tenant incentives	7,213	—	7,213	2,778	—	2,778
Dispositions	—	(50,208)	(50,208)	(777)	(40,726)	(41,503)
Fair value adjustment	65,771	25,677	91,448	(54,122)	255,956	201,834
Capital expenditures and other	38,101	100,128	138,229	22,902	114,409	137,311
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$8,743,808</b>	<b>\$1,820,461</b>	<b>\$10,564,269</b>	<b>\$8,575,713</b>	<b>\$1,753,499</b>	<b>\$10,329,212</b>
Opening balance	396,239	583,898	980,137	326,138	518,427	844,565
Transfer from properties under development to income properties	198,033	(198,033)	—	24,736	(24,736)	—
Transfer from properties under development to equity accounted investments	—	750	750	—	12,500	12,500
Transfer to properties under development from equity accounted investments	—	(23,720)	(23,720)	—	—	—
Acquisitions, Earnouts, and related adjustments of investment properties	—	7,174	7,174	—	5,325	5,325
Straight-line rents and tenant incentives	(388)	—	(388)	(381)	—	(381)
Dispositions	—	(13,624)	(13,624)	(8)	(14,805)	(14,813)
Fair value adjustment	41,004	4,892	45,896	624	—	624
Capital expenditures and other	531	87,109	87,640	45,130	87,187	132,317
<b>Ending balance</b>	<b>\$635,419</b>	<b>\$448,446</b>	<b>\$1,083,865</b>	<b>\$396,239</b>	<b>\$583,898</b>	<b>\$980,137</b>
<b>Total balance (including investment properties classified as equity accounted investments) – end of period (Investment Properties – non-GAAP)<sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>\$9,379,227</b>	<b>\$2,268,907</b>	<b>\$11,648,134</b>	<b>\$8,971,952</b>	<b>\$2,337,397</b>	<b>\$11,309,349</b>
Investment properties <sup>(1)</sup>	9,379,227	2,268,907	11,648,134	8,971,952	2,279,026	11,250,978
Investment properties classified as held for sale <sup>(1)</sup>	—	—	—	—	58,371	58,371
	<b>\$9,379,227</b>	<b>\$2,268,907</b>	<b>\$11,648,134</b>	<b>\$8,971,952</b>	<b>\$2,337,397</b>	<b>\$11,309,349</b>

(1) Represents a non-GAAP measure. The Trust's method of calculating non-GAAP measures may differ from other reporting issuers' methods and, accordingly, may not be comparable. For definitions and basis of presentation of the Trust's non-GAAP measures, refer to "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

The gross leasable retail, office and industrial area consists of 35.0 million square feet. In addition, the Trust may acquire 1.6 million square feet of future potential gross leasable retail area and has the option to acquire an additional 50.0% interest in four investment properties and a 25.0% interest in another investment property (0.5 million square feet) on their completion pursuant to the terms of Mezzanine Financing. The portfolio is located across Canada, with assets in each of the ten provinces. By selecting well-located centres, the Trust seeks to attract high-quality tenants at market rental rates.



### Valuation Methodology

From January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2023, the Trust has had approximately 65.7% (by value) or 63.3% (by number of properties) of its operating portfolio appraised externally by independent national real estate appraisal firms with representation and expertise across Canada.

Management internally appraises the entire portfolio of properties each quarter. In addition, the determination of which properties are externally appraised to support management's internal valuation process is based on a combination of factors, including property size, property type, tenant mix, strength and type of retail node, age of property and location. The Trust, on an annual basis, has had external appraisals performed on 15%–20% of the portfolio, rotating properties to ensure that at least 50% (by value) of the portfolio is valued externally over a three-year period.

The portfolio is valued internally by management utilizing valuation methodologies that are consistent with the external appraisals. Management performed these valuations by updating cash flow information reflecting current leases, renewal terms, ECL and market rents and applying updated discount rates determined, in part, through consultation with various external appraisers and available market data. In addition, the fair value of properties under development reflects the impact of development agreements.

Fair values were primarily determined through the discounted cash flows approach, which is an estimate of the present value of future cash flows over a specified horizon. For land, development and construction costs recorded at market value, fair values were marked to market, factoring in development risks such as planning, zoning, timing and market conditions.

Investment properties (including properties under development and properties classified as held for sale) as recorded in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, with a total carrying value of \$1.3 billion (December 31, 2022 – \$1.5 billion) were valued by external national appraisers, and investment properties with a total carrying value of \$9.3 billion (December 31, 2022 – \$8.8 billion) were internally valued by the Trust.

Based on these valuations, the weighted average discount rate on the Trust's income properties portfolio as at December 31, 2023 was 6.51% (December 31, 2022 – 6.43%) and the weighted average terminal capitalization rate as at December 31, 2023 was 5.98% (December 31, 2022 – 5.92%).

Management's reassessment of the valuation of certain investment properties based on the Trust's continued ability to lease and generate NOI in the foreseeable future, has resulted in a net fair value adjustment (gain) on investment properties of \$91.4 million (excluding investment properties recorded in equity accounted investments) for the year ended December 31, 2023, which was primarily attributed to robust leasing performance and changes in the market for properties under development.

### Dispositions of Investment Properties

#### Dispositions of investment properties during the year ended December 31, 2023

(in thousands of dollars) Location	Date of Disposition	Type	Area	Ownership Interest	Disposition Proceeds
Whitby, Ontario <sup>(1)</sup>	January	Land parcel	1.41 acres	100 %	\$—
Vaughan, Ontario	February	Land parcel	4.30 acres	67 %	42,300
Chilliwack, British Columbia	February	Land parcel	2.64 acres	100 %	4,800
Quesnel, British Columbia	November	Land parcel	5.34 acres	100 %	1,060
Stoney Creek, Ontario <sup>(1)</sup>	November	Land parcel	1.34 acres	100 %	1,500

(1) During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust contributed its interest in two parcels of land located in Whitby and Stoney Creek, Ontario to two joint ventures, respectively, with the intention to develop and operate self-storage facilities. (see also note 5(b) in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023).

#### Dispositions of investment properties during the year ended December 31, 2022

(in thousands of dollars) Location	Date of Disposition	Type	Area	Ownership Interest	Disposition Proceeds
Markham, Ontario <sup>(1)</sup>	January	Land parcel	1.39 acres	40 %	\$800
Laval East, Quebec	March	Land parcel	4.62 acres	100 %	5,600
Stouffville, Ontario	April	Land parcel	6.48 acres	100 %	18,365
London, Ontario	September	Land parcel	6.86 acres	100 %	15,180
Vaughan, Ontario <sup>(2)</sup>	December	Land parcel	2.31 acres	100 %	25,000

(1) In January 2022, the Trust sold its 40% interest in a parcel of land located in Markham, Ontario to a joint venture for development of a self-storage facility.

(2) In December 2022, the Trust contributed its interest in a parcel of land located in Vaughan, Ontario to a joint venture for development of a retirement residence.

## Maintenance Capital Requirements

Differentiating between those costs incurred to achieve the Trust's longer-term goals to produce increased cash flows and Unit distributions, and those costs incurred to maintain the level and quality of the Trust's existing cash flows is key in the Trust's consideration of capital expenditures. Acquisitions of investment properties and the development of new and existing investment properties are the two main areas of capital expenditures that are associated with increasing or enhancing the productive capacity of the Trust (revenue enhancing capital expenditures). In addition, there are capital expenditures incurred on existing investment properties to maintain the productive capacity of the Trust ("sustaining capital expenditures").

The sustaining capital expenditures are those of a capital nature that are not considered to increase or enhance the productive capacity of the Trust, but rather maintain the productive capacity of the Trust. Leasing and related costs, which include tenant improvements, leasing commissions and related costs, vary with the timing of new leases, renewals, vacancies, tenant mix and market conditions. Leasing and related costs are generally lower for renewals of existing tenants when compared to new leases. Leasing and related costs also include internal expenses for leasing activities, primarily salaries, which are eligible to be added back to FFO based on the definition of FFO in the REALpac White Paper. The sustaining capital expenditures and leasing costs are based on actual costs incurred during the period. FFO is a non-GAAP measure (see "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures", "Non-GAAP Measures" and "Other Measures of Performance" in this MD&A).

The following table and discussion presents an analysis of capital expenditures of a maintenance nature (actual sustaining recoverable and non-recoverable capital expenditures and leasing costs). Earnouts, acquisitions and developments are discussed elsewhere in this MD&A. Given that a significant proportion of the Trust's portfolio is relatively new, management does not believe that sustaining capital expenditures will have an impact on the Trust's ability to pay distributions at their current level.

(in thousands of dollars)	Three Months Ended December 31			Year Ended December 31		
	2023	2022	Variance	2023	2022	Variance
Leasing commissions	\$757	\$800	\$(43)	\$2,692	\$2,389	\$303
Tenant improvements	459	2,587	(2,128)	9,431	7,796	1,635
Sustaining capital expenditures (recoverable and non-recoverable)	10,302	11,434	(1,132)	25,209	19,111	6,098
<b>AFFO adjustment for sustaining capital expenditures, leasing commissions, and tenant improvements</b>	<b>\$11,518</b>	<b>\$14,821</b>	<b>\$(3,303)</b>	<b>\$37,332</b>	<b>\$29,296</b>	<b>\$8,036</b>
Value enhancing capital expenditures	4,697	—	4,697	8,534	—	8,534
<b>Total capital expenditures, leasing commissions, and tenant improvements</b>	<b>\$16,215</b>	<b>\$14,821</b>	<b>\$1,394</b>	<b>\$45,866</b>	<b>\$29,296</b>	<b>\$16,570</b>
<b>Adjusted salaries and related costs attributed to leasing</b>	<b>\$2,709</b>	<b>\$1,514</b>	<b>\$1,195</b>	<b>\$8,519</b>	<b>\$7,508</b>	<b>\$1,011</b>

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the total capital expenditures, leasing commissions, and tenant improvements were \$45.9 million, as compared to \$29.3 million in the same period in 2022, representing an increase of \$16.6 million. This increase is primarily due to costs associated with landlord work and roof replacements. These capital expenditures were incurred to sustain rental revenue from income properties and may vary widely from period to period and from year to year.

## Equity Accounted Investments

The following table summarizes key components relating to the Trust's equity accounted investments:

	Year Ended December 31, 2023			Year Ended December 31, 2022		
	Investment in Associates	Investment in Joint Ventures	Total	Investment in Associates	Investment in Joint Ventures	Total
Investment – beginning of year	\$458,772	\$222,227	\$680,999	\$489,230	\$165,212	\$654,442
Operating Activities:						
Earnings (losses)	15,545	59,625	75,170	4,932	(733)	4,199
Distributions – VMC Residences condominium unit closings <sup>(1)</sup>	(653)	—	(653)	(24,322)	—	(24,322)
Distributions – operating activities	(3,505)	(2,666)	(6,171)	(4,550)	(234)	(4,784)
Financing Activities:						
Fair value adjustment on loan	2,875	—	2,875	3,690	—	3,690
Investing Activities:						
Cash contribution	11,062	46,643	57,705	23,154	32,982	56,136
Transfer from equity accounted investments to properties under development	—	(47,440)	(47,440)	—	—	—
Transfer from equity accounted investments to debt and other	—	11,267	11,267	—	—	—
Property contribution	—	1,500	1,500	—	25,000	25,000
Development distributions	(18,007)	(326)	(18,333)	(33,362)	—	(33,362)
<b>Investment – end of year</b>	<b>\$466,089</b>	<b>\$290,830</b>	<b>\$756,919</b>	<b>\$458,772</b>	<b>\$222,227</b>	<b>\$680,999</b>

(1) During the year ended December 31, 2023, the distribution in the amount of \$0.7 million was satisfied by a non-cash settlement of the VMC Residences loan payable (for the year ended December 31, 2022 – \$24.3 million). See also Note 12, "Debt", in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The following table summarizes the asset profile (at 100%) of the Trust's equity accounted investments, grouped by their business focus:

As at December 31, 2023 (in thousands of dollars)	Income Properties	Properties Under Development	Residential Development Inventory	Other Assets	Total Assets
Rental					
Residential	\$540,775	\$122,551	\$—	\$7,459	\$670,785
Self-storage facilities	266,387	97,701	—	8,588	372,676
Retail	143,743	7,505	—	2,224	153,472
Office	190,448	—	—	20,188	210,636
Mixed-use	127,259	638,210	—	120,739 <sup>(1)</sup>	886,208
Condominium and townhome residential development inventory	—	—	61,837	229,385 <sup>(2)</sup>	291,222
	<b>\$1,268,612</b>	<b>\$865,967</b>	<b>\$61,837</b>	<b>\$388,583</b>	<b>\$2,584,999</b>

(1) Consists of loans receivable of \$112.5 million in connection with the 700 Applewood purchase (see also Note 12, "Debt", in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023), and cash and cash equivalents of \$3.7 million.

(2) Consists of notes receivable of \$135.5 million and cash and cash equivalents of \$62.8 million.

As at December 31, 2022 (in thousands of dollars)	Income Properties	Properties Under Development	Residential Development Inventory	Other Assets	Total Assets
Rental					
Residential	\$145,603	\$190,331	\$—	\$37,457	\$373,391
Self-storage facilities	160,844	68,770	—	6,201	235,815
Retail	131,020	7,742	—	3,335	142,097
Office	219,975	—	—	21,369	241,344
Mixed-use	130,792	870,529	—	138,296 <sup>(1)</sup>	1,139,617
Condominium and townhome residential development inventory	—	—	412,308	59,698 <sup>(2)</sup>	472,006
	<b>\$788,234</b>	<b>\$1,137,372</b>	<b>\$412,308</b>	<b>\$266,356</b>	<b>\$2,604,270</b>

(1) Consists of loans receivable of \$129.2 million in connection with the 700 Applewood purchase (see also Note 12, "Debt", in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023), and cash and cash equivalents of \$8.2 million.

(2) Consists of notes receivable of \$2.3 million in connection with the Transit City closing, and cash and cash equivalents of \$50.5 million.

### **Summary of development credit facilities**

#### **Investment in associates**

As at December 31, 2023, PCVP and VMC Residences had a credit facility in the amount of \$460.0 million (December 31, 2022 – \$755.1 million), bearing annual interest rate of BA + 1.45% with maturity date in June 2027. As at December 31, 2023, deducting amount drawn on such development credit facility of \$391.4 million (December 31, 2022 – \$515.3 million) and outstanding letters of credit of \$29.7 million (December 31, 2022 – \$63.1 million), the remaining unused development credit facility was \$38.9 million (December 31, 2022 – \$176.8 million), of which the Trust's share was \$19.4 million (December 31, 2022 – \$67.6 million).

The development financing relating to PCVP and VMC Residences comprise pre-development, construction and letters of credit facilities. With respect to the development credit facilities relating to PCVP, the obligations are joint and several to each of the PCVP limited partners; however, by virtue of an indemnity agreement between the PCVP limited partners, the obligations are effectively several. From time to time, the original facility amounts are reduced through repayments and through amended agreements with the financial institutions from which the facilities were obtained.

#### **Investment in joint ventures**

As at December 31, 2023, the Trust's joint ventures had credit facilities in the amount of \$171.8 million (December 31, 2022 – \$251.7 million), bearing annual interest rates between BA + 1.35% and BA + 2.45%, with maturity dates between May 2024 and August 2025. As at December 31, 2023, deducting amount drawn on such credit facilities of \$155.1 million (December 31, 2022 – \$181.6 million), and outstanding letters of credit of \$2.6 million (December 31, 2022 – \$1.6 million), the remaining unused development credit facilities was \$14.1 million (December 31, 2022 – \$68.5 million), of which the Trust's share was \$8.2 million (December 31, 2022 – \$40.2 million).

Development financing includes credit facilities relating to Laval C Apartments and Mascouche, comprising pre-development and construction facilities, and a construction facility relating to additional self-storage facilities. From time to time, the facilities amounts may be reduced through repayments and through amended agreements with the financial institutions from which the facilities were obtained.

## Amounts Receivable and Other, and Prepaid Expenses, Deposits and Deferred Financing Costs

The timely collection of amounts receivable is a critical component associated with the Trust's cash and treasury management functions. The following table presents the components of amounts receivable and other, deferred financing costs, and prepaid expenses and deposits:

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	Variance
Amounts receivable and other			
Tenant receivables	\$26,794	\$26,735	\$59
Unbilled other tenant receivables	9,526	11,100	(1,574)
Receivables from related party – excluding equity accounted investments	12,923	11,899	1,024
Receivables from related party – equity accounted investments	15,052	616	14,436
Other non-tenant receivables	2,410	1,954	456
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	15,888	13,591	2,297
	<b>\$82,593</b>	\$65,895	\$16,698
Allowance for ECL	<b>(8,983)</b>	(8,771)	(212)
Amounts receivable and other, net of allowance for ECL	<b>\$73,610</b>	\$57,124	\$16,486
Prepaid expenses, deposits and deferred financing costs	<b>15,048</b>	14,474	574
	<b>\$88,658</b>	\$71,598	\$17,060

(1) The amount includes a related party amount of \$8.7 million (December 31, 2022 – \$6.8 million).

As at December 31, 2023, total amounts receivable and other, net of allowance for ECL, prepaid expenses, deposits and deferred financing costs increased by \$17.1 million as compared to December 31, 2022. This increase was primarily attributed to the following:

- \$15.9 million increase in non-tenant receivables; and
- \$2.3 million increase in other amounts receivable, both due to timing of collection;

Partially offset by:

- \$1.6 million decrease in unbilled other tenant receivables, primarily due to billing being processed for prior year accrued receivables.

### Tenant receivables

Approximately 60% of the Trust's tenant base are businesses offering "essential" services and approximately 98% of the Trust's tenant billings for the year ended December 31, 2023 have been collected. The Trust and its tenants are well positioned for continued strength in demand for retail space and, as the Trust identifies tenants for its vacant space, it also continues to work with its existing tenants on rent collections and payment solutions.

The table below represents a summary of total tenant receivables and ECL balances as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022:

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Tenant receivables	\$26,794	\$26,735
Unbilled other tenant receivables	9,526	11,100
<b>Total tenant receivables</b>	<b>\$36,320</b>	\$37,835
Allowance for ECL	<b>(8,983)</b>	(8,771)
<b>Total tenant receivables net of allowance for ECL</b>	<b>\$27,337</b>	\$29,064



## Mortgages, Loans and Notes Receivable

The following table summarizes mortgages, loans and notes receivable:

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	Variance
Mortgages, loans and notes receivable			
Mortgages receivable (Mezzanine Financing) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$17,548	\$39,456	\$(21,908)
Loans receivable <sup>(2)</sup>	189,837	282,312	(92,475)
Notes receivable <sup>(1)</sup>	2,924	2,924	—
	<b>\$210,309</b>	<b>\$324,692</b>	<b>\$(114,383)</b>

(1) The amount is due from Penguin.

(2) Includes \$76.4 million due from Penguin (December 31, 2022 – \$100.3 million), see "Loans Receivable" subsection in this MD&A.

### Mortgages Receivable (Mezzanine Financing)

The following table presents the details of the mortgages receivable provided to Penguin:

(in thousands of dollars)						
Property	Amount Outstanding	Committed	Amount Guaranteed by Penguin	Maturity Date including Extension Period	Annualized Variable Interest Rate at Year-End	Potential Area Upon Exercising Purchase Option (sq. ft.)
Pitt Meadows, BC <sup>(1)(3)(4)</sup>	\$17,547	\$68,153	\$17,547	August 2028	6.90 %	25,003
Toronto (StudioCentre), ON <sup>(2)(3)(4)</sup>	1	22,778	1	August 2028	6.90 %	227,831
Caledon (Mayfield), ON <sup>(1)(4)</sup>	—	15,498	—	August 2028	7.00 %	101,865
Salmon Arm, BC <sup>(2)</sup>	—	13,398	—	August 2028	6.50 %	—
Aurora (South), ON <sup>(4)</sup>	—	15,155	—	August 2028	6.75 %	57,741
Vaughan (7 & 427), ON <sup>(1)(4)</sup>	—	15,781	—	August 2028	6.75 %	76,000
	<b>\$17,548</b>	<b>\$150,763</b>	<b>\$17,548</b>		<b>6.90 %</b>	<b>488,440</b>

(1) Caledon, Vaughan and Pitt Meadows mortgages have original maturity dates of April 2024, December 2023 and November 2023, respectively. Their maturity dates are automatically extended to August 31, 2028 unless written notice is delivered from the borrower. During the extended maturity period, the mortgages receivable accrue interest at a variable rate based on the BA rate plus 4.00% to 5.00%.

(2) The Trust owns a 50% interest in these properties, with the other 50% interest owned by Penguin. These loans are secured against Penguin's interest in the property.

(3) The weighted average interest rate on this mortgage is subject to an upper limit of 6.90%.

(4) The Trust has a purchase option from the borrower in these properties upon a certain level of development and leasing being achieved. As at December 31, 2023, it is management's expectation that the Trust will exercise these purchase options. The purchase option for Aurora (South), ON, Pitt Meadows, BC, Vaughan (7 & 427), ON, and Caledon (Mayfield), ON are each 50%. The purchase option for Toronto (StudioCentre), ON is 25%.

The mortgage security includes a first or second charge on properties, assignments of rents and leases and general security agreements. In addition, the outstanding balance is guaranteed by Penguin. The loans are subject to individual loan guarantee agreements that provide additional guarantees for all interest and principal advanced on outstanding amounts. The amounts that are guaranteed decrease on achievement of certain specified value-enhancing events. Management considers all mortgages receivable to be fully collectible.

The following table illustrates the activity in mortgages receivable:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Balance – beginning of year	\$39,456	\$139,589
Interest accrued	2,038	6,143
Interest payments	(2,166)	(36,510)
Principal advances	—	3,800
Principal repayments	(21,780)	(73,566)
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$17,548</b>	<b>\$39,456</b>

**Loans Receivable**

The following table summarizes loans receivable:

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Issued to</b>		
Penguin	<b>\$76,392</b>	\$100,279
Equity accounted investments	<b>108,815</b>	164,628
Unrelated parties	<b>4,630</b>	17,405
	<b>\$189,837</b>	\$282,312

See also Note 6(b) in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 for more details about loans receivable, including committed facilities, maturity dates and interest rates.

The following table illustrates the activity in loans receivable:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Balance – beginning of year	<b>\$282,312</b>	\$274,523
Loans issued	<b>4,608</b>	30,300
Principal advances	<b>6,892</b>	16,384
Interest accrued	<b>8,040</b>	5,366
Fair value adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>3,200</b>	4,114
Repayments <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>(115,215)</b>	(48,375)
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$189,837</b>	\$282,312

(1) \$3.2 million recorded during the year ended December 31, 2023 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$4.1 million) in connection with the loan issued as part of the 700 Applewood purchase.

(2) In November 2023, the Trust's self-storage joint ventures closed a two-year interest-only credit facility in an amount of \$70.0 million. The proceeds were used to repay \$68.9 million of the loan owing to the Trust.

**Notes Receivable**

Notes receivable of \$2.9 million (December 31, 2022 – \$2.9 million) have been granted to Penguin (see also, "Related Party Transactions"). These secured demand notes bear interest at 9.00% per annum (December 31, 2022 – 9.00%).

## Section VII — Financing and Capital Resources

### Capital Resources and Liquidity

The following table presents the Trust's capital resources available:

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	Variance
Cash and cash equivalents	\$34,743	\$35,255	\$(512)
Remaining operating facilities <sup>(1)</sup>	488,160	553,343	(65,183)
	<b>\$522,903</b>	\$588,598	\$(65,695)
Operating facility – accordion feature	250,000	250,000	—
	<b>\$772,903</b>	\$838,598	\$(65,695)

(1) Excludes the Trust's development facilities which have been arranged to fund project-specific development and related costs.

On the assumption that cash flow levels permit the Trust to obtain financing on reasonable terms, the Trust anticipates meeting all current and future obligations. Management expects to finance future acquisitions, committed Earnouts, developments, Mezzanine Financing commitments and maturing debt from: i) existing cash balances; ii) funds received from the closings of mixed-use development initiatives, including condominium and townhome sales; iii) a mix of mortgage debt secured by investment properties, operating facilities and issuances of equity and unsecured debentures; iv) repayments of mortgages receivable; and v) the sale of non-core assets. The Trust's ability to meet these future obligations may be impacted by the liquidity risk associated with receiving repayments of its mortgages, loans, and notes receivable, amounts receivable and other, deposits, and cash equivalents on time and in full, and, infrequently, the realization of fair value on the disposition of the Trust's non-core assets. Cash flow generated from operating activities is the primary source of liquidity to pay Unit distributions and sustain capital expenditures and leasing costs. See also the "Distributions and AFFO Highlights" subsection in this MD&A.

As at December 31, 2023, the Trust's capital resources available decreased by \$65.7 million as compared to December 31, 2022. The decrease was mainly attributable to a higher drawn balance on the Trust's operating facilities to repay secured debt upon maturity.

The Trust manages its cash flow from operating activities by maintaining a conservative debt level. As at December 31, 2023, the Debt to Gross Book Value was 51.9% (December 31, 2022 – 52.0%).

Other than contractual maturity dates, the timing of payment of these obligations is management's best estimate based on assumptions with respect to the timing of leasing, construction completion, occupancy and Earnout dates at December 31, 2023.

The following table presents the estimated amount and timing of certain of the Trust's future obligations, including development obligations as at December 31, 2023:

(in thousands of dollars)	Total	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter
Secured debt	\$808,582	\$174,793	\$431,612	\$98,417	\$5,786	\$21,398	\$76,576
Unsecured debt	3,915,969	115,932	888,653	570,000	850,000	600,000	891,384
Revolving operating facilities	149,937	149,937	—	—	—	—	—
Interest obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	451,792	117,337	101,699	82,677	66,581	43,583	39,915
Accounts payable	253,236	253,236	—	—	—	—	—
Other payable	25,527	6,398	151	8,978	—	—	10,000
	<b>\$5,605,043</b>	<b>\$817,633</b>	<b>\$1,422,115</b>	<b>\$760,072</b>	<b>\$922,367</b>	<b>\$664,981</b>	<b>\$1,017,875</b>
Mortgage receivable advances (repayments) <sup>(2)</sup>	133,215	—	758	(11,359)	(753)	(1,819)	146,388
Development obligations (commitments)	22,068	22,068	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,760,326</b>	<b>\$839,701</b>	<b>\$1,422,873</b>	<b>\$748,713</b>	<b>\$921,614</b>	<b>\$663,162</b>	<b>\$1,164,263</b>

(1) Interest obligations represent expected interest payments on secured debt, unsecured debt, and revolving operating facilities under the assumption that the balances are repaid at maturity, and do not represent a separate contractual obligation.

(2) Mortgages receivable of \$17.5 million at December 31, 2023, and further forecasted commitments of \$133.2 million, mature over a period extending to 2028 if the Trust does not exercise its option to acquire the investment properties. Refer to Note 6, "Mortgages, loans and notes receivable", in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, for timing of principal repayments.

The following table presents the estimated amount and timing of certain of the equity accounted investments' future obligations, including development obligations, as at December 31, 2023:

(in thousands of dollars)	Total	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter
Secured and unsecured debt	<b>\$761,172</b>	\$53,580	\$128,172	\$7,452	\$442,595	\$4,980	\$124,393
Development obligations (commitments) <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>68,734</b>	42,255	15,584	8,422	2,473	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$829,906</b>	<b>\$95,835</b>	<b>\$143,756</b>	<b>\$15,874</b>	<b>\$445,068</b>	<b>\$4,980</b>	<b>\$124,393</b>

(1) The Trust is in the process of refining its estimates of development obligations for the years subsequent to 2023. This total does not include expected costs associated with the Trust's mixed-use development initiatives except for current amounts outstanding for active projects currently underway.

The following table presents the estimated amount and timing of certain of the Trust's proportionate share of equity accounted investments' future obligations, including development obligations, as at December 31, 2023:

(in thousands of dollars)	Total	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter
Secured and unsecured debt	<b>\$384,765</b>	\$26,276	\$78,850	\$3,163	\$212,008	\$2,490	\$61,978
Development obligations (commitments) <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>34,414</b>	21,143	7,808	4,226	1,237	—	—
<b>Total Trust's share</b>	<b>\$419,179</b>	<b>\$47,419</b>	<b>\$86,658</b>	<b>\$7,389</b>	<b>\$213,245</b>	<b>\$2,490</b>	<b>\$61,978</b>

(1) The Trust is in the process of refining its estimates of development obligations for the years subsequent to 2023. This total does not include expected costs associated with the Trust's mixed-use development initiatives except for current amounts outstanding for active projects currently underway.

The following table presents the Trust's net working capital deficiency:

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Current assets	<b>\$304,897</b>	\$276,140
Less: Current liabilities	<b>(858,964)</b>	(720,400)
Working capital deficiency	<b>\$(554,067)</b>	\$(444,260)
Adjusted by: Current portion of debt included in current liabilities	<b>(605,478)</b>	(459,278)
<b>Net working capital surplus</b>	<b>\$51,411</b>	\$15,018

As at December 31, 2023, the Trust had a net working capital surplus of \$51.4 million (December 31, 2022 – \$15.0 million surplus). This surplus excludes mortgages, unsecured debentures and operating lines of credit of \$605.5 million (December 31, 2022 – \$459.3 million) that matures within 12 months of the balance sheet date. It is management's intention to either repay or refinance these maturing liabilities with cash and cash equivalents, newly issued secured or unsecured debt, equity or, in certain circumstances not expected to occur frequently, the disposition of certain assets. Including such mortgages, unsecured debentures and operating lines of credit, the Trust has a working capital deficiency of \$554.1 million as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – \$444.3 million deficiency).

As at December 31, 2023, the Trust has unencumbered assets (a non-GAAP financial measure) with an approximate fair value totalling \$9.2 billion (December 31, 2022 – \$8.4 billion), which could generate gross financing proceeds on income properties of approximately \$5.9 billion (December 31, 2022 – \$5.4 billion) using a 65% loan-to-value ratio. It is anticipated that requirements for secured and unsecured debt, mortgage receivable advances and development obligations will be funded by additional term mortgages, net proceeds on the sale of certain assets, existing cash or operating lines, the issuances of unsecured debentures, and equity, as necessary.

## Debt

The following table summarizes total debt including debt associated with equity accounted investments:

As at  (in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023			December 31, 2022		
	Balance	Weighted Average Term of Debt (in years)	Weighted Average Interest Rate of Debt	Balance	Weighted Average Term of Debt (in years)	Weighted Average Interest Rate of Debt
Secured debt	\$807,602	2.6	3.98 %	\$969,054	2.8	3.91 %
Unsecured debt	3,891,294	3.7	3.96 %	3,791,797	4.1	3.74 %
Unsecured loan from equity accounted investments	150,689	N/A	— %	141,131	N/A	— %
Revolving operating facilities	149,937	0.4	6.67 %	81,283	1.3	5.59 %
Total debt before equity accounted investments	\$4,999,522	N/A	— %	\$4,983,265	N/A	— %
Less: Unsecured loan from equity accounted investments <sup>(1)</sup>	(94,997)	N/A	— %	(78,145)	N/A	— %
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>\$4,904,525</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.00 %</b>	<b>\$4,905,120</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>3.75 %</b>
Share of secured debt (equity accounted investments)	189,088	7.5	5.22 %	193,525	8.1	4.91 %
Share of unsecured debt (equity accounted investments)	195,677	3.4	6.85 %	161,408	1.8	5.92 %
<b>Share of debt classified as equity accounted investments</b>	<b>\$384,765</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.05 %</b>	<b>\$354,933</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>5.37 %</b>
<b>Total debt including equity accounted investments</b>	<b>\$5,289,290</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>4.15 %</b>	<b>\$5,260,053</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>3.86 %</b>

(1) This represents the Trust's share of a loan from equity accounted investments.

Approximately 18% of the Trust's debt is at variable rates, with a significant portion of that being linked to development projects.

The following table summarizes the activities in debt, including debt recorded in equity accounted investments, for the year ended December 31, 2023:

(in thousands of dollars)	Secured Debt	Unsecured Debt	Revolving Operating Facilities	Equity Accounted Investments	Loan from Equity Accounted Investments	Total
<b>Balance – January 1, 2023</b>	\$969,054	\$3,791,797	\$81,283	\$354,933	\$62,986	<b>\$5,260,053</b>
Borrowings	13,133	300,000	242,486	88,676	3,462	<b>647,757</b>
Scheduled amortization	(38,442)	—	—	(2,820)	—	<b>(41,262)</b>
Repayments	(136,345)	(200,000)	(173,832)	(56,040)	(10,756)	<b>(576,973)</b>
Amortization of acquisition fair value adjustments	(285)	—	—	(129)	—	<b>(414)</b>
Financing costs incurred, net of additions	487	844	—	145	—	<b>1,476</b>
Currency translation	—	(1,347)	—	—	—	<b>(1,347)</b>
<b>Balance – December 31, 2023</b>	<b>\$807,602</b>	<b>\$3,891,294</b>	<b>\$149,937</b>	<b>\$384,765</b>	<b>\$55,692</b>	<b>\$5,289,290</b>



### Secured Debt

The Trust believes it will have continued access to secured debt due to its strong tenant base and high occupancy levels at mortgage loan levels ranging from 60% to 70% of loan-to-value.

The following table summarizes future principal payments as a percentage of total secured debt:

(in thousands of dollars)	Instalment Payments	Lump Sum Payments at Maturity	Total	% of total	Weighted Average Interest Rate of Maturing Debt
2024	\$32,831	\$141,962	\$174,793	21.62 %	4.20 %
2025	22,241	409,371 <sup>(1)</sup>	431,612	53.37 %	3.54 %
2026	11,536	86,881	98,417	12.17 %	3.86 %
2027	5,786	—	5,786	0.72 %	— %
2028	5,645	15,753	21,398	2.65 %	5.39 %
Thereafter	10,723	65,853	76,576	9.47 %	4.78 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$88,762</b>	<b>\$719,820</b>	<b>\$808,582</b>	<b>100.00 %</b>	<b>3.87 %</b>
Acquisition date fair value adjustment			269		
Unamortized financing costs			(1,249)		
			<b>\$807,602</b>		<b>3.98 %</b>

(1) Includes construction loans in the amount of \$23.3 million, which bear interest of BA plus 170 basis points.

### Unsecured Debt

The following table summarizes the components of unsecured debt:

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Unsecured debentures (a)	<b>\$2,752,816</b>	\$2,652,327
Credit facilities (b)	<b>995,246</b>	996,238
	<b>\$3,748,062</b>	\$3,648,565
TRS debt	<b>143,232</b>	143,232
Other unsecured debt from equity accounted investments (c)	<b>150,689</b>	141,131
	<b>\$4,041,983</b>	\$3,932,928

#### a) Unsecured debentures

As at December 31, 2023, unsecured debentures totalled \$2,752.8 million (December 31, 2022 – \$2,652.3 million). The unsecured debentures mature at various dates between 2024 and 2030, with interest rates ranging from 1.74% to 5.35%, and a weighted average interest rate of 3.35% as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – 3.17%).

#### Unsecured debenture activities for the year ended December 31, 2023

In May 2023, the Trust issued \$300.0 million of 5.354% Series Z senior unsecured debentures (net proceeds of the issuance in aggregate after issuance costs – \$299.0 million). The Series Z debentures will mature on May 29, 2028. The debentures have semi-annual payments due on May 29 and November 29 of each year, commencing on November 29, 2023. The Trust utilized the net proceeds from the issuances to fully repay the \$200.0 million aggregate principal of Series I senior unsecured debentures upon their maturity, along with revolving operating facilities and other existing indebtedness.

#### Credit rating of unsecured debentures

Dominion Bond Rating Services (“DBRS”) provides credit ratings of debt securities for commercial issuers that indicate the risk associated with a borrower’s capabilities to fulfil its obligations. An investment-grade rating must exceed “BB”, with the highest rating being “AAA”. In December 2023, DBRS kept the Trust’s credit rating at BBB and maintained a stable trend.

**b) Credit facilities**

The following table summarizes the activity for unsecured credit facilities:

(in thousands of dollars) (Issued in)	Maturity Date	Annual Interest Rate	Facility Amount	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Revolving:</b>					
May 2020	May 11, 2024	BA + 1.45%	\$100,000	\$—	\$—
<b>Non-revolving:</b>					
August 2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	January 31, 2025	2.98 %	80,000	<b>80,000</b>	80,000
December 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	December 1, 2025	4.37 %	100,000	<b>100,000</b>	100,000
December 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	December 1, 2025	4.88 %	100,000	<b>100,000</b>	100,000
December 2022	December 20, 2025	SOFR + 1.70%	100,000	<b>98,653</b>	100,000
May 2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	June 24, 2026	3.15 %	170,000	<b>170,000</b>	170,000
March 2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	July 31, 2026	3.52 %	150,000	<b>150,000</b>	150,000
January 2022 <sup>(2)</sup>	January 19, 2027	BA + 1.45%	300,000	<b>300,000</b>	300,000
			\$1,100,000	<b>\$998,653</b>	\$1,000,000
Less:					
Unamortized financing costs				<b>(1,447)</b>	(1,802)
Unamortized debt modification adjustments				<b>(1,960)</b>	(1,960)
				<b>\$995,246</b>	\$996,238

- (1) The Trust entered into interest rate swap agreements to convert the variable interest rate into a weighted average fixed interest rate of 3.71% per annum. The weighted average term to maturity of the interest rate swaps is 2.46 years. Hedge accounting has not been applied to the interest rate swap agreements. See additional details in the table below.
- (2) The proceeds of this loan were mainly used for the acquisition of SmartVMC West in December 2021.

The following table summarizes the fair value gain as at December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022, relating to the mark to market adjustments associated with the interest rate swap agreements:

Facility Amount	Maturity Date	Fixed Interest Rate	Variable Interest Rate	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
\$80,000	January 31, 2025	2.98 %	BA + 1.20%	<b>\$4,575</b>	\$6,161
11,403	November 3, 2025	3.47 %	BA + 1.50%	<b>444</b>	624
100,000	December 1, 2025	4.37 %	BA + 1.20%	<b>64</b>	1,120
170,000	June 24, 2026	3.15 %	BA + 1.20%	<b>11,692</b>	16,225
150,000	July 31, 2026	3.52 %	BA + 1.20%	<b>7,143</b>	10,151
100,000	December 1, 2027	4.88 %	BA + 1.45%	<b>424</b>	—
				<b>\$24,342</b>	\$34,281

**c) Other unsecured debt from equity accounted investments**

Other unsecured debt net of fair value adjustments totalling \$150.7 million (December 31, 2022 – \$141.1 million) pertains to loans received from equity accounted investments in connection with contribution agreements relating to joint ventures. The loans are non-interest-bearing with repayment terms based on the distributions that are to be paid pursuant to the limited partnership agreements. The balances of the loans are expected to be paid at the end of their respective terms.

**Revolving Operating Facilities**

The following table summarizes components of the Trust's revolving operating facilities:

	Annual Interest Rate	Facility Amount	Amount Drawn	Outstanding Letters of Credit	Remaining Undrawn Facilities	
					December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Revolving facility maturing March 2028	BA + 1.45%	\$500,000	<b>\$10,000</b>	<b>\$11,903</b>	<b>\$478,097</b>	\$477,626
Revolving facility maturing February 2024 <sup>(1)</sup>	US\$ SOFR + 1.55%	150,000	<b>139,937</b>	—	<b>10,063</b>	75,717
				<b>\$11,903</b>	<b>\$488,160</b>	\$553,343

- (1) The Trust has drawn in US\$105,700 which was translated to \$139,937 as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – drawn in US\$54.9 million which was translated to \$74.3 million).

In addition to the letters of credit outstanding on the Trust's revolving operating facilities (see above), the Trust also has \$33.9 million of letters of credit outstanding with other financial institutions as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – \$32.9 million).

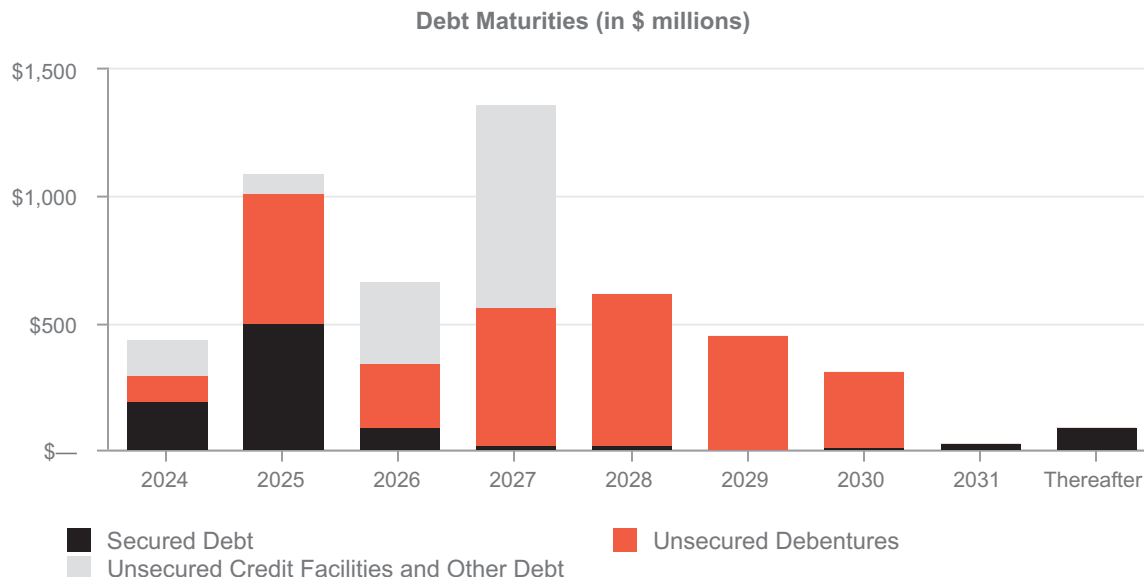
**Unencumbered Assets**

As at December 31, 2023, the Trust had \$9.2 billion of unencumbered assets (a non-GAAP financial measure) (December 31, 2022 – \$8.4 billion), which reflects the Trust’s share of the value of investment properties. Expressed as a percentage, the Trust earned approximately 72.4% of its NOI from unencumbered assets (December 31, 2022 – 71.1%).

In connection with this pool of unencumbered assets, management estimates the total Forecasted Annualized NOI for 2024 to be \$406.2 million (December 31, 2022 – \$368.8 million). Forecasted Annualized NOI is computed by annualizing the current quarter NOI for the Trust’s income properties that are not encumbered by secured debt, and is a forward-looking non-GAAP measure. See “Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures” and “Non-GAAP Measures” in this MD&A.

**Debt Maturities**

The following graph illustrates the debt maturities<sup>(1)(2)(3)</sup> as at December 31, 2023:



(1) Includes the Trust’s proportionate share of debt in equity accounted investments.  
 (2) Excludes revolving operating facility of \$149.9 million, which matures between February 2024 and March 2028.  
 (3) For facilities where the initial maturity date can be extended at the sole option of the Trust, the final maturity date is assumed.

## Financial Covenants

The Trust's revolving operating facilities and unsecured debt contain numerous terms and covenants that limit the discretion of management with respect to certain business matters. These covenants could in certain circumstances place restrictions on, among other things, the ability of the Trust to create liens or other encumbrances, to pay distributions on its Units or make certain other payments, investments, loans and guarantees and to sell or otherwise dispose of assets and merge or consolidate with another entity.

In addition, the Trust's revolving operating facilities and unsecured debt contain a number of financial covenants that require the Trust to meet certain financial ratios and financial condition tests. A failure to comply with the financial covenants in the revolving operating facilities and unsecured debt could result in a default, which, if not cured or waived, could result in a reduction, suspension or termination of distributions by the Trust and permit acceleration of the relevant indebtedness.

The following table presents ratios which the Trust monitors. These ratios are either requirements stipulated by the Declaration of Trust or significant financial covenants pursuant to the terms of revolving operating facilities and other credit facilities or indentures, or indicators monitored by the Trust to manage an acceptable level of leverage. These ratios are not considered measures in accordance with IFRS; nor is there an equivalent IFRS measure and may not be comparable to similarly titled measures presented by other publicly traded entities. See "Presentation of Certain Terms Including Non-GAAP Measures" and "Non-GAAP Measures" in this MD&A.

As at and for the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust was in compliance with all financial covenants.

Ratio	Calculation	Threshold	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Interest coverage ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	<i>Adjusted EBITDA / Adjusted interest expense including capitalized interest<sup>(6)</sup></i>	≥ 1.65X	<b>2.7X</b>	3.1X
Fixed charge coverage ratio <sup>(3)</sup>	<i>Adjusted EBITDA / Debt service expense<sup>(7)</sup></i>	≥ 1.5X	<b>2.2X</b>	2.3X
Debt to aggregate assets <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup>	<i>Net debt / Aggregate assets<sup>(8)</sup></i>	≤ 65%	<b>43.1 %</b>	43.6 %
Debt to aggregate assets (excluding TRS debt and receivable) <sup>(2)(5)</sup>	<i>Net debt (excluding TRS debt) / Aggregate assets (excluding TRS receivable)<sup>(8)</sup></i>	≤ 65%	<b>42.4 %</b>	42.9 %
Debt to Gross Book Value (excluding convertible debentures) <sup>(1)(4)(5)</sup>	<i>Net debt / Gross book value<sup>(9)</sup></i>	≤ 60%	<b>51.9 %</b>	52.0 %
Debt to Gross Book Value (including convertible debentures) <sup>(1)(4)(5)</sup>	<i>Net debt / Gross book value<sup>(10)</sup></i>	≤ 65%	<b>51.9 %</b>	52.0 %
Adjusted Debt to Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(2)(5)</sup>	<i>Adjusted debt / Adjusted EBITDA<sup>(11)</sup></i>	N/A	<b>9.6X</b>	10.3X
Secured debt to aggregate assets <sup>(3)(5)</sup>	<i>Secured debt including EAI / Aggregate assets<sup>(12)</sup></i>	≤ 40%	<b>8.2 %</b>	11.2 %
Unsecured to secured debt ratio <sup>(2)(5)</sup>	<i>Unsecured debt including EAI / Secured debt including EAI<sup>(13)</sup></i>	N/A	<b>81%/19%</b>	74%/26%
Unencumbered assets to unsecured debt <sup>(3)(5)</sup>	<i>Unencumbered assets / Unsecured debt including EAI<sup>(14)</sup></i>	≥ 1.3X	<b>2.2X</b>	2.2X
Unitholders' equity (in thousands) <sup>(1)(3)</sup>		≥ \$2,000,000	<b>\$6,359,304</b>	\$6,163,101
Units classified as liabilities (in thousands)		N/A	<b>\$196,571</b>	\$211,497
Total Unitholders' equity including Units classified as liabilities (in thousands)		N/A	<b>\$6,555,875</b>	\$6,374,598

(1) This ratio is required by the Trust's indentures.

(2) This ratio is disclosed for informational purposes only.

(3) This ratio is a significant financial covenant pursuant to the terms of the Trust's revolving operating facilities and other credit facilities.

(4) This ratio is stipulated by the Declaration of Trust.

(5) As at December 31, 2023, cash-on-hand of \$31.4 million (December 31, 2022 – \$33.4 million) was excluded for the purposes of calculating the ratios.

(6) This ratio is calculated as: Adjusted EBITDA/Adjusted interest expense including capitalized interest. The calculation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted interest expense including capitalized interest are referenced in the "Non-GAAP Measures" section in this MD&A.

(7) This ratio is calculated as: Adjusted EBITDA/Debt service expense. The calculation of Adjusted EBITDA is referenced in the "Non-GAAP Measures" section in this MD&A. Debt service expense is calculated as total interest expense as per the proportionate income statement, less distributions on vested deferred units and Units classified as liabilities and interest income from mortgages and loans receivable, plus capitalized interest and mortgage principal amortization payments.

(8) This ratio is calculated as: Net debt/Aggregate assets. Net debt is calculated as total debt including equity accounted investments as referenced in "Debt," less excess cash-on-hand. Aggregate assets is calculated as total assets as per the proportionate balance sheet, less excess cash-on-hand. When calculating this ratio excluding TRS receivable and debt, Net debt as calculated above, further minus debt borrowed concurrent with entering the TRS agreement as referenced in "Debt". Aggregate assets as calculated above further minus TRS receivable.

(9) This ratio is calculated as: Net debt/Gross book value. Net debt is calculated as total debt including equity accounted investments as referenced in "Debt", less excess cash-on-hand. Gross book value is calculated as total assets as per the proportionate balance sheet, less excess cash-on-hand and fair value adjustment net of accumulated amortization.

(10) This ratio is calculated as: Net debt/Gross book value. Net debt is calculated as total debt including equity accounted investments as referenced in "Debt", less excess cash-on-hand. Gross book value is calculated as total assets as per the proportionate balance sheet, less excess cash-on-hand and fair value adjustment net of accumulated amortization.

(11) This ratio is calculated as: Adjusted Debt/Adjusted EBITDA. Adjusted debt is calculated as total debt including equity accounted investments as referenced in "Debt", less excess cash-on-hand and less loans receivable. The calculation of Adjusted EBITDA is referenced in the "Non-GAAP Measures" section in this MD&A.

(12) This ratio is calculated as: Secured debt including EAI/Aggregate assets. Secured debt is calculated as the Trust's secured debt plus secured debt on equity accounted investments as referenced in "Debt". Aggregate assets is calculated as total assets as per the proportionate balance sheet, less excess cash-on-hand.

(13) This ratio is calculated as: Unsecured debt including EAI/Secured debt including EAI. Unsecured debt is calculated as the Trust's unsecured debt plus unsecured debt on equity accounted investments as referenced in "Debt". Secured debt is calculated as the Trust's secured debt plus secured debt on equity accounted investments as referenced in "Debt".

(14) This ratio is calculated as: Unencumbered assets/Unsecured debt including EAI. Unencumbered assets is calculated as referenced in "Debt." Unsecured debt is calculated as the Trust's unsecured debt plus unsecured debt on equity accounted investments as referenced in "Debt".

## Unitholders' Equity

The Unitholders' equity of the Trust is calculated based on the equity attributable to the holders of Trust Units and LP Units ("Exchangeable Securities") that are exchangeable into Trust Units on a one-for-one basis. The Exchangeable Securities consist of certain Class B Units of the Trust's subsidiary limited partnerships. Certain of the Trust's subsidiary limited partnerships also have Units classified as liabilities that are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis for the Trust's Units. The following table is a summary of the number of Units outstanding:

Type	Class	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	Variance
Trust Units	N/A	144,625,322	144,625,322	—
Smart Limited Partnership	Class B	16,424,430	16,424,430	—
Smart Limited Partnership II	Class B	756,525	756,525	—
Smart Limited Partnership III <sup>(1)</sup>	Class B	4,117,096	4,062,801	54,295
Smart Limited Partnership IV	Class B	3,112,565	3,112,565	—
Smart Oshawa South Limited Partnership	Class B	710,416	710,416	—
Smart Oshawa Taunton Limited Partnership	Class B	374,223	374,223	—
Smart Boxgrove Limited Partnership	Class B	170,000	170,000	—
<b>Total Units classified as equity</b>		<b>170,290,577</b>	<b>170,236,282</b>	<b>54,295</b>
Smart Limited Partnership	Class D	311,022	311,022	—
Smart Limited Partnership	Class F	8,708	8,708	—
Smart Oshawa South Limited Partnership	Class D	260,417	260,417	—
ONR Limited Partnership	Class B	1,248,140	1,248,140	—
ONR Limited Partnership I	Class B	272,183	272,183	—
SmartVMC West Limited Partnership	Class D	5,797,101	5,797,101	—
<b>Total Units classified as liabilities</b>		<b>7,897,571</b>	<b>7,897,571</b>	<b>—</b>
<b>Total Units</b>		<b>178,188,148</b>	<b>178,133,853</b>	<b>54,295</b>

(1) The increase in number of Units relates to Units issued in connection with Earnout transactions completed during the year ended December 31, 2023. See also Note 16, "Unit equity", in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

As of February 14, 2024, the Trust has 170,290,577 Units outstanding which are classified as equity, and 7,897,571 Units outstanding which are classified as liabilities. The following table is a summary of the activities having an impact on Unitholders' equity:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31, 2023	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Unitholders' Equity – beginning of year	\$6,163,101	\$5,841,315
Unit issuance costs	—	(250)
Issuance of LP Units classified as equity	1,471	1,279
Net income and comprehensive income	510,103	635,965
Distributions	(315,371)	(315,208)
<b>Unitholders' Equity – end of year</b>	<b>\$6,359,304</b>	<b>\$6,163,101</b>
LP Units classified as liabilities – beginning of year	211,497	254,223
Change in carrying value	(14,926)	(42,726)
<b>LP Units classified as liabilities – end of year</b>	<b>\$196,571</b>	<b>\$211,497</b>
<b>Unitholders' Equity and LP Units classified as liabilities – end of period</b>	<b>\$6,555,875</b>	<b>\$6,374,598</b>



## Distributions

The Trust's Board of Trustees is responsible for approving distributions. See also details in the "Determination of Distributions" subsection in this MD&A.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust paid \$330.0 million in cash distributions (for the year ended December 31, 2022 – \$329.8 million in cash distributions). The following table summarizes declared distributions:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Distributions declared on:		
Trust Units	\$267,563	\$267,563
LP Units	47,470	47,363
Other non-controlling interest	338	282
<b>Distributions on Units classified as equity</b>	<b>\$315,371</b>	<b>\$315,208</b>
Distributions on LP Units classified as liabilities – excluding SmartVMC West	3,881	3,881
Distributions on LP Units classified as liabilities – SmartVMC West	10,725	10,725
Distributions on LP Units classified as liabilities	\$14,606	\$14,606
<b>Total distributions declared</b>	<b>\$329,977</b>	<b>\$329,814</b>

## Section VIII — Related Party Transactions

Transactions with related parties are conducted in the normal course of operations.

### Transactions and Agreements with Penguin

#### a) Penguin's Ownership Interest and Voting Right

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, provided certain ownership thresholds are met, the Trust is required to issue such number of additional Special Voting Units to Penguin that will entitle Penguin to cast 25.0% of the aggregate votes eligible to be cast at a meeting of the Unitholders and Special Voting Unitholders ("Voting Top-Up Right"). As at December 31, 2023, there were 9,729,886 additional Special Voting Units outstanding (December 31, 2022 – 10,053,123). These Special Voting Units are not entitled to any interest or share in the distributions or net assets of the Trust, nor are they convertible into any Trust securities. There is no value assigned to the Special Voting Units. A five-year extension of the Voting Top-Up Right was approved by Unitholders at the Trust's annual general and special meeting held on December 9, 2020. For further discussion, see the Trust's management information circular dated November 6, 2020, filed on SEDAR+.

As at December 31, 2023, Penguin owned 21.0% of the aggregate issued and outstanding Trust Units in addition to the Special Voting Units previously noted above. Penguin's ownership of Trust Units would increase to 24.8% if Penguin exercised all remaining options to purchase Units pursuant to existing development and exchange agreements (Earnouts). In addition, the Trust has entered into property management, leasing, development and exchange, and co-ownership agreements with Penguin. Pursuant to its rights under the Declaration of Trust, as at December 31, 2023, Penguin has appointed two of the eight trustees on the Board of Trustees.

#### b) Agreements with Penguin entered into on November 6, 2020

The Trust entered into various agreements with Penguin in November 2020 coincident with the extension of the term of the Voting Top-Up Right. For further discussion, see below and the Trust's management information circular dated November 6, 2020, filed on SEDAR+.

#### *Supplement to Development Services Agreement between the Trust and its Affiliates and Penguin ("Development and Services Agreement")*

The following represent the key elements of the Development and Services Agreement with Penguin which is effective from July 1, 2020 until December 31, 2025:

- i) Penguin shall be reimbursed for 50% of disposition fees otherwise payable pursuant to the Development and Services Agreement related to Penguin's interest in properties sold by the Trust,
- ii) for future SmartVMC commercial phases and certain properties currently owned by Penguin (for which the Trust has historically assisted with development and planning requirements), all development fees are payable to Penguin and all other fees (management, leasing, etc.) are payable to the Trust,

- iii) when Penguin utilizes employees of the Trust to assist with its development projects, Penguin will pay for these services provided by employees of the Trust based on annual estimates of time billings related to these projects, charged at estimated total cost, including compensation,
- iv) for Penguin's 50% interest in a property in Toronto co-owned with Revera to develop a retirement home, Penguin will pay 50% of the development fees it earns to the Trust for the development services provided by the Trust, and
- v) the Trust will continue to manage and develop all other Penguin properties.

Support services are provided for a fee based on an allocation of the Trust's relevant costs of the support services to Penguin. Such relevant costs include: office administration, human resources, information technology, insurance, legal and marketing.

#### *Penguin Services Agreement*

The amended and restated services agreement entered into on November 5, 2020 (the "Penguin Services Agreement"), and effective from February 2018 reflects the additional services provided by Penguin since that time. Under the agreement, Penguin provides specified services to the Trust in connection with the development of its projects. In return for those services, Penguin is entitled to receive: i) a fixed quarterly fee of \$1.0 million (subject to inflation-related increments after 2018) and ii) an annual variable fee between \$1.5 million and \$3.5 million (also inflation-adjusted after 2018) that is based on the achievement of the Trust-level targets for "New Development Initiatives" and "New Projects" that the Trust uses to measure the performance of its executive officers and other annual targets (other than such Trust-level targets) of a similar nature that the Trust uses to measure the performance of its executive officers as determined by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

#### *Omnibus Agreement between the Trust and Penguin*

Effective December 9, 2020, pursuant to an Omnibus Agreement between the Trust and Penguin (the "Omnibus Agreement"), Penguin has the option to extend all Earnouts by two years from the previous expiry date, and the Trust has been given a right of first offer in connection with the sale of the economic and financial benefits and rights of any such development parcel during any extended period. In addition, this agreement provides for the payment of certain outstanding amounts between the parties.

#### *Mezzanine Loan Amending Agreements between the Trust and its Affiliates and Penguin ("Mezzanine Loan Agreements")*

Effective November 5, 2020, all loan maturity dates have been extended to August 31, 2028, with a new rate structure for the extension period of each mortgage receivable (see also Note 6, "Mortgages, loans and notes receivable" in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023). The Trust's purchase option periods have been extended and because these properties may now be subject to mixed-use development projects, the agreements provide that the parties establish a new framework for the purchase options for the Trust related to mixed-use development.

#### *Non-Competition Agreement*

A non-competition agreement with Penguin entered into in 2020 replaced and superseded the previous non-competition agreement extending the term by five years and broadening restricted competing initiatives to include various forms of mixed-use development.

#### *Executive Employment Agreement*

This agreement confirms Mr. Goldhar's position as Executive Chairman of the Trust for the period from February 14, 2018, to December 31, 2025, for which Mr. Goldhar receives a salary, bonus, customary benefits, and is eligible to participate in the Trust's DUP and the EIP (see below).

#### *Equity Incentive Plan*

In January 2021, the Trust granted 900,000 performance units to Mitchell Goldhar pursuant to the EIP adopted by Unitholders effective December 9, 2020, which are subject to the achievement of Unit price thresholds (ranging from \$26.00 to \$34.00). The performance period for this award granted under the EIP is from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2027. The vesting period for these performance units will commence on the date that the applicable performance measure is achieved, and will end on the earlier of the third anniversary of the date that the applicable performance measure is achieved and the end of the performance period. Distributions on these performance units will accumulate from January 1, 2021. Provided the various performance measures are achieved, the performance units will be exchanged for Trust Units or paid out in cash (see also Note 22, "Related party transactions", in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023). Under the award granted to Mitchell Goldhar, the \$26.00 Unit price threshold was achieved on April 5, 2021, and the \$28.00 Unit price threshold was achieved on May 18, 2021, and under the awards granted to Mitchell Goldhar and other eligible associates in 2021, the \$30.00 Unit price threshold was achieved on September 22, 2021, and the \$32.00 Unit price threshold was achieved on April 5, 2022. The performance units for these Unit price thresholds will vest on April 4, 2024, May 17, 2024, September 21, 2024 and April 4, 2025, respectively.

The following table summarizes the change in the carrying value of the EIP award granted to Mitchell Goldhar:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Balance – beginning of year	\$13,380	\$8,500
Amortization costs capitalized to properties under development <sup>(1)</sup>	5,372	5,182
Fair value adjustment to financial instruments	(835)	(302)
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$17,917</b>	<b>\$13,380</b>

(1) These amounts were capitalized to properties under development in connection with Mitchell Goldhar's role in leading and completing development activities.

### c) Summary of transactions and balances with Penguin

The following table summarizes related party transactions and balances with Penguin and other related parties, including amounts relating to the Trust's share in equity accounted investments:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
<b>Related party transactions with Penguin</b>		
<b>Acquisitions and Earnouts:</b>		
Earnouts	\$8,196	\$9,210
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Service and other revenues:		
Management fee and other services revenue pursuant to the Development Services Agreement	11,351	3,670
Supplement to the Development Services Agreement fees – time billings	—	8,042
Support services	1,391	1,192
	<b>\$12,742</b>	<b>\$12,904</b>
Interest income from mortgages and loans receivable	4,326	7,857
Rents and operating cost recoveries included in rentals from income properties (includes rental income from Penguin Pick-Up of \$464 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$355))	2,932	893
	<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$21,654</b>
<b>Expenses and other payments:</b>		
Fees paid pursuant to the Penguin Services Agreement – capitalized to properties under development	7,189	7,416
EIP – capitalized to properties under development	5,372	5,182
Development fees and interest expense – capitalized to investment properties	140	354
Opportunity fees pursuant to the development management agreements – capitalized to properties under development <sup>(1)</sup>	60	60
Marketing and other costs – included in general and administrative expense and property operating costs	79	76
Disposition fees pursuant to the Development and Services Agreement – included in general and administrative expense	788	612
	<b>\$13,628</b>	<b>\$13,700</b>

(1) These amounts include prepaid land costs that will offset the purchase price of future Earnouts.

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Related party balances with Penguin disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements</b>		
<b>Receivables:</b>		
Amounts receivable and other <sup>(1)</sup>	\$21,647	\$18,734
Mortgages receivable	17,548	39,456
Loans receivable	76,392	100,280
Notes receivable	2,924	2,924
<b>Total receivables</b>	<b>\$118,511</b>	<b>\$161,394</b>
<b>Payables and other accruals:</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,723	3,504
Future land development obligations	18,075	17,646
<b>Total payables and other accruals</b>	<b>\$21,798</b>	<b>\$21,150</b>

(1) Excludes amounts receivable presented below as part of balances with equity accounted investments. This amount includes amounts receivable of \$12.9 million and other of \$8.7 million (December 31, 2022 – amounts receivable of \$11.9 million and other of \$6.8 million).

### Transactions and Agreements with the Trust's equity accounted investments

#### a) Supplemental Development Fee Agreements

In accordance with the Supplemental Development Fee Agreements, the Trust invoiced PCVP (as defined below) and certain joint ventures a net amount related to associated development fees. See Note 5, "Equity accounted investments", in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### b) Loans receivable issued

A loan receivable was provided to PCVP pursuant to a loan agreement. "PCVP" is a partnership in which each of SmartCentres and a Penguin group company owns a 50% interest. Loans receivable were issued to certain joint ventures partnered with SmartStop pursuant to a master credit loan agreement. See Note 6(b) in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### c) Other unsecured debt

Other unsecured debt pertains to loans received from equity accounted investments in connection with either the 700 Applewood purchase or contribution agreements relating to joint ventures. See Note 12(b)(iv) in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

#### d) Summary of transactions and balances with the Trust's equity accounted investments

The following table summarizes related party transactions and balances with the Trust's equity accounted investments:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
<b>Related party transactions with the Trust's equity accounted investments</b>		
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Supplemental Development Fee	\$11,418	\$9,296
Interest income from mortgages and loans receivable	11,212	6,006
<b>Expenses and other payments:</b>		
Rent and operating costs (included in general and administrative expense and property operating costs)	2,777	2,720

The following table summarizes the related party balances with the Trust's equity accounted investments:

(in thousands of dollars)	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Related party balances disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements</b>		
Amounts receivable <sup>(1)</sup>	\$15,052	\$616
Loans receivable <sup>(2)</sup>	108,815	164,628
Other unsecured debt <sup>(3)</sup>	150,689	141,131

(1) Amounts receivable includes Penguin's portion, which represents \$5.1 million (December 31, 2022 – \$0.03 million) relating to Penguin's 50% investment in the PCVP and Residences (One) LP.

(2) Loans receivable includes Penguin's portion, which represents \$25.7 million (December 31, 2022 – \$24.3 million) relating to Penguin's 50% investment in PCVP.

(3) Other unsecured debt does not consist of Penguin's portion as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – \$0.2 million relating to Penguin's 25% investment in Residences LP).

**Other related party transactions**

The following table summarizes other related party transactions:

(in thousands of dollars)	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
<b>Legal fees incurred from a law firm in which a partner is a Trustee:</b>		
Capitalized to investment properties	\$423	\$1,919
Included in general and administrative expense	1,461	846
	<b>\$1,884</b>	<b>\$2,765</b>

**Section IX — Accounting Policies, Risk Management and Compliance****Material Accounting Estimates and Policies**

A summary of material accounting policies is described in note 2 of the Trust's consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes for the year ended December 31, 2023.

In preparing the Trust's consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes, it is necessary for management to make estimates, assumptions and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the period. The critical accounting estimates and assumptions made by the Trust are outlined below:

**Critical accounting estimates and assumptions**

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgments and estimates in applying the Trust's accounting policies that affect the reported amounts and disclosures made in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes.

Within the context of these consolidated financial statements, a judgment is a decision made by management in respect of the application of an accounting policy, a recognized or unrecognized financial statement amount and/or note disclosure, following an analysis of relevant information that may include estimates and assumptions. Estimates and assumptions are used mainly in determining the measurement of balances recognized or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements and are based on a set of underlying data that may include management's historical experience, knowledge of current events and conditions and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Management continually evaluates the estimates and judgments it uses.

The following are the accounting policies subject to judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty that the Trust believes could have the most significant impact on the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

*a) Investment properties*

Judgment is applied in determining whether certain costs are additions to the carrying amount of an investment property and, for properties under development, identifying the point at which substantial completion of the property occurs and identifying the directly attributable borrowing costs to be included in the carrying value of the development property. The significant assumptions in the land, development and construction costs recorded at market value include the market value per acre for land. The Trust applies judgment in determining whether development projects are active and viable, otherwise previously capitalized costs are written off.

The Trust also applies judgment in determining whether the properties it acquires are considered to be asset acquisitions or business combinations. The Trust considers all the properties it has acquired to date to be asset acquisitions. Earnout options are exercisable upon completion and rental of additional space on acquired properties. Judgment is applied in determining whether Earnout options are considered to be contingent consideration relating to the acquisition of the acquired properties or additional cost of services during the construction period. The Trust considers the Earnout options it has issued to date to represent contingent considerations relating to the acquisitions and is considered to be a financial liability measured at fair value (see Note 2.14(a) in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023).

The valuation of the investment properties is the main area of judgment exercised by the Trust. The valuations of investment properties are dependent on: i) projected future cash flows for income properties and properties under development, and ii) land, development and construction costs for properties under development, and discount rates applicable to those assets. The projected cash flows for each property are based on the location, type and quality of the property and supported by the terms of any existing leases, other contracts or external evidence such as current market rents for similar properties, and adjusted for

estimated vacancy rates and estimated maintenance costs. Discount rate is based on the location, size and condition of the properties and take into account market data at the valuation date. These assumptions may not ultimately be achieved. The critical estimates and assumptions underlying the valuation of investment properties are set out in Note 4, "Investment properties", in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Management internally values the entire portfolio of investment properties, taking into account available external data. In addition, the Trust endeavours to obtain external valuations of approximately 15%–20% (by value) of the portfolio annually carried out by professionally qualified valuers in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Properties are rotated annually to ensure that approximately 50% (by value) of the portfolio is appraised externally over a three-year period. Judgment is applied in determining the extent and frequency of independent appraisals.

*b) Joint arrangements*

The Trust makes judgment in determining whether the Trust has joint control and whether the arrangements are joint operations or joint ventures. In assessing whether the joint arrangements are joint operations or joint ventures, management applies judgment to determine the Trust's rights and obligations in the arrangement based on factors such as the structure, legal form and contractual terms of the arrangement.

*c) Intangible assets*

The Trust makes judgments with respect to the amortization period relating to the joint venture relationships and trademarks that have finite useful lives, while also reviewing for impairment when an indication of impairment exists. In addition, on an annual basis or more frequently if there are any indications of impairment, the Trust evaluates whether goodwill may be impaired by determining whether the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount for the smallest identified cash-generating unit.

*d) Income taxes*

The Trust is taxed as a mutual fund trust for Canadian income tax purposes and qualifies for the REIT Exemption under the SIFT rules for tax purposes. The Trust endeavours to distribute a sufficient amount in each taxation year to ensure that the Trust will not be subject to tax on its net income and net capital gains under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) ("Tax Act").

The Trust qualifies for the REIT Exemption under the specified investment flow-through (SIFT) trust rules for accounting purposes. The Trust considers the tax deductibility of the Trust's distributions to Unitholders to represent, in substance, an exemption from current tax so long as the Trust continues to expect to distribute all of its taxable income and taxable capital gains to its Unitholders. Accordingly, the Trust will not recognize any current tax or deferred income tax assets or liabilities on temporary differences in the Trust's financial statements.

*e) LTIP*

The fair value of the LTIP is based on the Monte Carlo simulation pricing model, which incorporates: (i) the long-term performance of the Trust relative to the S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index for each performance period, (ii) the market value of Trust Units at each reporting date, and (iii) the total granted LTIP units under the plan including LTIP units that are reinvested. Any adjustments made to the accrued value of the LTIP are recorded in earnings.

*f) EIP*

The fair value of the EIP is based on the Monte Carlo simulation pricing model, which incorporates: (i) the performance of the Trust relative to the Unit price thresholds for the performance period, (ii) the 10-day VWAP of Trust Units at each reporting date, and (iii) the total granted performance units under the EIP including performance units that are reinvested. Any adjustments made to the accrued value of the EIP are recorded in earnings.

**Reclassification of comparative figures**

The comparative figures relating to straight-line rents receivable and tenant incentives arising from the recognition of rental revenues on a straight-line basis and amortization of tenant incentives over the respective lease terms in the amount of \$78.8 million, have been grouped to investment properties (see also Note 4, "Investment properties" in the Trust's consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023) to include these components of the fair value of investment properties. The following table outlines the impact of the reclassifications:

As at	January 1, 2022			December 31, 2022		
	As reported	Classification	As reclassified	As reported	Classification	As reclassified
Investment properties	\$9,847,078	\$76,042	\$9,923,120	\$10,208,071	\$78,820	\$10,286,891
Other assets	80,940	(76,042)	4,898	83,230	(78,820)	4,410
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,928,018</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$9,928,018</b>	<b>\$10,291,301</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$10,291,301</b>



**Adoption of New Accounting Standards**

Effective January 1, 2023, the Trust adopted the following amended standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB"). As a result, material accounting policies, estimates and judgments most affected by the adoption of the new pronouncements have been updated as applicable as indicated in Note 2 of the Trust's consolidated financial statements and further described below:

In February 2021, the IASB issued narrow-scope amendments to IAS 1, "Presentation of Financial Statements", IFRS Practice Statement 2, "Making Materiality Judgments" and IAS 8, "Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors". The Trust has adopted these amendments effective January 1, 2023. The amendments require the disclosure of material accounting policy information rather than disclosing significant accounting policies and clarify how to distinguish changes in accounting policies from changes in accounting estimates. There was no material impact to the Trust's consolidated financial statements upon the adoption.

**Future Changes in Accounting Policies**

The Trust monitors the potential changes proposed by the IASB and analyzes the effect that changes in the standards may have on the Trust's operations.

*Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current*

In January 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 to clarify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify the classification of liabilities as current or non-current based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period and unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. The amendments also clarify the definition of "settlement" of a liability. In October 2022, revised amendments in respect of non-current liabilities with covenants were issued. Both amendments are effective on January 1, 2024 and should be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted. Management is currently assessing the impact of the amendments on the Trust's financial statements.

## Risks and Uncertainties

The ability of the Trust to meet its performance targets is dependent on its success in mitigating the various forms of risks that it has identified. For a more comprehensive list of risks and uncertainties pertinent to the Trust, please see the additional factors disclosed in the Trust's AIF under the headings "Risk Factors".

### Real Property Ownership and Leasing/Tenant Risk

All real property investments are subject to elements of risk. Such investments are affected by general economic conditions, local real estate markets, supply and demand for leased premises, competition from other available premises and various other factors.

Real estate has a high fixed cost associated with ownership, and income lost due to declining rental rates or increased vacancies cannot easily be minimized through cost reduction. Through well-located, well-designed and professionally managed properties, management seeks to reduce this risk. Management believes prime locations will attract high-quality retailers with strong covenants and will enable the Trust to maintain economic rents and high occupancy. By maintaining properties at the highest standards through professional management practices, management seeks to increase tenant loyalty.

The value of real property and any improvements thereto may also depend on the credit and financial stability of the tenants and on the vacancy rates of the Trust's portfolio of income-producing properties. On the expiry of any lease, there can be no assurance that the lease will be renewed or the tenant replaced, and the terms of any subsequent lease may be less favourable to the Trust than the existing lease. In the event of default by a tenant, delays or limitations in enforcing rights as lessor, may be experienced and substantial costs in protecting the Trust's investment may be incurred. Furthermore, at any time, a tenant of any of the Trust's properties may seek the protection of bankruptcy, insolvency or similar laws that could result in the rejection and termination of such tenant's lease and thereby cause a reduction in the cash flow available to the Trust. The ability to rent unleased space in the properties in which the Trust has an interest will be affected by many factors. Costs may be incurred in making improvements or repairs to property. The failure to rent vacant space on a timely basis or at all would likely have an adverse effect on the Trust's financial condition.

Certain significant expenditures, including property taxes, maintenance costs, mortgage payments, insurance costs and related charges must be made throughout the period of ownership of real property regardless of whether the property is producing any income. If the Trust is unable to meet mortgage payments on any property, losses could be sustained as a result of the mortgagee's exercise of its rights of foreclosure or sale.

Real property investments tend to be relatively illiquid with the degree of liquidity generally fluctuating in relation to demand for, and the perceived desirability of, such investments. If the Trust were to be required to liquidate its real property investments, the proceeds to the Trust might be significantly less than the aggregate carrying value of its properties.

The Trust will be subject to the risks associated with debt financing on its properties and it may not be able to refinance its properties on terms that are as favourable as the terms of existing indebtedness. In order to minimize this risk, the Trust attempts to appropriately structure the timing of the renewal of significant tenant leases on the properties in relation to the time at which mortgage indebtedness on such properties becomes due for refinancing. In addition, the Trust attempts to stagger the maturities of its various levels of debt over an extended period of time.

Significant deterioration of the retail shopping centre market in general, or the financial health of Walmart and other key tenants in particular, could have an adverse effect on the Trust's business, financial condition or results of operations. Also, the emergence of e-commerce as a platform for retail growth has caused many retailers to change their approach to attracting and retaining customers. To the extent that some retailers are unsuccessful in attracting and retaining customers because of the impact of e-commerce on their respective businesses, the Trust may experience additional vacancy and its resulting adverse effects on financial condition and results of operations, including occupancy rates, base rental income, tax and operating cost recoveries, leasing and other similar costs.

With respect to residential rental properties, in addition to the risks highlighted above, the Trust is subject to the other risks inherent in the multi-tenant rental property industry, including controlling bad debt exposure, rent control regulations, increases in operating costs, including the costs of utilities (residential leases are often "gross" leases under which the landlord is not able to pass on costs to its residents), the imposition of increased taxes or new taxes and capital investment requirements.

### Liquidity Risk

The Trust's ability to meet its financial obligations as they become due represents the Trust's exposure to liquidity risk. It is management's intention to either repay or refinance maturing liabilities with newly issued secured or unsecured debt, equity or, in certain circumstances not expected to occur frequently, the disposition of certain assets. Any net working capital deficiencies are funded with the Trust's existing revolving operating facilities. Management expects to finance future acquisitions, including

committed Earnouts, Developments, Mezzanine Financing commitments and maturing debt from: i) existing cash balances, ii) a mix of mortgage debt secured by investment properties, operating facilities, issuance of equity and unsecured debentures, iii) repayments of mortgages receivable, and iv) the sale of non-core assets. However, the Trust's ability to meet these future obligations may be impacted by the liquidity risk associated with receiving repayments of its mortgages, loans, and notes receivable, amounts receivable and other, deposits, and cash equivalents on time and in full and the realization of fair value on the disposition of the Trust's non-core assets. Cash flow generated from operating activities is the primary source of liquidity to pay Unit distributions, sustaining capital expenditures and leasing costs.

Liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to lease out vacant units. In the next 12 months, \$859.0 million of liabilities (including \$605.5 million of secured and unsecured debt and \$253.5 million of accounts and other payable amounts) will mature and will need to be settled by means of renewal or payment.

The Trust aims to maintain flexibility and opportunities in funding by keeping committed credit lines available, obtaining additional mortgages as the value of investment properties increases and issuing equity or unsecured debentures.

The key assumptions used in the Trust's estimates of future cash flows when assessing liquidity risk are: the renewal or replacement of the maturing revolving operating facilities, secured debt and unsecured debentures, at reasonable terms and conditions in the normal course of business and no major bankruptcies of large tenants. Management believes that it has considered all reasonable facts and circumstances in forming appropriate assumptions. However, as always, there is a risk that significant changes in market conditions could alter the assumptions used.

#### **Capital Requirements and Access to Capital**

The Trust accesses the capital markets from time to time through the issuance of debt or equity securities. If the Trust were unable to raise additional funds or renew existing maturing debt on favourable terms, then acquisition or development activities could be curtailed, asset sales accelerated, property-specific financing, purchase and development agreements renegotiated and monthly cash distributions reduced or suspended. However, the Trust anticipates accessing the capital markets on reasonable terms due to its high occupancy levels and low lease maturities, combined with its strong national and regional tenant base and its prime retail locations.

#### **Environmental and Climate Change Risk**

As an owner of real property, the Trust is subject to various federal, provincial, territorial and municipal laws relating to environmental matters. Such laws provide that the Trust could be liable for the costs of removal of certain hazardous substances and remediation of certain hazardous locations. The failure to remove or remediate such substances or locations, if any, could adversely affect the Trust's ability to sell such real estate or to borrow using such real estate as collateral and could potentially also result in claims against the Trust. The Trust is not aware of any material non-compliance with environmental laws at any of its properties. The Trust is also not aware of any pending or threatened investigations or actions by environmental regulatory authorities in connection with any of its properties or any pending or threatened claims relating to environmental conditions at its properties. The Trust has policies and procedures to review and monitor environmental exposure, including obtaining a Phase I environmental assessment, as appropriate, prior to the completion of an acquisition of land, a shopping centre or other real estate assets. Further investigation is conducted if the Phase I assessments indicate a problem. In addition, the standard lease requires compliance with environmental laws and regulations and restricts tenants from carrying on environmentally hazardous activities or having environmentally hazardous substances on site. The Trust has obtained environmental insurance on certain assets to further manage risk.

The Trust is making the necessary capital and operating expenditures to comply with environmental laws and regulations. Although there can be no assurances, the Trust does not believe that costs relating to environmental matters will have a material adverse effect on the Trust's business, financial condition or results of operations. However, environmental laws and regulations can change, and the Trust may become subject to more stringent environmental laws and regulations in the future. Compliance with more stringent environmental laws and regulations could have an adverse effect on the Trust's business, financial condition or results of operations.

Climate change continues to attract the focus of governments and the general public as an important threat, given the emission of greenhouse gases and other activities which continue to negatively impact the planet. The Trust faces the risk that its properties will be subject to government initiatives aimed at countering climate change, such as reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, which could impose constraints on its operational flexibility. Furthermore, the Trust's properties may be exposed to the impact of events caused by climate change, such as natural disasters and increasingly frequent and severe weather conditions. Such events could interrupt the Trust's operations and activities, damage its properties, diminish traffic and require the Trust to incur additional expenses, including an increase in insurance costs to insure its properties against natural disasters and severe weather.

### Potential Conflicts of Interest

The Trust may be subject to various conflicts of interest because of the fact that the Trustees and executive management, and their associates, may be engaged in a wide range of real estate and other business activities. The Trust may become involved in transactions which conflict with the interests of the foregoing. The Trustees, executive management and their associates or affiliates may from time to time deal with persons, firms, institutions or corporations with which the Trust may be dealing, or which may be seeking investments similar to those desired by the Trust. The interests of these persons could conflict with those of the Trust. In addition, from time to time, these persons may be competing with the Trust for available investment opportunities. The Declaration of Trust contains "conflicts of interest" provisions requiring Trustees or officers of the Trust to disclose material interests in material contracts and transactions and refrain from voting.

### Cyber Security

Cyber security has become an increasingly problematic issue for issuers and businesses in Canada and around the world, including for the Trust and the real estate industry. Cyber attacks against large organizations are increasing in sophistication and are often focused on financial fraud, compromising sensitive data for inappropriate use or disrupting business operations. Such an attack could compromise the Trust's confidential information as well as that of the Trust's employees, tenants and third parties with whom the Trust interacts and may result in negative consequences, including remediation costs, loss of revenue, additional regulatory scrutiny, litigation and reputational damage. As a result, the Trust continually monitors for malicious threats and adapts accordingly in an effort to ensure it maintains high privacy and security standards. The Trust invests in cyber-defence technologies to support its business model and to protect its systems, employees and tenants and seeks to employ industry best practices. The Trust's investments continue to manage the risks it faces today and position the Trust for the evolving threat landscape. The Trust also follows certain protocols when it engages software and hardware vendors concerning data security and access controls.

### Debt Financing

The ability of the Trust to make cash distributions or make other payments or advances is subject to applicable laws and contractual restrictions contained in the instruments governing its indebtedness. The degree to which the Trust is leveraged could have important consequences to the holders of its securities, including: that the Trust's ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures or acquisitions in the future may be limited; that a significant portion of the Trust's cash flow from operations may be dedicated to the payment of the principal of and interest on its indebtedness, thereby reducing funds available for future operations and distributions; that certain of the Trust's borrowings may be at variable rates of interest, which exposes it to the risk of increased interest rates; and that the Trust may be impacted by economic downturns including the Trust's ability to retain and attract tenants. Also, there can be no assurance that the Trust will continue to generate sufficient cash flow from operations to meet required interest and principal payments. Further, the Trust is subject to the risk that any of its existing indebtedness may not be able to be refinanced upon maturity or that the terms of such financing may not be as favourable as the terms of its existing indebtedness. These factors may adversely affect the Trust's cash distributions.

The Trust's credit facilities provide lenders with first charge security interests on most of the income-producing properties in its portfolio. These credit facilities contain numerous terms and covenants that limit the discretion of management with respect to certain business matters. These covenants place restrictions on, among other things, the ability of the Trust to create liens or other encumbrances, to make certain payments, investments, loans and guarantees and to sell or otherwise dispose of assets and merge or consolidate with another entity. In addition, the credit facilities contain a number of financial covenants that require the Trust to meet certain financial ratios and financial condition tests. For example, certain of the Trust's loans require specific loan to value and debt service coverage ratios which must be maintained by the Trust. A failure to comply with the obligations in the credit facilities could result in a default which, if not cured or waived, could result in acceleration of the relevant indebtedness. If the indebtedness under the credit facilities were to be accelerated, there can be no assurance that the assets of the Trust would be sufficient to repay that indebtedness in full.

### Interest and Financing Risk

As a means of curbing inflation, the Bank of Canada increased interest rates in 2022. Higher interest rates or downgrade in the Trust's credit rating could significantly affect the Trust's ability to meet its financial obligations. Circumstances that may impair the Trust's credit rating include an inability of the Trust to maintain its cash flow from operating activities, an inability to meet covenants for both secured and unsecured debentures, an inability to meet expectations of credit rating agencies, and/or a higher interest rate environment in the Canadian economy. In order to minimize this risk, the Trust's policy is to negotiate fixed rate secured debt and unsecured debt with staggered maturities on the portfolio and, where appropriate, seek to match average lease maturity to average debt maturity. Derivative financial instruments may be utilized by the Trust in the management of its interest rate exposure. The Trust's policy is not to utilize derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes. In addition, the Declaration of Trust restricts total indebtedness permitted on the portfolio.

Interest rate changes will also affect the Trust's development portfolio. The Trust has entered into development agreements that obligate the Trust to acquire up to approximately 165,000 square feet of additional income properties at a cost determined by capitalizing the rental income at predetermined rates. Subject to the ability of the Trust to obtain financing on acceptable terms,

the Trust anticipates that it will finance these acquisitions by issuing additional debt and equity. Changes in interest rates will have an impact on the return from these acquisitions should the rate exceed the capitalization rate used and could result in a purchase not being accretive. This risk is mitigated as management has certain rights of approval over the developments and acquisitions.

Operating facilities, secured debt and unsecured debt exist that are priced at a risk premium over short-term rates. Changes in short-term interest rates will have an impact on the cost of financing. In addition, there is a risk the lenders will not refinance on maturity. By restricting the amount of both variable interest rate debt and short-term debt, the Trust minimizes the impact of changes in short-term rates on financial performance.

The Canadian capital markets are competitively priced. In addition, the secured debt market remains strong with lenders seeking quality products. Due to the quality and location of the Trust's real estate, management expects to meet its financial obligations.

### **Inflation Risk**

Canada's inflation rate remains at a historically high level. Recent inflationary pressures experienced domestically and globally, external supply constraints, tight labour markets and strong demand for goods and resources, together with the imposition by governments of higher interest rates as a means of curbing inflationary increases, will put pressure on the Trust's development, financing, operation and labour costs and could negatively impact levels of demand for real property. Accordingly, continued inflationary pressures and the resulting economic impacts may adversely affect the Trust's financial condition and results of operations. If inflation at elevated levels persists and interest rates continue to climb, an economic contraction could be possible. Higher inflation and the prospect of moderated growth also negatively impacts the debt and equity markets in which the Trust seeks capital, and in turn might impact the Trust's ability to obtain capital in the future on favourable terms, or at all. While the Trust's portfolio and market position, as well as its strong and stable tenant base, provide the Trust with flexibility to navigate volatile economic conditions, there can be no assurances regarding the impact of a significant economic contraction on the business, operations, and financial performance of the Trust and its tenants.

### **Joint Venture Risk**

The Trust is a co-owner in several properties including but not limited to SmartVMC, Transit City, a residential unit project in Laval, Quebec, a land parcel in Vaughan to build townhomes, and various other retail, self-storage, residential and other mixed-use properties. As part of its growth strategy, the Trust expects to increase its participation in additional joint ventures in the future, which may include additional joint ventures in condominiums, self-storage facilities, seniors' housing and other initiatives. The Trust is subject to the risks associated with the conduct of joint ventures. Such risks include disagreements with its partners to develop and operate the properties efficiently, the inability of the partners to meet their obligations to the joint ventures or third parties as they become due and decisions made by partners which may not be in favour of the Trust's best interests, but rather are in the best interests of the partnership. In addition, the Trust may be exposed to the risks of the actions taken by any of the partners that may result in reputational damage to the Trust or the joint ventures. These risks could have a material adverse effect on the joint ventures, which may have a material adverse effect on the Trust. The Trust attempts to mitigate these risks by continuing to maintain strong relationships with its partners.

### **Development and Construction Risk**

Development and construction risk arises from the possibility that completed developed space will not be leased or that costs of development and construction will exceed original estimates, resulting in an uneconomic return from the leasing of such developments. The Trust mitigates this risk by limiting construction of any development until sufficient lease-up has occurred and by entering into fixed price contracts for a large proportion of both development and construction costs.

The Trust is becoming increasingly involved in mixed-use development initiatives that include residential condominiums and townhomes, rental apartments, seniors' housing and self-storage. Purchaser and tenant demand for these uses can be cyclical and is affected by changes in general market and economic conditions, such as consumer confidence, employment levels, availability of financing for home buyers, interest rates, demographic trends, and housing and similar commercial demand. Furthermore, the market value of undeveloped land, buildable lots and housing inventories held by the Trust can fluctuate significantly as a result of changing economic and real estate market conditions. An oversupply of alternative housing, such as new homes, resale homes (including homes held for sale by investors and speculators), foreclosed home and rental properties and apartments, accommodation of seniors' housing and self-storage space may: i) reduce the Trust's ability to sell new condominiums and townhomes, depress prices and reduce margins from the sale of condominiums and townhomes, and ii) have an adverse effect on the Trust's ability to lease rental apartments, seniors' housing and self-storage units and on the rents charged.

The Trust's construction commitments are subject to those risks usually attributable to construction projects, which include: i) construction or other unforeseen delays including delays in obtaining municipal approvals, ii) cost overruns, and iii) the failure of tenants to occupy and pay rent in accordance with existing lease arrangements, some of which are conditional.



**Credit Risk**

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, as well as credit exposures with respect to tenant receivables and mortgages and loans receivable. Tenants may experience financial difficulty and become unable to fulfil their lease commitments. The Trust mitigates this risk of credit loss by reviewing tenants' covenants, ensuring its tenant mix is diversified and limiting its exposure to any one tenant, except Walmart Canada because of its creditworthiness. Further risks arise in the event that borrowers may default on the repayment of amounts owing to the Trust. The Trust endeavours to ensure adequate security has been provided in support of mortgages and loans receivable. The failure of the Trust's tenants or borrowers to pay the Trust amounts owing on a timely basis or at all would have an adverse effect on the Trust's financial condition.

**Litigation and Regulatory Risks**

The Trust is subject to a wide variety of laws and regulations across all of its operating jurisdictions and faces risks associated with legal and regulatory changes and litigation. If the Trust fails to monitor and become aware of changes in applicable laws and regulations, or if the Trust fails to comply with these changes in an appropriate and timely manner, it could result in fines and penalties, litigation or other significant costs, as well as significant time and effort to remediate any violations. The Trust, in the normal course of operations, is subject to a variety of legal and other claims, including claims relating to personal injury, property damage, property taxes, land rights and contractual and other commercial disputes. The final outcome with respect to outstanding, pending or future actions cannot be predicted with certainty, and the resolution of such actions may have an adverse effect on the Trust's financial position or results of operations as well as reputational damage both from an operating and an investment perspective. Management evaluates all claims on their apparent merits and accrues management's best estimate of the likely cost to satisfy such claims. Management believes the outcome of current legal and other claims filed against the Trust, after considering insurance coverage, will not have a significant impact on the Trust's consolidated financial statements.

In addition, the Trust's estimates and judgments could also be affected by various risks and uncertainties which in turn could have a significant risk on the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023 and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period and may potentially result in a material adjustment in a subsequent period.

**Potential Volatility of Trust Unit Prices**

The price for the Trust Units could be subject to wide fluctuations in response to quarter-to-quarter variations in operating results, the gain or loss of significant properties, changes in income estimates by analysts and market conditions in the industry, as well as general economic conditions or other risk factors set out herein. In addition, stock markets have experienced volatility that has affected the market prices for many issuers' securities and that often has been unrelated to the operating performance of such issuers. These market fluctuations may adversely affect the market price of the Trust Units.

A publicly traded REIT will not necessarily trade at values determined solely by reference to the underlying value of its real estate assets. Accordingly, the Trust Units may trade at a premium or a discount to the underlying value of the Trust's real estate assets.

One of the factors that may influence the market price of the Trust Units is market interest rates relative to the monthly cash distributions to the Unitholders. An increase in market interest rates or a decrease in monthly cash distributions by the Trust could adversely affect the market price of the Trust Units. In addition, the market price for the Trust Units may be affected by changes in general market conditions, fluctuations in the markets for equity securities and numerous other factors beyond the control of the Trust.

**Cash Distributions are Not Guaranteed and will Fluctuate with the Trust's Performance**

A return on an investment in Units is not comparable to the return on an investment in a fixed-income security. The recovery of an investment in Units is at risk, and any anticipated return on an investment in Units is based on many performance assumptions.

Although the Trust intends to make distributions of a significant percentage of its available cash to its Unitholders, these cash distributions are not assured and may be reduced or suspended. The ability of the Trust to make cash distributions and the actual amount distributed will be dependent upon, among other things, the financial performance of the properties in its property portfolio, its debt covenants and obligations, its working capital requirements and its future capital requirements. In addition, the market value of the Units may decline for a variety of reasons including if the Trust is unable to meet its cash distribution targets in the future, and that decline may be significant.

It is important for a person making an investment in Units to consider the particular risk factors that may affect both the Trust and the real estate industry in which the Trust operates and which may, therefore, affect the stability of the cash distributions on the Units.



### Availability of Cash Flow

Cash distributions to Unitholders may be reduced from time to time if such distributions would exceed the cash obligations of the Trust from time to time due to items such as principal repayments, tenant allowances, leasing commissions and capital expenditures and redemption of Units, if any. The Trust may be required to use part of its debt capacity or to reduce distributions in order to accommodate such items. The Trust anticipates temporarily funding such items, if necessary, through an operating line of credit in expectation of refinancing long-term debt on its maturity.

### Significant Unitholder Risk

According to reports filed under applicable Canadian securities legislation, as at December 31, 2023, Mitchell Goldhar of Vaughan, Ontario beneficially owned or controlled a number of the outstanding Units which, together with the securities he beneficially owned or controlled that are exchangeable at his option for Trust Units for no additional consideration and the associated Special Voting Units, represented an approximate 21.0% voting interest in the Trust. Further, according to the above-mentioned reports, as at December 31, 2023, Mr. Goldhar beneficially owned or controlled additional rights to acquire Trust Units which, if exercised or converted, would result in him increasing his beneficial economic and voting interest in the Trust to as much as approximately 24.8%. In addition, pursuant to the Voting Top-Up Right Mr. Goldhar may be issued additional Special Voting Units to entitle him (directly or indirectly through Penguin) to cast 25% of the votes attached to voting Units at a meeting of the holders of voting Units.

If Mr. Goldhar sells a substantial number of Trust Units in the public market, the market price of the Trust Units could fall. The perception among the public that these sales will occur could also produce such an effect. As a result of his voting interest in the Trust, Mr. Goldhar may be able to exert significant influence over matters that are to be determined by votes of the Unitholders of the Trust. The timing and receipt of any takeover or control premium by Unitholders could depend on the determination of Mr. Goldhar as to when to sell Trust Units. This could delay or prevent a change of control that might be attractive to and provide liquidity for Unitholders, and could limit the price that investors are willing to pay in the future for Trust Units.

### Tax-Related Risks

There can be no assurance that Canadian federal income tax laws respecting the treatment of mutual fund trusts will not be changed in a manner that would adversely affect the Unitholders.

If the Trust fails to qualify for the REIT Exception (as defined below), the Trust will be subject to the taxation regime under the SIFT Rules. The Trust qualifies for the REIT Exception as at December 31, 2023. In the event that the REIT Exception did not apply to the Trust, the corresponding application of the SIFT Rules to the Trust could impact the level of cash distributions which would otherwise be made by the Trust and the taxation of such distributions to Unitholders. The REIT Exception is based upon revenues of the REIT and the value of the REIT's assets that may fluctuate during the year. The Trust intends to monitor its revenues and the value of its assets and take all necessary steps to continue to qualify for the REIT Exception. However, there can be no assurance that Canadian federal income tax laws with respect to the REIT Exception will not be changed, or that administrative and assessment practices of the Canada Revenue Agency will not develop in a manner that adversely affects the Trust or its Unitholders. Furthermore, the determination as to whether the Trust qualifies for the REIT Exception in a particular taxation year can only be made at the end of such taxation year. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the Trust will continue to qualify for the REIT Exception.

The extent to which distributions will be tax deferred in the future will depend in part on the extent to which the Trust is able to deduct capital cost allowance or other expenses relating to properties directly or indirectly held by the Trust.

### Public Health Crises Risks

Public health crises, relating to any broad-reaching disease, virus, flu, epidemic, pandemic or other similar disease or illness (each, a "Public Health Crisis") can adversely impact the Trust's and its tenants' businesses, including the ability of some tenants to legally operate thereby adversely impacting the ability of tenants to meet their payment obligations under leases. A Public Health Crisis could result in a general or acute decline in economic activity, increased unemployment, staff shortages, reduced tenant traffic, mobility restrictions and other quarantine measures, supply shortages, increased government regulations, and the quarantine or contamination of one or more of the Trust's properties.

A Public Health Crisis could impact the following material aspects of the Trust's business, among others: i) the value of the Trust's properties and developments; ii) the Trust's ability to make distributions to Unitholders; iii) the availability or the terms of financing that the Trust currently has access to or may anticipate utilizing; iv) the Trust's ability to make principal and interest payments on, or refinance any outstanding debt when due; v) the occupancy rates in the Trust's properties; vi) the ability of the Trust to pursue its development plans or obtain construction financing on previously announced and anticipated timelines or within budgeted terms; vii) the ability of our tenants to enter into new leasing transactions or to satisfy rental payments under existing leases; viii) the impact to the Trust's financial covenants; and (ix) changing consumer habits and foot traffic to the Trust's properties and tenants' stores.

## Income Taxes and the REIT Exception

In accordance with the Declaration of Trust, distributions to Unitholders are declared at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. The Trust endeavours to distribute to Unitholders, in cash or in Units, in each taxation year its taxable income to such an extent that the Trust will not be liable to income tax under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "Tax Act"). For specified investment flow-through trusts (each a "SIFT"), the Tax Act imposes a special taxation regime (the "SIFT Rules"). A SIFT includes a trust resident in Canada with publicly traded units that holds one or more "non-portfolio properties". "Non-portfolio properties" include certain investments in real properties situated in Canada and certain investments in corporations and trusts resident in Canada and in partnerships with specified connections in Canada. Under the SIFT Rules, a SIFT is subject to tax in respect of certain distributions that are attributable to the SIFT's "non-portfolio earnings" (as defined in the Tax Act), at a rate substantially equivalent to the combined federal and provincial corporate tax rate on certain types of income. The SIFT Rules are not applicable to a SIFT that meets certain specified criteria relating to the nature of its revenues and investments in order to qualify as a real estate investment trust for purposes of the Tax Act (the "REIT Exception"). The Trust qualifies for the REIT Exception as at December 31, 2023.

## Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting

### Disclosure Controls and Procedures ("DCP")

The Trust's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) have designed or caused to be designed under their direct supervision, the Trust's DCP (as defined in National Instrument 52-109 – Certification of Disclosure in Issuers' Annual and Interim Filings ("NI 52-109"), adopted by the Canadian Securities Administrators) to provide reasonable assurance that: i) material information relating to the Trust, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to them by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which the annual filings are being prepared, and ii) material information required to be disclosed in the annual filings is recorded, processed, summarized and reported on a timely basis. The Trust continues to evaluate the effectiveness of DCP, and changes are implemented to adjust to the needs of new processes and enhancements as required. There were no changes in the Trust's internal controls over financial reporting in the year ended December 31, 2023 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Trust's internal controls over financial reporting. Further, the Trust's CEO and CFO have evaluated, or caused to be evaluated under their direct supervision, the effectiveness of the Trust's DCP as at December 31, 2023, and concluded that it was effective.

### Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting ("ICFR")

The Trust's CEO and CFO have also designed, or caused to be designed under their direct supervision, the Trust's ICFR to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of consolidated financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. Using the criteria established by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission 2013 (COSO 2013), the Trust's CEO and CFO have evaluated, or caused to be evaluated under their direct supervision, the effectiveness of the Trust's ICFR as at December 31, 2023, and concluded that it was effective.

### Inherent Limitations

Notwithstanding the foregoing, because of its inherent limitations a control system can provide only reasonable assurance that the objectives of the control system are met and may not prevent or detect misstatements. Management's estimates may be incorrect, or assumptions about future events may be incorrect, resulting in varying results. In addition, management has attempted to minimize the likelihood of fraud. However, any control system can be circumvented through collusion, unauthorized override of controls and processes, and other illegal acts.

## Section X — Glossary of Terms

Term	Definition
<b>Anchors or Anchor tenants</b>	Anchors or Anchor tenants are defined as tenants within a retail or office property with gross leasable area greater than 30,000 square feet.
<b>CAM</b>	Defined as common area maintenance expenses.
<b>ECL</b>	Refers to expected credit losses.
<b>Exchangeable Securities</b>	Exchangeable Securities are securities issued by the limited partnership subsidiaries of the Trust that are convertible or exchangeable directly for Units without the payment of additional consideration, including Class B Smart Limited Partnership Units ("Class B Smart LP Units") and Units classified as liabilities. Such Exchangeable Securities are economically equivalent to Units as they are entitled to distributions equal to those on the Units and are exchangeable for Units on a one-for-one basis. The issue of a Class B Smart LP Unit and Units classified as liabilities is accompanied by a Special Voting Unit that entitles the holder to vote at meetings of Unitholders.
<b>Net Asset Value ("NAV")</b>	NAV represents the total assets less total liabilities of the Trust.
<b>Penguin</b>	Penguin refers to entities controlled by Mitchell Goldhar, a Trustee, Executive Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and significant Unitholder of the Trust.
<b>Shadow Anchor</b>	A Shadow Anchor is a store or business that satisfies the criteria for an Anchor tenant, but may be located at an adjoining property or on a portion.
<b>Total Return Swap ("TRS")</b>	A contractual agreement to exchange payments based on a specified notional amount and the underlying financial assets for a specific period. The Trust has a total return swap agreement with a Canadian financial institution to exchange returns based on a notional amount of up to 6.5 million Trust Units with a notional value of approximately \$156.0 million for a 48-month period, which, subject to certain conditions, may be unwound prior to its maturity, either in whole or in part.
<b>Voting Top-Up Right</b>	Mitchell Goldhar (either directly or indirectly through Penguin) is entitled to have a minimum of 25.0% of the votes eligible to be cast at any meeting of Unitholders provided certain ownership thresholds are met. Pursuant to the Voting Top-Up Right, the Trust may issue additional Special Voting Units of the Trust to Mitchell Goldhar and/or Penguin to increase his voting rights to 25.0% in advance of a meeting of Unitholders. The total number of Special Voting Units is adjusted for each meeting of the Unitholders based on changes in Mitchell Goldhar's, and Penguin's, ownership interest. At the Trust's annual meeting of Unitholders in December 2020, Unitholders approved an extension of the Voting Top-Up Right to December 31, 2025.



## Independent auditor's report

To the Unitholders of SmartCentres Real Estate Investment Trust

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### Our opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of SmartCentres Real Estate Investment Trust and its subsidiaries (together, the Trust) as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its financial performance and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IFRS Accounting Standards).

#### What we have audited

The Trust's consolidated financial statements comprise:

- the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022;
- the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income for the years then ended;
- the consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended;
- the consolidated statements of equity for the years then ended; and
- the notes to the consolidated financial statements, comprising material accounting policy information and other explanatory information.

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### Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

#### Independence

We are independent of the Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada. We have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

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### Key audit matters

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in our audit of the consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023. These matters were

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addressed in the context of our audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming our opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters.

Key audit matter	How our audit addressed the key audit matter
<p><b>Valuation of investment properties</b></p> <p><i>Refer to note 2 – Material accounting policy information and note 4 – Investment properties to the consolidated financial statements.</i></p> <p>The Trust measures its investment properties at fair value and, as at December 31, 2023, total investment properties were valued at \$10,564 million and include income properties and properties under development (PUD). Fair values of investment properties are determined using valuations prepared by management, with reference to available external data. PUD is valued using the discounted cash flow valuation method, or land, development and construction costs recorded at market value, and income properties are valued using the discounted cash flow valuation method. Management applied significant judgment in determining the fair values of investment properties using the two methods described above (the valuation methods). The significant assumptions in the land, development and construction costs recorded at market value include the market value per acre for land. The significant assumptions used in the discounted cash flow valuation method include estimated future cash flows over an average period of 10 years, discount rates and terminal capitalization rates. The determination of estimated future cash flows incorporates significant assumptions including expectations of changes in rental rates, occupancy rates, lease renewal rates, and downtime on existing lease expiries.</p> <p>We considered this a key audit matter due to the significant judgments by management when determining the fair values of the income properties and PUD, and the high degree of complexity in assessing audit evidence related to the significant</p>	<p>Our approach to addressing the matter included the following procedures, among others:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• For a sample of investment properties, tested how management determined the fair value, which included the following:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Tested the underlying data used in the valuations.</li><li>– Evaluated the reasonableness of the estimated future cash flows over an average period of 10 years used in the discounted cash flow valuation method by comparing assumptions, such as expected changes in occupancy rates, to external market and industry data and comparing components of the year one cash flows to the underlying accounting records.</li><li>– Professionals with specialized skill and knowledge in the field of real estate valuations assisted us in evaluating the appropriateness of the valuation methods and in evaluating the reasonableness of the discount rates, terminal capitalization rates, changes in rental rates, lease renewal rates and downtime on existing lease expiries.</li><li>– Assessed the market value of land per acre used by management by comparing it to external market and industry data.</li></ul></li></ul>



assumptions used by management. In addition, the audit effort involved the use of professionals with specialized skill and knowledge in the field of real estate valuations.

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### **Other information**

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management's Discussion and Analysis, which we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report and the information, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, included in the annual report, which is expected to be made available to us after that date.

Our opinion on the consolidated financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not and will not express any form of assurance conclusion thereon.

In connection with our audit of the consolidated financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the consolidated financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If, based on the work we have performed on the other information that we obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard. When we read the information, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, included in the annual report, if we conclude that there is a material misstatement therein, we are required to communicate the matter to those charged with governance.

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### **Responsibilities of management and those charged with governance for the consolidated financial statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with IFRS Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Trust's financial reporting process.





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## Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Trust's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Trust to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.
- Obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the Trust to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. We are responsible for the direction, supervision and performance of the group audit. We remain solely responsible for our audit opinion.



We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

We also provide those charged with governance with a statement that we have complied with relevant ethical requirements regarding independence, and to communicate with them all relationships and other matters that may reasonably be thought to bear on our independence, and where applicable, related safeguards.

From the matters communicated with those charged with governance, we determine those matters that were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period and are therefore the key audit matters. We describe these matters in our auditor's report unless law or regulation precludes public disclosure about the matter or when, in extremely rare circumstances, we determine that a matter should not be communicated in our report because the adverse consequences of doing so would reasonably be expected to outweigh the public interest benefits of such communication.

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Daniel D'Archivio.

**/s/PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP**

Chartered Professional Accountants, Licensed Public Accountants

Vaughan, Ontario  
February 14, 2024

**SMARTCENTRES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

As at	Note	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Non-current assets</b>			
Investment properties	2.22, 4	\$10,564,269	\$10,286,891
Equity accounted investments	5	756,919	680,999
Mortgages, loans and notes receivable	6	80,532	238,099
Other financial assets	7	152,162	171,807
Other assets	8	4,167	4,410
Intangible assets	9	42,476	43,807
		<b>\$11,600,525</b>	<b>\$11,426,013</b>
<b>Current assets</b>			
Assets held for sale	4	—	42,321
Residential development inventory	10	51,719	40,373
Current portion of mortgages, loans and notes receivable	6	129,777	86,593
Amounts receivable and other	11	73,610	57,124
Prepaid expenses, deposits and deferred financing costs	11	15,048	14,474
Cash and cash equivalents		34,743	35,255
		<b>\$304,897</b>	<b>\$276,140</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>\$11,905,422</b>	<b>\$11,702,153</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Non-current liabilities</b>			
Debt	12	\$4,394,044	\$4,523,987
Other financial liabilities	13	275,383	277,400
Other payables	14	17,727	17,265
		<b>\$4,687,154</b>	<b>\$4,818,652</b>
<b>Current liabilities</b>			
Current portion of debt	12	605,478	459,278
Accounts payable and current portion of other payables	14	253,486	261,122
		<b>\$858,964</b>	<b>\$720,400</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>\$5,546,118</b>	<b>\$5,539,052</b>
<b>Equity</b>			
Trust Unit equity		\$5,272,334	\$5,126,197
Non-controlling interests		1,086,970	1,036,904
		<b>\$6,359,304</b>	<b>\$6,163,101</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>		<b>\$11,905,422</b>	<b>\$11,702,153</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

Approved by the Board of Trustees.



Michael Young  
Trustee



Garry Foster  
Trustee

**SMARTCENTRES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the years ended December 31,	Note	2023	2022
<b>Net rental income and other</b>			
Rentals from investment properties and other	18	<b>\$834,581</b>	\$804,598
Property operating costs and other	19	<b>(321,020)</b>	(301,994)
Net rental income and other		<b>513,561</b>	502,604
<b>Other income and expenses</b>			
General and administrative expense, net	20	<b>(36,370)</b>	(33,269)
Earnings from equity accounted investments	5	<b>75,170</b>	4,199
Fair value adjustment on investment properties	4, 26	<b>91,448</b>	201,834
Gain on sale of investment properties		<b>44</b>	315
Interest expense	12(d)	<b>(163,741)</b>	(148,702)
Interest income		<b>19,647</b>	18,036
Fair value adjustment on financial instruments	26	<b>10,344</b>	91,246
Acquisition-related costs		<b>—</b>	(298)
<b>Net income and comprehensive income</b>		<b>\$510,103</b>	\$635,965
<b>Net income and comprehensive income attributable to:</b>			
Trust Units		<b>\$413,700</b>	\$516,049
Non-controlling interests		<b>96,403</b>	119,916
		<b>\$510,103</b>	\$635,965

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**SMARTCENTRES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

For the years ended December 31,	Note	2023	2022
<b>Cash provided by (used in)</b>			
<b>Operating activities</b>			
Net income and comprehensive income		\$510,103	\$635,965
Items not affecting cash and other items	21	(19,057)	(154,639)
Cash interest paid	12(d)	(151,199)	(139,693)
Interest received		10,879	44,119
Distributions from equity accounted investments	5	6,171	4,784
Expenditures on direct leasing costs and tenant incentives		(12,097)	(9,860)
Expenditures on tenant incentives for properties under development		(4,772)	(1,897)
Changes in other non-cash operating items	21	(9,175)	(8,017)
<b>Cash flows provided by operating activities</b>		<b>\$330,853</b>	<b>\$370,762</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>			
Proceeds from issuance of unsecured debentures, net of issuance costs	12(b)	298,950	—
Proceeds from secured debt		3,133	—
Proceeds from unsecured debt		38,148	700,000
Proceeds from revolving operating facilities		242,486	392,000
Repayment of unsecured debentures	12(b)	(200,000)	—
Repayments of secured debt		(174,787)	(281,983)
Repayments of unsecured debt		(35,359)	(154,913)
Repayments of revolving operating facility		(173,832)	(610,000)
Distributions paid on Trust Units		(267,563)	(267,563)
Distributions paid on non-controlling interests and Units classified as liabilities		(62,414)	(52,007)
Payment of lease liability		(1,652)	(1,883)
<b>Cash flows used in financing activities</b>		<b>\$(332,890)</b>	<b>\$(276,349)</b>
<b>Investing activities</b>			
Acquisitions and Earnouts of investment properties	3	(2,777)	(128,389)
Additions to investment properties		(127,630)	(131,057)
Additions to equity accounted investments		(39,372)	(22,774)
Additions to equipment	8	(1,906)	(1,589)
Decrease in cash held as collateral		—	(94,821)
Increase in cash held as collateral		—	145,100
Advances of mortgages and loans receivable		(11,500)	(50,485)
Repayments of mortgages and loans receivable		136,019	120,800
Net proceeds from sale of investment properties		48,691	41,822
<b>Cash flows provided by (used in) investing activities</b>		<b>\$1,525</b>	<b>\$(121,393)</b>
<b>Decrease in cash and cash equivalents during the year</b>		<b>(512)</b>	<b>(26,980)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents – beginning of year</b>		<b>35,255</b>	<b>62,235</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents – end of year</b>		<b>\$34,743</b>	<b>\$35,255</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.

**SMARTCENTRES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY**  
(in thousands of Canadian dollars)

	Note	Attributable to Unitholders			Attributable to LP Units Classified as Non-Controlling Interests			Other Non- Controlling Interest (Note 22)	Total Equity
		Trust Units (Note 16)	Retained Earnings	Unit Equity	LP Units (Note 16)	Retained Earnings	LP Unit Equity		
Equity – January 1, 2022		\$3,090,368	\$1,787,593	\$4,877,961	\$641,944	\$317,965	\$ 959,909	\$3,445	\$5,841,315
Issuance of Units	16	—	—	—	1,279	—	1,279	—	1,279
Unit issuance costs	16	(250)	—	(250)	—	—	—	—	(250)
Net income and comprehensive income		—	516,049	516,049	—	119,519	119,519	397	635,965
Distributions	17	—	(267,563)	(267,563)	—	(47,363)	(47,363)	(282)	(315,208)
Equity – December 31, 2022		\$3,090,118	\$2,036,079	\$5,126,197	\$643,223	\$390,121	\$1,033,344	\$3,560	\$6,163,101
<b>Equity – January 1, 2023</b>		<b>\$3,090,118</b>	<b>\$2,036,079</b>	<b>\$5,126,197</b>	<b>\$643,223</b>	<b>\$390,121</b>	<b>\$1,033,344</b>	<b>\$3,560</b>	<b>\$6,163,101</b>
Issuance of Units	16	—	—	—	1,471	—	1,471	—	1,471
Net income and comprehensive income		—	413,700	413,700	—	95,977	95,977	426	510,103
Distributions	17	—	(267,563)	(267,563)	—	(47,470)	(47,470)	(338)	(315,371)
<b>Equity – December 31, 2023</b>		<b>\$3,090,118</b>	<b>\$2,182,216</b>	<b>\$5,272,334</b>	<b>\$644,694</b>	<b>\$438,628</b>	<b>\$1,083,322</b>	<b>\$3,648</b>	<b>\$6,359,304</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated financial statements.



# SMARTCENTRES REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and December 31, 2022

(in thousands of Canadian dollars, except Unit, square foot and per Unit amounts)

### 1. Organization

SmartCentres Real Estate Investment Trust and its subsidiaries (collectively, “the Trust”), is an unincorporated open-ended mutual fund trust governed by the laws of the Province of Alberta created under a declaration of trust, dated December 4, 2001, subsequently amended and last restated on December 9, 2020 (“the Declaration of Trust”). The Trust develops, leases, constructs, owns and manages shopping centres, office buildings, high-rise and low-rise condominiums and rental residences, seniors’ housing, townhome units, self-storage rental facilities, and industrial facilities in Canada, both directly and through its subsidiaries, Smart Limited Partnership, Smart Limited Partnership II, Smart Limited Partnership III, Smart Limited Partnership IV, Smart Oshawa South Limited Partnership, Smart Oshawa Taunton Limited Partnership, Smart Boxgrove Limited Partnership, ONR Limited Partnership, ONR Limited Partnership I, and SmartVMC West Limited Partnership. The exchangeable securities of these subsidiaries, which are presented as non-controlling interests or as a liability, as appropriate, are economically equivalent to voting trust units (“Trust Units”) as a result of voting, exchange and distribution rights as more fully described in Note 16(a). The address of the Trust’s registered office is 3200 Highway 7, Vaughan, Ontario, L4K 5Z5. The Units of the Trust are listed on the Toronto Stock Exchange (“TSX”) under the ticker symbol “SRU.UN”.

These consolidated financial statements have been approved for issue by the Board of Trustees on February 14, 2024. The Board of Trustees has the power to amend the consolidated financial statements after issue.

As at December 31, 2023, the Penguin Group of Companies (“Penguin”), owned by Mitchell Goldhar, owned approximately 21.0% (December 31, 2022 – 20.8%) of the issued and outstanding Units of the Trust and Limited Partnerships (see also Note 22, “Related party transactions”).

### 2. Material accounting policy information

#### 2.1 *Statement of Compliance*

The consolidated financial statements of the Trust are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (“IFRS Accounting Standards”) and using the accounting policies described herein.

#### 2.2 *Basis of presentation*

The Trust’s consolidated financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis and have been presented in Canadian dollars, which is the Trust’s functional currency, rounded to the nearest thousands unless otherwise stated.

The accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements, unless otherwise indicated.

#### 2.3 *Principles of consolidation*

Subsidiaries are all entities over which the Trust has control. The Trust controls an entity when the Trust is exposed to, or has rights to, variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date on which control is transferred to the Trust. They are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases.

Inter-entity transactions, balances, unrealized losses and unrealized gains on transactions between the Trust and its subsidiaries are eliminated. Accounting policies of subsidiaries have been changed where necessary to ensure consistency with the policies adopted by the Trust.

Non-controlling interests represent equity interests in subsidiaries not attributable to the Trust. The share of net assets of subsidiaries attributable to non-controlling interests is presented as a component of equity. Net income and comprehensive income are attributed to Trust Units and non-controlling interests.

#### 2.4 *Investment property acquisitions*

When an investment is acquired, the Trust considers the substance of the assets and activities of the acquisition in determining whether the acquisition represents an asset acquisition or a business combination. The transaction is considered to be a business combination if the acquired investment meets the definition of a business, being an integrated set of activities and assets that are capable of being managed for the purposes of providing a return to Unitholders. The Trust elected to consistently use a concentration test that results in an asset acquisition conclusion when substantially all of the fair value of the gross assets is concentrated in a single identifiable asset or group of similar identifiable assets.

When acquisition of an investment does not represent a business, it is accounted for as an acquisition of a group of assets and liabilities. The cost of the acquisition is allocated to the assets and liabilities acquired based upon their relative fair values at the acquisition date, and no goodwill is recognized. Acquisition-related costs are capitalized to the investment at the time the acquisition is completed.

## 2.5 **Investment in associates**

Investment in associates includes entities over which the Trust has significant influence but not control or joint control, generally accompanying an ownership of between 20% and 50% of the voting rights. Investment in associates is accounted for using the equity method of accounting and recorded as equity accounted investments on the consolidated balance sheets. Under the equity method, the investment is initially recognized at cost, and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognize the investor's share of the profit or loss of the investee, including the Trust's pro rata share of changes in fair value of investment property held by the associate from the previous reporting period, after the date of acquisition. The Trust's investment in associates includes any notional goodwill identified on acquisition.

When the Trust's share of losses in an investment in associate equals or exceeds its interest in the investment in associate, including any other unsecured receivables, the Trust does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the investment in associate.

The Trust determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in associate is impaired. If this is the case, the Trust calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the investment in associate and its carrying value and recognizes the amount in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

## 2.6 **Joint arrangements**

Joint arrangements are arrangements of which two or more parties have joint control. Joint control is the contractual sharing of control of an arrangement, which exists only when decisions about the relevant activities require unanimous consent of the parties sharing control. Joint arrangements are classified as either joint operations or joint ventures depending on the Trust's rights and obligations in the arrangement based on factors such as the structure, legal form and contractual terms of the arrangement.

### a) *Investment in joint ventures*

A joint venture is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control only have rights to the net assets of the arrangement. Investment in joint ventures is accounted for using the equity method of accounting and recorded as equity accounted investments on the consolidated balance sheets. Under the equity method, the investment is initially recognized at cost, and the carrying amount is increased or decreased to recognize the investor's share of the profit or loss of the investee, including the Trust's pro rata share of changes in fair value of investment property held by the equity accounted investment from the previous reporting period, after the date of acquisition. The Trust's investment in joint ventures includes any notional goodwill identified on acquisition.

When the Trust's share of losses in an investment in joint venture equals or exceeds its interest in the investment in joint venture, including any other unsecured receivables, the Trust does not recognize further losses, unless it has incurred legal or constructive obligations or made payments on behalf of the investment in joint venture.

The Trust determines at each reporting date whether there is any objective evidence that the investment in joint venture is impaired. If this is the case, the Trust calculates the amount of impairment as the difference between the recoverable amount of the investment in joint venture and its carrying value and recognizes the amount in the consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income.

Investment in associates and investment in joint ventures, collectively, are referred to as "equity accounted investments".

### b) *Investment in joint operations*

A joint operation is a joint arrangement whereby the parties that have joint control have rights to the assets and obligations for the liabilities relating to the arrangement. The Trust is a co-owner in several properties that are subject to joint control and has determined that certain current joint arrangements are joint operations as the Trust, through its subsidiaries, is the direct beneficial owner of the Trust's interests in the properties. For these properties, the Trust recognizes its proportionate share of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of these co-ownerships in the respective lines in the consolidated financial statements (see Note 24, "Co-owned property interests").

## 2.7 **Investment properties**

Investment properties include income properties and properties under development (land or building, or part of a building, or both) that are held by the Trust, or leased by the Trust as a lessee, to earn rentals or for capital appreciation or both.

Acquired investment properties are measured initially at cost, including related transaction costs in connection with asset acquisitions. Certain properties are developed by the Trust internally, and other properties are developed and leased to third parties under development management agreements with Penguin and other vendors ("Earnouts"). Earnouts occur when the vendors retain responsibility for managing certain developments on land acquired by the Trust for additional proceeds paid on completion calculated based on a predetermined, or formula-based, capitalization rate, net of land and development costs incurred by the Trust. The completion of an Earnout is reflected as an additional purchase within investment properties. Costs capitalized to properties under development include direct development and construction costs, Earnout Fees ("Earnout Fees"), borrowing costs, property taxes and other carrying costs, as well as capitalized staff compensation and other costs directly attributable to property under development.

Borrowing costs that are incurred for the purpose of, and are directly attributable to, acquiring or constructing a qualifying investment property are capitalized as part of its cost. The amount of borrowing costs capitalized is determined first by reference to borrowings specific to the project, where relevant, and otherwise by applying a weighted average cost of borrowings to eligible expenditures after adjusting for borrowings associated with other specific developments. Borrowing costs are capitalized while acquisition or construction is actively underway and cease once the asset is ready for use as intended by management, or suspended if the development of the asset is suspended, as identified by management.

After the initial recognition, investment properties are recorded at fair value, determined based on comparable transactions, if any. If comparable transactions are not available, the Trust uses alternative valuation methods such as: i) the discounted cash flow valuation method, and ii) land, development and construction costs recorded at market value. Valuations, where obtained externally, are performed during the year with quarterly updates on capitalization rates by professional valuers who hold recognized and relevant professional qualifications and have recent experience in the location and category of the investment property being valued. Related fair value gains and losses are recorded in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income in the period in which they arise.

Investment property held by the Trust under a lease is classified as investment property when the definition of an investment property is met and the Trust accounts for the lease as a right-of-use asset. The Trust accounts for all leasehold property interests that meet the definition of investment property held by the Trust as right-of-use assets.

Subsequent expenditure is capitalized to the investment property's carrying amount only when it is probable that future economic benefits associated with the expenditure will flow to the Trust and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. All other repairs and maintenance costs are expensed when incurred. When part of an investment property is replaced, the carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognized.

Initial direct leasing costs incurred by the Trust in negotiating and arranging tenant leases are added to the carrying amount of investment properties.

## 2.8 **Assets held for sale**

An investment property is classified as held for sale when it is expected that its carrying amount will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through continuing use. For an investment property to be classified as held for sale: i) it must be available for immediate sale in its present condition, subject only to terms that are usual and customary for sales of such property, and ii) the sale must be highly probable, management must be committed to a plan to sell the assets, and the sale is expected generally within one year of classification. Upon designation as held for sale, the investment property continues to be measured at fair value and is presented separately on the consolidated balance sheets.

## 2.9 **Residential development inventory**

Residential development inventory, which is developed for sale in the ordinary course of business within the normal operating cycle, is stated at the lower of cost and estimated net realizable value. Residential development inventory is reviewed for impairment at each reporting date. An impairment loss is recognized as an expense when the carrying value of the property exceeds its net realizable value. Net realizable value is based on projections of future cash flows, which take into account the development plans for each project and management's best estimate of the most probable set of anticipated economic conditions.

The cost of residential development inventory includes borrowing costs directly attributable to projects under active development. The amount of borrowing costs capitalized is determined first by reference to borrowings specific to the project, where relevant, and otherwise by applying a weighted average interest rate for the Trust's other borrowings to eligible expenditures. Borrowing costs are not capitalized on residential development inventory where no development activity is taking place. Residential development inventory is presented separately on the consolidated balance sheets as current assets, as the Trust intends to sell these assets in the ordinary course of business within the normal operating cycle.

## 2.10 **Intangible assets**

The Trust's intangible assets comprise key joint venture relationships, trademarks and goodwill. The joint venture relationships and trademarks have finite useful lives, and as such are amortized over a period of 30 years and reviewed for impairment when an indication of impairment exists. Goodwill is not amortized but tested for impairment at least annually, or more frequently if there are indicators of impairment.

## 2.11 **Classification of Units as equity and liabilities**

### a) *Trust Units*

The Trust Units meet the definition of a financial liability under IFRS as the redemption feature of the Trust Units creates an unavoidable contractual obligation to pay cash. Therefore, the Trust Units are considered to be "puttable instruments" and are presented as equity.

To be presented as equity, a puttable instrument must meet all of the following conditions: i) it must entitle the holder to a pro rata share of the entity's net assets in the event of the entity's dissolution; ii) it must be in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other instruments; iii) all instruments in the class in ii) must have identical features; iv) other than the redemption feature, there can be no other contractual obligations that meet the definition of a liability; and v) the expected cash flows for the instrument must be based substantially on the profit or loss of the entity or change in fair value of the instrument. This is called the "Puttable Instrument Exemption".

The Trust Units meet the Puttable Instrument Exemption criteria and, accordingly, are presented as equity in the consolidated financial statements. The distributions on Trust Units are deducted from retained earnings.

### b) *Limited Partnership Units*

The Class B General Partnership Units and Class D Limited Partnership Units of Smart Limited Partnership (referred to herein as "Smart LP Units"), Class B Limited Partnership Units of Smart Limited Partnership II (referred to herein as "Smart LP II Units"), Class B General Partnership Units of Smart Limited Partnership III (referred to herein as "Smart LP III Units"), Class B General Partnership Units of Smart Limited Partnership IV (referred to herein as "Smart LP IV Units"), Class B General Partnership Units and Class D Limited Partnership Units of Smart Oshawa South Limited Partnership (referred to herein as "Smart Oshawa South LP Units"), Class B General Partnership Units and Class D Limited Partnership Units of Smart Oshawa Taunton Limited Partnership (referred to herein as "Smart Oshawa Taunton LP Units"), Class B Limited Partnership Units of ONR Limited Partnership (referred to herein as "ONR LP Units"), Class B Limited Partnership Units of ONR Limited Partnership I (referred to herein as "ONR LP I Units"), Class B Limited Partnership Units of Smart Boxgrove Limited Partnership (referred to herein as "Smart Boxgrove LP Units"), and Class D Limited Partnership Units of SmartVMC West Limited Partnership (referred to herein as "SmartVMC West LP Units") are exchangeable into Trust Units at the partners' option. All limited partnership units that are presented as equity are referred to herein as "LP Units" (individually, each of these limited partnerships are referred to herein as an LP).

Each respective LP Unit meets the Puttable Instrument Exemption conditions and, as such, are presented in equity as non-controlling interests in the Trust's consolidated financial statements.

The Class D Smart LP Units, Class F Smart LP Units, Class D Smart Oshawa South LP Units, Class D Smart Oshawa Taunton LP Units, Class B ONR LP Units, Class B ONR LP I Units, and Class D SmartVMC West LP Units (collectively referred to herein as "Units classified as liabilities"), are considered puttable instruments and are classified as financial liabilities at FVTPL. The distributions on such Units are classified as interest expense in the consolidated statement of income and comprehensive income. The Trust considers distributions on such Units classified as interest expense to be a financing activity in the consolidated statement of cash flows.

## 2.12 **Financial assets and liabilities – recognition and measurement**

The Trust recognizes a financial asset or a financial liability when, and only when, it becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

### *Initial Recognition*

Such financial assets or financial liabilities are initially recognized at their fair value, including directly attributable transaction costs in the case of a financial asset or financial liability not subsequently measured at fair value through profit or loss. Transaction costs of financial assets carried at fair value through profit or loss are expensed in profit or loss. Subsequent measurement depends on the initial classification of the financial asset or financial liability.

### *Classification*

The classification of financial assets depends on the Trust's business model for managing the financial assets and their contractual cash flows characteristics. Financial assets are classified and measured based on the following categories:

- amortized cost;
- fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI"); and
- fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL").

The following table summarizes the Trust's classification and measurement of financial assets and liabilities:

	Note	Classification under IFRS 9
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Mortgages, loans and notes receivable		Amortized cost
Amounts receivable and other		Amortized cost
Cash and cash equivalents		Amortized cost
Total return swap receivable		FVTPL
Other financial assets		FVTPL
<b>Financial liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable and other payables		Amortized cost
Secured debt		Amortized cost
Revolving operating facilities		Amortized cost
Unsecured debt		Amortized cost
Units classified as liabilities	2.11	FVTPL
Earnout options	2.14	FVTPL
Deferred unit plan ("DUP")	2.14	FVTPL
Long term incentive plan ("LTIP")	2.14	FVTPL
Equity incentive plan ("EIP")	2.14	FVTPL
Other financial liabilities		FVTPL

The following table describes the valuation techniques used in the determination of the fair values of the financial assets and liabilities:

Type	Valuation approach
Mortgages, loans and notes receivable	The fair value of each mortgage, loan and note receivable is based on the current market conditions for financing with similar terms and risks.
Accounts receivable, cash and cash equivalents, and trade payables and other liabilities	The carrying amount approximates fair value due to the short-term maturity of these instruments.
Total return swap receivable	Fair value is determined by reference to the value of the underlying notional Trust Units at each reporting date.
Currency swap agreement	Fair value is determined as the difference between the foreign exchange rate between Canadian dollars and U.S. dollars as per the swap agreement and the foreign exchange rate at the reporting date on the specified notional amount.
Interest rate swap agreements	The fair value is determined using the discounted cash flow valuation technique on the expected cash flows of the derivatives. The future fixed cash payments and the expected variable cash receipts are discounted to the reporting date, and then netted to determine the fair value of each interest rate swap agreement.
Units classified as liabilities	The fair value is based on closing market trading price of the Trust's Units.
Earnout options	The fair value is valued using a Black-Scholes option pricing model.
DUP	The fair value is based on closing market trading price of the Trust's Units.
LTIP and EIP	The fair value is valued using a Monte Carlo simulation pricing model.
Long-term debt	Fair value is based on the present value of contractual cash flows, discounted at the Trust's current incremental borrowing rate for similar types of borrowing arrangements or, where applicable, quoted market prices.

#### *Impairment*

The Trust assesses, on a forward-looking basis, the expected credit losses ("ECL") associated with its debt instruments carried at amortized cost. The impairment is dependent on whether there has been a significant increase in credit risk.

To measure the expected credit losses, trade receivables and contract assets have been grouped based on shared credit risk characteristics and the days past due. The contract assets ("Unbilled other tenant receivables") relate to unbilled work in progress and have substantially the same risk characteristics as the trade receivables for the same types of contracts. The Trust has therefore concluded that the expected loss rates for trade receivables are a reasonable approximation of the loss rates for the contract assets. The Trust applies the simplified approach permitted by IFRS 9 to record the expected credit loss for tenant receivables where its loss allowance is measured at initial recognition and throughout the life of the receivable at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit loss.

All of the Trust's loans receivable and mortgages receivable at amortized cost are considered to have low credit risk, and the loss allowance recognized during the period was therefore limited to 12 months expected losses. These financial assets are considered by management to be "low credit risk" when these financial assets have a low risk of default and the borrower has a strong capacity to meet its contractual cash flow obligations in the near term.

### **2.13 Cash and cash equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less.

### **2.14 Trust and Limited Partnership Unit based arrangements**

#### *a) Unit options issued to non-employees on acquisitions (the "Earnout options")*

In connection with certain acquisitions and the associated development agreements, the Trust may grant options to acquire Units of the Trust or Limited Partnerships to Penguin or other vendors. These options are exercisable only at the time of completion and rental of additional space on acquired properties at strike prices determined on the date of grant. Earnout options that have not vested expire at the end of the term of the corresponding development management agreement.

The Earnout options are considered to be a financial liability because there is a contractual obligation for the Trust to deliver Trust or Limited Partnership Units upon exercise of the Earnout options. The Earnout options are considered to be contingent consideration with respect to the acquisitions they relate to, and are initially recognized at their fair value. The Earnout options are subsequently carried at fair value with changes in fair value recognized in the fair value adjustment on financial instruments in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.



The fair value of Earnout options is determined using the Black-Scholes option pricing model using certain observable inputs with respect to the volatility of the underlying Trust Unit price, the risk-free rate and using unobservable inputs with respect to the anticipated expected lives of the options, the number of options that will ultimately vest and the expected Trust Unit distribution rate. Generally, increases in the anticipated lives of the options, decreases in the number of options that will ultimately vest, and decreases in the expected Trust Unit distribution rate will combine to result in a lower fair value of Earnout options (see also 2.21).

b) *Unit based compensation*

i. *Deferred unit plan*

Deferred units granted to Trustees with respect to their Trustee fees, as well as the matching deferred units, vest immediately and are considered to be with respect to past services and are recognized as compensation expense upon grant. Deferred units granted to eligible associates with respect to their bonuses vest immediately, and the matching deferred units vest 50% on the third anniversary and 25% on each of the fourth and fifth anniversaries. Deferred units granted relating to amounts matched by the Trust are considered to be with respect to future services and are recognized as compensation expense based upon the fair value of Trust Units over the vesting period of each deferred unit.

The deferred units earn additional deferred units for the distributions that would otherwise have been paid on the deferred units as if they instead had been issued as Trust Units on the date of grant. The deferred units are considered to be a financial liability because there is a contractual obligation for the Trust to deliver Trust Units or settle in cash upon conversion or redemption of the deferred units.

The deferred units are measured at fair value using the market price of the Trust Units on each reporting date, with changes in fair value recognized in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income as additional compensation expense over their vesting period and as a gain or loss on financial instruments once vested. The additional deferred units are recorded in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income as compensation expense over their vesting period and as interest expense once vested.

ii. *LTIP*

The Trust's LTIP awards officers of the Trust with performance units that are linked to the long-term performance of Trust Units relative to the respective market index. Performance units vest over a performance period of three years and are settled for cash based on the market value of Trust Units at the end of the performance period.

At each reporting date, the performance units are measured based on the performance of Trust Units relative to the respective market index, the market value of Trust Units and the total performance units granted including additional units for distributions (see also 2.21(e)).

iii. *EIP*

The Trust's EIP awards officers and key employees of the Trust with performance units when the daily volume weighted average price ("VWAP") of all Trust Units traded on the TSX for 20 consecutive trading days meets or exceeds certain Unit price thresholds set by the Board. Performance units vest over a performance period of three years and are settled for cash or exchanged for Trust Units based on the 10-day VWAP of Trust Units at the redemption date.

At each reporting date, the performance units are measured based on the performance of Trust Units relative to the Unit price threshold targets, the market value of Trust Units and the total performance units granted including additional units for distributions (see also 2.21(f)).

## 2.15 **Revenue recognition**

a) *Rentals from investment properties*

The Trust's rental from investment properties and other comes from different sources and is accounted for in accordance with IFRS 15, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers" ("IFRS 15") and IFRS 16, "Leases" ("IFRS 16").

The Trust's lease agreements may contain both lease and non-lease elements. IFRS 16 requires lessors to allocate consideration in the contracts between lease and non-lease components based on their relative stand-alone prices. Rentals from investment properties accounted for using IFRS 16 (lease components) include rents from tenants under leases, recoveries of property tax and operating costs that do not relate to additional services provided to lessees, percentage participation rents, lease cancellation fees, parking income and some incidental lease-related income. Rents from tenants may include free rent periods and rental increases over the term of the

lease and are recognized in revenue on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease. The difference between revenue income recognized and the cash received is included in investment properties as straight-line rents receivable. Lease incentives provided to tenants are deferred and amortized against revenue rental income over the term of the lease. Percentage participation rents are recognized after the minimum sales level has been achieved with each lease. Lease cancellation fees are recognized as revenue income once an agreement is completed with the tenant to terminate the lease and the collectibility is probable.

Rentals from investment properties also include certain amounts accounted for under IFRS 15 (non-lease components) where the Trust provides lessees or others with a distinct service. Non-lease components include revenue in a form of recoveries of operating costs where services are provided to tenants (common area maintenance recoveries, chargeback recoveries and administrative recoveries), parking revenue and revenue from other services that are distinct. The respective performance obligations are satisfied as services are rendered and revenue is recognized over time. See also Note 18, "Rentals from investment properties and other", for details on amounts related to lease and non-lease components.

Typically, revenue from operating costs recoveries and other services is collected from tenants on a monthly basis and parking revenue is collected at the day when the respective service has been provided. This results in immaterial contract balances as at each reporting date.

*b) Service and other revenues*

The Trust provides asset and property management services to co-owners, partners and third parties for which it earns market-based construction, development and other fees. These fees are recognized over time in accordance with IFRS 15 as the service or activity is performed. Where a contract has multiple deliverables, the Trust identifies the different performance obligations of the contract and recognizes the revenue allocated to each obligation as the respective obligation is met.

The Trust recognizes non-lease component revenue to depict the transfer of goods or services to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration to which the Trust expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. It applies to all contracts with customers, excluding leases, financial instruments and insurance contracts.

*c) Residential development inventory*

The revenue generated from contracts with customers on the sale of townhomes is recognized at a point in time when control of the asset (i.e., townhome) has transferred to the purchaser (i.e., generally, when the purchaser takes possession of the townhome) as the purchaser has the ability to direct the use of and obtain substantially all of the remaining benefits from the asset. The amount of revenue recognized is based on the transaction price included in the purchasers' contracts. Any funds received prior to the purchasers taking possession of their respective assets are recognized as deferred revenue (contractual liability).

*d) Interest income*

Interest income is recognized as interest accrues using the effective interest method. When a loan and receivable are impaired, the Trust reduces the carrying amount to its recoverable amount, which is the estimated future cash flow discounted at the original effective interest rate of the instrument, and continues unwinding the discount as interest income. Interest income on impaired loans and receivables is recognized using the original effective interest rate.

**2.16 Tenant receivables**

Tenant receivables are recognized initially at fair value and subsequently are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method, less impairment provision. The carrying amount receivable from tenants is net of the allowance for expected credit losses. Increases in (or reversals of) expected credit losses are recorded as a charge (recovery) in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income within "Property operating costs". The Trust records the expected credit loss to comply with IFRS 9's simplified approach for tenant receivables where its loss allowance is measured at initial recognition and throughout the life of the receivable at an amount equal to lifetime expected credit loss.

**2.17 Current and deferred income tax**

The Trust is taxed as a mutual fund trust for Canadian income tax purposes. In accordance with the Declaration of Trust, distributions to Unitholders are declared at the discretion of the Trustees. The Trust endeavours to distribute a sufficient amount in each taxation year to ensure that the Trust will not be subject to tax on its net income and net capital gains under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) ("Tax Act").

The Trust qualifies for the REIT Exception under the specified investment flow-through (“SIFT”) trust rules for accounting purposes. The Trust considers the tax deductibility of the Trust’s distributions to Unitholders to represent, in substance, an exemption from current tax so long as the Trust continues to expect to distribute all of its taxable income and taxable capital gains to its Unitholders. Accordingly, the Trust will not recognize any current tax or deferred income tax assets or liabilities on temporary differences in the Trust’s financial statements.

## **2.18 Operating segments**

Operating segments are reported in a manner consistent with the internal reporting provided to the chief operating decision-maker. The chief operating decision-maker is the person or group that allocates resources to and assesses the performance of the operating segments of an entity. The Trust has determined that its chief operating decision-maker is the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

## **2.19 Leases**

Upon lease commencement where the Trust is the lessee, the Trust records a right-of-use asset at the amount equal to the lease liability. The lease liability is initially measured at the present value of lease payments payable over the lease term, discounted at the Trust’s incremental borrowing rate. The lease liability is subsequently measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method.

However, as and when rent changes as a result of lease payments being linked to a rate or index, leased assets and liabilities have to be remeasured. A lease modification is accounted for as a separate lease if:

- the modification increases the scope of the lease by adding the right to use one or more underlying assets; and
- the consideration for the lease increases by an amount commensurate with the stand-alone price for the increase in scope.

With respect to tenant improvements in connection with the sublease, under IFRS 16, tenant improvements provided by the Trust are not included in the cost of the right-of-use asset. However, when the leased property meets the definition of investment property under IAS 40 (see Note 2.7), the Trust presents tenant improvements that enhance the value of the leased property as an adjustment together with right-of-use assets or incentives resulting in an adjustment to revenue within investment.

## **2.20 Foreign currency translation**

The Trust records foreign currency transactions initially at the rate of exchange at the date of the transaction. If the transaction spans over a period of time, the Trust records the foreign currency transaction at the average rate of exchange for the transaction period.

At each reporting date, foreign currency monetary amounts are reported using the closing rate, which is the spot exchange rate at the end of the reporting period.

## **2.21 Critical accounting judgments and estimates**

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make judgments and estimates in applying the Trust’s accounting policies that affect the reported amounts and disclosures made in the consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes.

Within the context of these consolidated financial statements, a judgment is a decision made by management in respect of the application of an accounting policy, a recognized or unrecognized financial statement amount and/or note disclosure, following an analysis of relevant information that may include estimates and assumptions. Estimates and assumptions are used mainly in determining the measurement of balances recognized or disclosed in the consolidated financial statements and are based on a set of underlying data that may include management’s historical experience, knowledge of current events and conditions and other factors that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Management continually evaluates the estimates and judgments it uses.

The following are the accounting policies subject to judgments and key sources of estimation uncertainty that the Trust believes could have the most significant impact on the amounts recognized in the consolidated financial statements.

### **a) Investment properties**

Judgment is applied in determining whether certain costs are additions to the carrying amount of an investment property and, for properties under development, identifying the point at which substantial completion of the property occurs and identifying the directly attributable borrowing costs to be included in the carrying value of the development property. The significant assumptions in the land, development and construction costs recorded at market value include the market value per acre for land. The Trust applies judgment in determining whether development projects are active and viable, otherwise previously capitalized costs are written off.

The Trust also applies judgment in determining whether the properties it acquires are considered to be asset acquisitions or business combinations. The Trust considers all the properties it has acquired to date to be asset acquisitions. Earnout options are exercisable upon completion and rental of additional space on acquired properties. Judgment is applied in determining whether Earnout options are considered to be contingent consideration relating to the acquisition of the acquired properties or additional cost of services during the construction period. The Trust considers the Earnout options it has issued to date to represent contingent considerations relating to the acquisitions and is considered to be a financial liability measured at fair value (see Note 2.14(a)).

The valuation of the investment properties is the main area of judgment exercised by the Trust. The valuations of investment properties are dependent on: i) projected future cash flows for income properties and properties under development, and ii) land, development and construction costs for properties under development, and discount rates applicable to those assets. The projected cash flows for each property are based on the location, type and quality of the property and supported by the terms of any existing leases, other contracts or external evidence such as current market rents for similar properties, and adjusted for estimated vacancy rates and estimated maintenance costs. Discount rate is based on the location, size and condition of the properties and take into account market data at the valuation date. These assumptions may not ultimately be achieved. The critical estimates and assumptions underlying the valuation of investment properties are set out in Note 4 "Investment properties".

Management internally values the entire portfolio of investment properties, taking into account available external data. In addition, the Trust endeavours to obtain external valuations of approximately 15%–20% (by value) of the portfolio annually carried out by professionally qualified valuers in accordance with the Appraisal and Valuation Standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. Properties are rotated annually to ensure that approximately 50% (by value) of the portfolio is appraised externally over a three-year period. Judgment is applied in determining the extent and frequency of independent appraisals.

b) *Joint arrangements*

The Trust makes judgment in determining whether the Trust has joint control and whether the arrangements are joint operations or joint ventures. In assessing whether the joint arrangements are joint operations or joint ventures, management applies judgment to determine the Trust's rights and obligations in the arrangement based on factors such as the structure, legal form and contractual terms of the arrangement.

c) *Intangible assets*

The Trust makes judgments with respect to the amortization period relating to the joint venture relationships and trademarks that have finite useful lives, while also reviewing for impairment when an indication of impairment exists. In addition, on an annual basis or more frequently if there are any indications of impairment, the Trust evaluates whether goodwill may be impaired by determining whether the recoverable amount is less than the carrying amount for the smallest identified cash-generating unit.

d) *Income taxes*

The Trust is taxed as a mutual fund trust for Canadian income tax purposes and qualifies for the REIT Exemption under the SIFT rules for tax purposes. The Trust endeavours to distribute a sufficient amount in each taxation year to ensure that the Trust will not be subject to tax on its net income and net capital gains under Part I of the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) ("*Tax Act*").

The Trust qualifies for the REIT Exemption under the specified investment flow-through (SIFT) trust rules for accounting purposes. The Trust considers the tax deductibility of the Trust's distributions to Unitholders to represent, in substance, an exemption from current tax so long as the Trust continues to expect to distribute all of its taxable income and taxable capital gains to its Unitholders. Accordingly, the Trust will not recognize any current tax or deferred income tax assets or liabilities on temporary differences in the Trust's financial statements.

e) *LTIP*

The fair value of the LTIP is based on the Monte Carlo simulation pricing model, which incorporates: (i) the long-term performance of the Trust relative to the S&P/TSX Capped REIT Index for each performance period, (ii) the market value of Trust Units at each reporting date, and (iii) the total granted LTIP units under the plan including LTIP units that are reinvested. Any adjustments made to the accrued value of the LTIP are recorded in earnings.

f) *EIP*

The fair value of the EIP is based on the Monte Carlo simulation pricing model, which incorporates: (i) the performance of the Trust relative to the Unit price thresholds for the performance period, (ii) the 10-day VWAP of Trust Units at each reporting date, and (iii) the total granted performance units under the EIP including performance units that are reinvested. Any adjustments made to the accrued value of the EIP are recorded in earnings.

**2.22 Reclassification of comparative figures**

The comparative figures relating to straight-line rents receivable and tenant incentives arising from the recognition of rental revenues on a straight-line basis and amortization of tenant incentives over the respective lease terms in the amount of \$78,820, have been grouped to investment properties (see also Note 4, "Investment properties") to include these components of the fair value of investment properties. The following table outlines the impact of the reclassifications:

As at	January 1, 2022			December 31, 2022		
	As reported	Classification	As reclassified	As reported	Classification	As reclassified
Investment properties	\$9,847,078	\$76,042	\$9,923,120	\$10,208,071	\$78,820	\$10,286,891
Other assets	80,940	(76,042)	4,898	83,230	(78,820)	4,410
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,928,018</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$9,928,018</b>	<b>\$10,291,301</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$10,291,301</b>

**2.23 Future changes in accounting policies**

The Trust monitors the potential changes proposed by the IASB and analyzes the effect that changes in the standards may have on the Trust's operations.

*Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements – Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current*

In January 2020, the IASB issued amendments to IAS 1 to clarify the requirements for classifying liabilities as current or non-current. The amendments clarify the classification of liabilities as current or non-current based on rights that are in existence at the end of the reporting period and unaffected by the likelihood that an entity will exercise its right to defer settlement of the liability for at least 12 months after the reporting period. The amendments also clarify the definition of "settlement" of a liability. In October 2022, revised amendments in respect of non-current liabilities with covenants were issued. Both amendments are effective on January 1, 2024 and should be applied retrospectively. Earlier application is permitted. Management is currently assessing the impact of the amendments on the Trust's financial statements.

**3. Acquisitions and Earnouts*****Earnouts and Redemptions completed during the year ended December 31, 2023***

The following table summarizes the Earnouts completed during the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Type	Area	Purchase Price	Satisfied through			Number of Smart LP Units Issued
				Cash	Issuance of LP Units	Assumption of Debt and Other Adjustments	
<b>Earnouts</b>	Land parcel / Retail	12,610 sq. ft.	\$8,196	\$2,777	\$1,471	\$3,948	54,295

During the year ended December 31, 2023, pursuant to redemption agreements between the Trust and its joint venture partner, the partner sold all its rights and ownership stake in Markham Main Street RR PropCo LP and Vaughan NW RR PropCo LP for total proceeds of \$35,110 representing the partner's share. The transactions were deemed as asset acquisitions in accordance with IFRS 3 *Business Combinations*.

**Acquisitions and Earnouts completed during the year ended December 31, 2022**

The following table summarizes the Acquisitions and Earnouts completed during the year ended December 31, 2022:

Location	Type	Area	Ownership Interest Acquired	Purchase Price	Satisfied through			Number of Smart LP Units Issued
					Cash	Issuance of LP Units	Assumption of Debt and Other Adjustments	
<b>Earnouts</b>	Land Parcel / Retail	7,114 sq. ft.	100 %	\$9,210	\$8,188	\$1,279	\$(257)	42,272
<b>Acquisitions</b>								
Ottawa (Laurentian), Ontario, Edmonton Capilano, Alberta and Lachenaie, Quebec	Retail space	422,000 sq. ft.	50 %	102,970	100,957	—	2,013	—
Mirabel, Quebec	Land parcel	20.91 acres	25 %	2,609	2,609	—	—	—
Pickering, Ontario	Land parcel	38.44 acres	100 %	16,635	16,635	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>				<b>\$131,424</b>	<b>\$128,389</b>	<b>\$1,279</b>	<b>\$1,756</b>	<b>42,272</b>

See also Note 5, "Equity accounted investments", for additional details on acquisitions reflected in equity accounted investments.

**4. Investment properties**

The following table summarizes the activities in investment properties:

	Note	Year Ended December 31, 2023			Year Ended December 31, 2022		
		Income Properties	Properties Under Development	Total	Income Properties	Properties Under Development	Total
Balance – beginning of year		\$8,575,713	\$1,753,499	\$10,329,212	\$8,471,119	\$1,452,001	\$9,923,120
Additions (deductions):							
Acquisitions, Earnouts and related adjustments of investment properties		—	2,435	2,435	101,993	28,679	130,672
Earnout Fees on properties subject to development management agreements	4(d)(ii)	1,666	—	1,666	1,401	—	1,401
Transfer to income properties from properties under development		64,318	(64,318)	—	39,707	(39,707)	—
Transfer from income properties to properties under development		(7,308)	7,308	—	(7,887)	7,887	—
Transfer from properties under development to equity accounted investments		—	(1,500)	(1,500)	—	(25,000)	(25,000)
Transfer to properties under development from equity accounted investments		—	47,440	47,440	—	—	—
Capital and development expenditures		36,435	55,684	92,119	21,501	79,373	100,874
Capitalized interest	12(d)	—	44,444	44,444	—	35,036	35,036
Dispositions	4(b)	—	(50,208)	(50,208)	(777)	(40,726)	(41,503)
Straight-line rents and tenant incentives <sup>(1)</sup>		7,213	—	7,213	2,778	—	2,778
Fair value adjustment on investment properties		65,771	25,677	91,448	(54,122)	255,956	201,834
<b>Balance – end of year</b>		<b>\$8,743,808</b>	<b>\$1,820,461</b>	<b>\$10,564,269</b>	<b>\$8,575,713</b>	<b>\$1,753,499</b>	<b>\$10,329,212</b>
Investment properties		8,743,808	1,820,461	10,564,269	8,575,713	1,711,178	10,286,891
Investment properties classified as held for sale		—	—	—	—	42,321	42,321
		<b>\$8,743,808</b>	<b>\$1,820,461</b>	<b>\$10,564,269</b>	<b>\$8,575,713</b>	<b>\$1,753,499</b>	<b>\$10,329,212</b>

(1) The amount is net of amortization of straight-line rents and tenant incentives in the amount of \$7,475 and \$7,662, respectively (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$7,552 and \$7,051, respectively).

Secured debt with a carrying value of \$807,602 (December 31, 2022 – \$969,054) is secured by investment properties with a fair value of \$2,478,013 (December 31, 2022 – \$2,807,896).



**a) Valuation methods underlying management's estimation of fair value**

**i) Income properties**

The Trust applies the discounted cash flow valuation method to estimate the value of income properties, which include: freehold properties, properties with leasehold interests with purchase options, and properties with leasehold interests without purchase options. The Trust applies this valuation method as it believes that the discounted cash flow valuation method represents the Trust's estimate of fair values of income properties based on expectations of changes in rental rates, occupancy rates, lease renewal rates, leasing costs, expected credit losses and downtime on lease expiries, among others.

Using the discounted cash flow valuation method, the fair value of income properties is estimated based on assumptions of the asset's benefits and liabilities over its life, over an average period of 10 years in addition to its terminal value. The 10 years of annual net cash flows and the terminal cash flows are projected for each property, and then a discount rate is applied to each of these cash flows to establish the present value of future cash flows for each property. Annual net cash flows are estimated as rental revenue, less operating expenses, a vacancy allowance and other adjustments. The terminal value is estimated based on the application of a terminal capitalization rate to each property's stabilized net operating income ("NOI"). The sum of the present value of future cash flows, including its discounted terminal value, represents the estimated fair value of each property.

The significant areas of estimation uncertainty in determining the fair value of income properties include among other things the projected cash flows and the discount rate for each property. The projected cash flows for each property are based on expected inflows and outflows, and are based on the location, type and quality of the property and supported by the terms of any existing leases, other contracts or external evidence such as current market rents for similar properties, and adjusted for estimated vacancy rates based on current and expected future market conditions after expiry of any current leases and expected maintenance costs. The discount rate for each property is based on the location, size and quality of the property, taking into account market data at the valuation date.

**ii) Properties under development**

Properties under development are valued using two primary methods: i) discounted cash flow method, factoring in future cash inflows and outflows such as construction costs to complete development, leasing costs and other fees, and Earnout Fees, if any; or ii) land, development and construction costs are recorded at market value, factoring in development risks such as planning, zoning, timing and market conditions.

Using the discounted cash flow valuation method, the fair value of properties under development is estimated based on assumptions of the asset's benefits and liabilities over its life, over an average period of 10 years in addition to its terminal value. The 10 years of annual net cash flows and the terminal cash flows are projected for each property, and then a discount rate is applied to each of these cash flows to establish the present value of future cash flows for each property. Annual net cash flows are estimated as rental revenue, less operating expenses, construction costs, a vacancy allowance and other adjustments. The terminal value is estimated based on the application of a terminal capitalization rate to each property's stabilized NOI. The sum of the present value of future cash flows, including its discounted terminal value, represents the estimated fair value of each property.

The following table summarizes significant assumptions in Level 3 valuations:

December 31, 2023				
Valuation Method	Terminal Capitalization Rate		Discount Rate	
	Weighted Average	Range	Weighted Average	Range
<i>Income properties</i>				
Discounted cash flow	5.98 %	4.20% – 7.70%	6.51 %	4.60% – 8.20%
<i>Properties under development</i>				
Land, development and construction costs recorded at market value	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Discounted cash flow	5.97 %	4.20% – 7.40%	6.57 %	4.60% – 7.90%
December 31, 2022				
Valuation Method	Terminal Capitalization Rate		Discount Rate	
	Weighted Average	Range	Weighted Average	Range
<i>Income properties</i>				
Discounted cash flow	5.92 %	4.18% – 7.53%	6.43 %	4.58% – 8.03%
<i>Properties under development</i>				
Land, development and construction costs recorded at market value	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Discounted cash flow	6.06 %	5.53% – 7.40%	6.66 %	6.03% – 7.90%

The following table summarizes the fair value sensitivity for the portion of the Trust's investment properties that are sensitive to changes in discount rates as at December 31, 2023:

Discount Rate Sensitivity	Income Properties			Properties Under Development		
	Weighted Average Overall Discount Rate	Estimated Fair Value of Investment Properties	Fair Value Variance	Weighted Average Overall Discount Rate	Estimated Fair Value of Investment Properties	Fair Value Variance
(1.00)%	5.51 %	\$10,536,770	\$1,793,000	5.57 %	\$166,104	\$25,900
(0.50)%	6.01 %	\$9,555,770	\$812,000	6.07 %	\$152,004	\$11,800
(0.25)%	6.26 %	\$9,130,870	\$387,100	6.32 %	\$145,904	\$5,700
—%	6.51 %	\$8,743,770	\$—	6.57 %	\$140,204	\$—
0.25%	6.76 %	\$8,386,370	\$(357,400)	6.82 %	\$134,904	\$(5,300)
0.50%	7.01 %	\$8,059,470	\$(684,300)	7.07 %	\$130,304	\$(9,900)
1.00%	7.51 %	\$7,474,470	\$(1,269,300)	7.57 %	\$122,104	\$(18,100)

## b) Dispositions

### Disposition of investment properties during the year ended December 31, 2023

The following table summarizes the dispositions completed during the year ended December 31, 2023:

Location	Date of Disposition	Type	Area	Ownership Interest	Disposition Proceeds
Whitby, Ontario <sup>(1)</sup>	January	Land parcel	1.41 acres	100 %	\$—
Vaughan, Ontario	February	Land parcel	4.23 acres	67 %	42,300
Chilliwack, British Columbia	February	Land parcel	2.64 acres	100 %	4,800
Quesnel, British Columbia	November	Land parcel	5.34 acres	100 %	1,060
Stoney Creek, Ontario <sup>(1)</sup>	November	Land parcel	1.34 acres	100 %	1,500

(1) During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust contributed its interest in two parcels of land located in Whitby and Stoney Creek, Ontario to two joint ventures, respectively, with the intention to develop and operate self-storage facilities. (see also note 5(b)).

The following table summarizes the dispositions completed during the year ended December 31, 2022:

Location	Date of Disposition	Type	Area	Ownership Interest	Disposition Proceeds
Markham, Ontario <sup>(1)</sup>	January	Land parcel	1.39 acres	40 %	\$800
Laval East, Quebec	March	Land parcel	4.62 acres	100 %	5,600
Stouffville, Ontario	April	Land parcel	6.48 acres	100 %	18,365
London, Ontario	September	Land parcel	6.86 acres	100 %	15,180
Vaughan, Ontario <sup>(2)</sup>	December	Land parcel	2.31 acres	100 %	25,000

(1) In January 2022, the Trust sold its 40% interest in a parcel of land located in Markham, Ontario to a joint venture for development of a self-storage facility.

(2) In December 2022, the Trust contributed its interest in a parcel of land located in Vaughan, Ontario to a joint venture for development of a retirement residence.

**c) Leasehold property interests**

At December 31, 2023, 16 (December 31, 2022 – 16) investment properties with a fair value of \$976,751 (December 31, 2022 – \$964,916) are leasehold property interests accounted for as leases.

**i) Leasehold property interests without bargain purchase options**

The Trust previously prepaid its entire lease obligations for the 14 leasehold interests with Penguin (see also Note 22, "Related party transactions") in the amount of \$889,931 (December 31, 2022 – \$889,931), including prepaid land rent of \$229,846 (December 31, 2022 – \$229,846).

**ii) Leasehold property interests with bargain purchase options**

One leasehold interest commenced in 2003 under the terms of a 35-year lease with Penguin (see also Note 22, "Related party transactions"). The lease requires a \$10,000 payment at the end of the lease term in 2038 to exercise a purchase option, which is considered to be a bargain purchase option. The Trust prepaid its entire lease obligation for this property of \$57,997 (December 31, 2022 – \$57,997). As the Trust expects to exercise the purchase option in 2038, the purchase option price has been included in accounts payable in the amount of \$2,575 (December 31, 2022 – \$2,350), net of imputed interest at 9.18% of \$7,425 (December 31, 2022 – \$7,650) (see also Note 14, "Accounts and other payables").

A second leasehold interest was acquired on February 11, 2015 and includes a land lease that expires on September 1, 2054. The land lease requires monthly payments ranging from \$450 to \$600 annually until September 1, 2054, however, the land lease also includes an early bargain purchase option payment on the amount of \$6,000 that can be exercised between September 1, 2023 and September 1, 2025. In September 2023, the Trust provided notice of exercising the purchase option with an expected closing date during the first quarter of 2024.

**d) Properties under development**

The following table presents properties under development:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Properties under development not subject to development management agreements i)	\$1,758,774	\$1,698,652
Properties under development subject to development management agreements ii)	61,687	54,847
	\$1,820,461	\$1,753,499
Less: Properties under development classified as held for sale	—	42,321
	\$1,820,461	\$1,711,178

**i) Properties under development not subject to development management agreements**

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust completed the development and leasing of certain properties under development not subject to development management agreements, for which the fair value of the investment properties has been reclassified from properties under development to income properties.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust incurred land and development costs of \$59,795 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$39,893).

**ii) Properties under development subject to development management agreements (Earnout agreements)**

These properties under development (including certain leasehold property interests) are subject to various development management agreements with Penguin and Walmart.

In certain events, the developer/vendor may sell a portion of undeveloped land to accommodate the construction plan that provides the best use of the property, reimbursing the Trust its costs related to such portion, and provides a profit based on a pre-negotiated formula. Pursuant to the development management agreements, the developers/

vendors assume responsibility for managing the development of the land on behalf of the Trust and are granted the right for a period of up to 10 years to earn an Earnout Fee (subject to options and extensions in certain circumstances). On completion and rental of additional space on these properties, the Trust is obligated to pay the Earnout Fee and any additional development costs not previously incurred by the Trust, at a total price calculated by a formula using the net operating rents and predetermined negotiated capitalization rates, on the date rent becomes payable on the additional space ("Gross Cost"). The Earnout Fee is calculated as the Gross Cost less the associated land and development costs incurred by the Trust.

For certain of these properties under development, Penguin and others have been granted Earnout options that give them the right, at their option, to invest up to 40% of the Earnout Fee for one of the agreements and up to 30% to 40% of the Gross Cost for the remaining agreements in Trust Units, Class B, D and F Smart LP Units, Class B and D Smart LP III Units, Class B Smart LP IV Units, Class B and D Smart Oshawa South LP Units, Class B and D Smart Oshawa Taunton LP Units, Class B Smart Boxgrove LP Units and Class B ONR LP I Units at predetermined option strike prices subject to a maximum number of Units. On December 9, 2020, the Trust entered into an Omnibus Agreement with Mitchell Goldhar that provided a right to extend the terms of certain Earnout agreements for an additional two years. As a result, the Earnout agreements for Earnout options that were originally set to expire between 2020 and 2025 may be extended to between 2022 and 2027. See also Note 13, "Other financial liabilities".

The following table summarizes the development costs incurred (exclusive of the cost of land previously acquired) and Earnout Fees paid to vendors relating to the completed retail spaces (see also Note 3, "Acquisitions and Earnouts") that have been reclassified to income properties:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Development costs incurred	<b>\$4,523</b>	\$8,582
Earnout Fees paid	<b>1,666</b>	1,401
	<b>\$6,189</b>	\$9,983

## 5. Equity accounted investments

The Trust has entered into a number of arrangements with other parties for the purpose of jointly developing, owning and operating investment properties. The following table summarizes the Trust's ownership interest in each associates and joint venture investments grouped by their asset class:

As at		December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
Description of Equity Accounted Investments	Partner(s)	Number of Investments	Ownership Interest	Number of Investments	Ownership Interest
<b>Investments in Associates:<sup>(1)</sup></b>					
Penguin-Calloway Vaughan Partnership ("PCVP")	Penguin	1	50.0 %	1	50.0 %
Residences LP – Transit City	Penguin, CentreCourt	3	25.0 %	3	25.0 %
Residences (One & Two) LP	Penguin	2	50.0%-66.7%	2	50.0%-66.7%
<b>Investments in Joint Ventures:</b>					
Retail investment properties	Fieldgate	1	30.0 %	1	30.0 %
Self-storage facilities	SmartStop	16	50.0 %	13	50.0 %
Residential apartments	Jadco	1	50.0 %	1	50.0 %
Residential apartments	Greenwin	1	75.0 %	1	75.0 %
Residential apartments	Cogir	1	80.0 %	1	80.0 %
Retirement residences	Other	2	50.0 % <sup>(2)</sup>	5	50.0 % <sup>(2)</sup>

(1) The Trust's investments in associates are partnered with Penguin. See also Note 22, "Related party transactions".

(2) According to the limited partnership agreement entered into by the Trust and Groupe Sélection in April 2020, the ownership of a joint venture partnership was 50:50. During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Trust contributed \$24,412 to this partnership, of which \$5,319 was characterized as special contributions. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust contributed \$6,413 to this partnership, which was characterized as special contributions. These special contributions have resulted in a corresponding increase to the Trust's equity entitlements in respect of the partnership.

The following table summarizes key components relating to the Trust's equity accounted investments:

	Year Ended December 31, 2023			Year Ended December 31, 2022		
	Investment in Associates	Investment in Joint Ventures	Total	Investment in Associates	Investment in Joint Ventures	Total
Investment – beginning of year	\$458,772	\$222,227	\$680,999	\$489,230	\$165,212	\$654,442
Operating Activities:						
Earnings (losses)	15,545	59,625	75,170	4,932	(733)	4,199
Distributions – VMC Residences condominium unit closings <sup>(1)</sup>	(653)	—	(653)	(24,322)	—	(24,322)
Distributions – operating activities	(3,505)	(2,666)	(6,171)	(4,550)	(234)	(4,784)
Financing Activities:						
Fair value adjustment on loan	2,875	—	2,875	3,690	—	3,690
Investing Activities:						
Cash contribution	11,062	46,643	57,705	23,154	32,982	56,136
Transfer from equity accounted investments to properties under development	—	(47,440)	(47,440)	—	—	—
Transfer from equity accounted investments to debt and other	—	11,267	11,267	—	—	—
Property contribution	—	1,500	1,500	—	25,000	25,000
Development distributions	(18,007)	(326)	(18,333)	(33,362)	—	(33,362)
<b>Investment – end of year</b>	<b>\$466,089</b>	<b>\$290,830</b>	<b>\$756,919</b>	<b>\$458,772</b>	<b>\$222,227</b>	<b>\$680,999</b>

(1) During the year ended December 31, 2023, the distribution in the amount of \$653 was satisfied by a non-cash settlement of the VMC Residences loan payable (for the year ended December 31, 2022 – the distribution in the amount of \$24,322 was satisfied by a non-cash settlement of the VMC Residences loan payable) (see Note 12(b)(iv)).

**a) Summary of balance sheets**

The following table summarizes the balance sheets for investment in associates and joint ventures:

As at	December 31, 2023				December 31, 2022			
	Associates				Associates			
Equity accounted investments in:	PCVP	VMC Residences <sup>(1)</sup>	Joint Ventures	Total	PCVP	VMC Residences <sup>(1)</sup>	Joint Ventures	Total
Non-current assets	\$1,382,727	\$—	\$881,208	\$2,263,935	\$1,333,107	\$—	\$729,104	\$2,062,211
Current assets <sup>(2)</sup>	15,240	291,222	12,643	319,105	47,854	471,995	13,864	533,713
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$1,397,967</b>	<b>\$291,222</b>	<b>\$893,851</b>	<b>\$2,583,040</b>	<b>\$1,380,961</b>	<b>\$471,995</b>	<b>\$742,968</b>	<b>\$2,595,924</b>
Non-current liabilities	\$497,314	\$—	\$218,482	\$715,796	\$416,283	\$—	\$285,955	\$702,238
Current liabilities <sup>(3)</sup>	103,471	94,898	128,369	326,738	113,075	385,011	36,683	534,769
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>\$600,785</b>	<b>\$94,898</b>	<b>\$346,851</b>	<b>\$1,042,534</b>	<b>\$529,358</b>	<b>\$385,011</b>	<b>\$322,638</b>	<b>\$1,237,007</b>
<b>Net assets</b>	<b>\$797,182</b>	<b>\$196,324</b>	<b>\$547,000</b>	<b>\$1,540,506</b>	<b>\$851,603</b>	<b>\$86,984</b>	<b>\$420,330</b>	<b>\$1,358,917</b>
Trust's share of net assets before adjustments	400,894	64,037	290,830	755,761	425,802	31,565	222,227	679,594
Fair value adjustment on loan	841	317	—	1,158	1,003	402	—	1,405
<b>Trust's share of net assets</b>	<b>\$401,735</b>	<b>\$64,354</b>	<b>\$290,830</b>	<b>\$756,919</b>	<b>\$426,805</b>	<b>\$31,967</b>	<b>\$222,227</b>	<b>\$680,999</b>

(1) "VMC Residences" collectively referred to as VMC Residences LP, Residences III LP, East Block Residences LP, Residences (One) LP, and Residences (Two) LP, all of which are involved in residential condominium development.

(2) Balance as at December 31, 2022 included investment properties classified as held for sale of \$32,100, of which the Trust's share is \$16,050. This investment property classified as held for sale was subsequently disposed in February 2023.

(3) Balance as at December 31, 2023 includes loan payable to the Trust of \$51,482 in respect to its investments in associates (December 31, 2022 – \$48,532), see also Note 6(b).

The investment in associates listed above have entered into various development construction contracts with existing commitments totalling \$17,517 (December 31, 2022 – \$76,607).

The joint ventures listed above have entered into various development construction contracts with existing commitments totalling \$51,217 (December 31, 2022 – \$124,349).

With respect to the development credit facilities relating to PCVP, the obligations are joint and several to each of the PCVP limited partners; however, by virtue of an indemnity agreement between the PCVP limited partners, the obligations are effectively several. As of December 31, 2023, the investment in associates had development credit facilities with an outstanding balance of \$391,400 (December 31, 2022 – \$515,287), of which the Trust's share was \$195,700 (December 31, 2022 – \$209,541). The development credit facilities bearing interest based on the BA rate plus 1.45% with maturity date of June 2027.

As of December 31, 2023, the joint ventures had development credit facilities with an outstanding balance of \$155,066 (December 31, 2022 – \$181,610), of which the Trust's share was \$92,844 (December 31, 2022 – \$109,684). The development credit facilities bearing interest based on the BA rate plus 1.35% to 2.45% with maturity dates between May 2024 and August 2025.



**b) Summary of earnings (losses)**

The following table summarizes the earnings (losses) for investment in associates and joint ventures:

Net Income from equity accounted investments in:	Year Ended December 31, 2023				Year Ended December 31, 2022			
	Associates				Associates			
	PCVP	VMC Residences	Joint Ventures	Total	PCVP	VMC Residences	Joint Ventures	Total
Revenue								
Rental revenue <sup>(1)</sup>	\$39,072	\$—	\$34,028	\$73,100	\$33,122	\$—	\$26,127	\$59,249
Residential sales revenue	—	544,462	—	544,462	—	17,415	—	17,415
Operating expense								
Rental operating costs	(21,228)	—	(14,268)	(35,496)	(14,749)	—	(11,514)	(26,263)
Residential cost of sales	—	(440,677)	—	(440,677)	—	(13,719)	—	(13,719)
<b>Revenue net of operating expense</b>	<b>\$17,844</b>	<b>\$103,785</b>	<b>\$19,760</b>	<b>\$141,389</b>	<b>\$18,373</b>	<b>\$3,696</b>	<b>\$14,613</b>	<b>\$36,682</b>
Fair value adjustment on investment properties	(29,755)	—	120,189	90,434	2,060	—	(2,420)	(360)
Interest (expense) income	(10,168)	4,665	(16,855)	(22,358)	(7,563)	160	(7,825)	(15,228)
Loss on sale of investment properties	—	—	—	—	(482)	—	—	(482)
<b>Earnings (Losses)</b>	<b>\$(22,079)</b>	<b>\$108,450</b>	<b>\$123,094</b>	<b>\$209,465</b>	<b>\$12,388</b>	<b>\$3,856</b>	<b>\$4,368</b>	<b>\$20,612</b>
Trust's share of earnings (losses) before supplemental cost and additional profit sharing	(11,039)	27,995	60,728	77,684	6,194	969	2,927	10,090
Additional Trust's share of earnings <sup>(2)</sup>	—	3,195	—	3,195	—	—	—	—
Supplemental cost	(4,606)	—	(1,103)	(5,709)	(2,231)	—	(3,660)	(5,891)
<b>Trust's share of earnings (losses)</b>	<b>\$(15,645)</b>	<b>\$31,190</b>	<b>\$59,625</b>	<b>\$75,170</b>	<b>\$3,963</b>	<b>\$969</b>	<b>\$(733)</b>	<b>\$4,199</b>

(1) Includes office rental revenue from the Trust in the amount of \$2,777 for the year ended December 31, 2023 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$2,720).

(2) Additional profit allocated to the Trust for Transit City closing pursuant to the development agreement and limited partnership agreement.

In accordance with the VMC Supplemental Development Fee Agreement, the Trust invoiced PCVP a net amount of \$9,212 related to associated development fees for the year ended December 31, 2023 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$4,462).

In accordance with the Supplemental Development and Construction Fee Agreements, the Trust invoiced certain investments in joint ventures for a net amount of \$2,206 related to associated supplemental development fees for the year ended December 31, 2023 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$7,321).

**Acquisitions and dispositions completed during the year ended December 31, 2023**

The following table summarizes the acquisitions and dispositions completed in equity accounted investments:

Location	Date	Segment	Area	Purchase Price/Disposition Proceeds
<b>Acquisitions</b>				
Whitby, Ontario	January	Self-storage	1.41 acres	\$—
Dorval, Quebec	February	Self-storage	2.22 acres	3,000
Stoney Creek, Ontario	November	Self-storage	1.34 acres	1,500
<b>Dispositions</b>				
Vaughan, Ontario	February	Land parcel	2.14 acres	\$32,100

**Redemptions of interests in equity accounted investments during the year ended December 31, 2023**

During the year ended December 31, 2023, pursuant to redemption agreements between the Trust and its joint venture partner, the partner sold all its rights and ownership stake in two joint ventures for total proceeds of \$35,110 representing the partner's share. The following table summarizes the redemptions:

Location	Date	Segment	Ownership Interest Transferred <sup>(1)</sup>	Project Area	Redemption Price	Satisfied through	
						Cash	Assumption of Debt and Other Adjustments
Markham, Ontario	July	Retirement residence	50 %	2.04 acres	\$9,875	\$4,852	\$5,023
Vaughan, Ontario	October	Retirement residence	50 %	2.31 acres	\$25,235	\$13,004	\$12,231

(1) Upon completion of the transactions, the Trust has 100% ownership in the joint ventures and transferred them from equity accounted investments to investment properties. See also Note 3, Acquisitions and Earnings.

## 6. Mortgages, loans and notes receivable

The following table summarizes mortgages, loans and notes receivable:

As at	Note	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Mortgages receivable (a)	22	\$17,548	\$39,456
Loans receivable (b)		189,837	282,312
Notes receivable (c)	22	2,924	2,924
		<b>\$210,309</b>	<b>\$324,692</b>
Current		129,777	86,593
Non-current		80,532	238,099
		<b>\$210,309</b>	<b>\$324,692</b>

- a) Mortgages receivable of \$17,548 (December 31, 2022 – \$39,456) are provided pursuant to agreements with Penguin. These amounts are provided to fund costs associated with both the original acquisition and development of six properties (December 31, 2022 – seven properties). The Trust is committed to lend up to \$150,763 (December 31, 2022 – \$190,720) to assist with the further development of these properties.

The following table provides further details on the mortgages receivable provided to Penguin:

Property	Committed	Maturity Date	Annualized Variable Interest Rate at Year-End	The Trust's Purchase Option of Property <sup>(2)</sup>	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Pitt Meadows, BC <sup>(1)(4)</sup>	\$68,153	August 2028	6.9 %	50.0 %	\$17,547	\$23,594
Toronto (StudioCentre), ON <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	22,778	August 2028	6.9 %	25.0 %	1	15,862
Caledon (Mayfield), ON <sup>(1)</sup>	15,498	August 2028	7.0 %	50.0 %	—	—
Salmon Arm, BC <sup>(3)</sup>	13,398	August 2028	6.5 %	— %	—	—
Aurora (South), ON	15,155	August 2028	6.8 %	50.0 %	—	—
Vaughan (7 & 427), ON <sup>(1)</sup>	15,781	August 2028	6.8 %	50.0 %	—	—
	<b>\$150,763</b>		<b>6.9 %</b>		<b>\$17,548</b>	<b>\$39,456</b>

(1) Caledon, Vaughan and Pitt Meadows mortgages have original maturity dates of April 2024, December 2023 and November 2023, respectively. Their maturity dates are automatically extended to August 31, 2028 unless written notice is delivered from the borrower. During the extended maturity period, the mortgages receivable accrue interest at a variable rate based on the BA rate plus 4.00% to 5.00%.

(2) The Trust has a purchase option from the borrower in these properties upon a certain level of development and leasing being achieved. As at December 31, 2023, it is management's expectation that the Trust will exercise these purchase options.

(3) The Trust owns a 50% interest in these properties, with the other 50% interest owned by Penguin. These loans are secured against Penguin's interest in the property.

(4) The weighted average interest rate on this mortgage is subject to an upper limit of 6.90%.

### Mortgages receivable amendments

Interest on these mortgages accrues monthly as follows: from December 9, 2020 to the maturity date of each mortgage, at a variable rate based on the BA rate plus 2.75% to 4.20%; and from the maturity date of each mortgage to the extended maturity date (August 31, 2028), at a variable rate based on the BA rate plus 4.00% to 5.00%. Additional interest of \$95,628 (December 31, 2022 – \$97,665) on the existing credit facilities may be accrued on certain of the mortgages receivable before cash interest must be paid.

The mortgage security includes a first or second charge on properties, assignments of rents and leases and general security agreements. In addition, the outstanding balance is guaranteed by Penguin. The loans are subject to individual loan guarantee agreements that provide additional guarantees for all interest and principal advanced on outstanding amounts. The amounts that are guaranteed decrease on achievement of certain specified value-enhancing events. Management considers all mortgages receivable to be fully collectible.

b) The following table presents loans receivable (by maturity date):

Issued to	Committed	Maturity Date	Interest Rate	Note	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Penguin <sup>(1)</sup>	26,227	March 2024	6.21 %	22	\$13,071	\$13,266
Penguin <sup>(2)</sup>	N/A	December 2029	Interest-free	22	55,429	62,986
Penguin <sup>(3)</sup>	18,450	August 2030	Variable	22	1	16,638
Penguin <sup>(4)</sup>	12,493	—	Variable	22	7,891	7,389
<b>Total loans issued to Penguin</b>					<b>\$76,392</b>	<b>\$100,279</b>
PCVP <sup>(5)</sup>	N/A	March 2024	6.21 %	22	51,482	48,532
Self-storage facilities <sup>(6)</sup>	133,900	May 2024	Variable	22	57,333	116,096
<b>Total loans issued to equity accounted investments</b>					<b>\$108,815</b>	<b>\$164,628</b>
Vaughan NW Residence <sup>(7)</sup>	34,250	November 2026	Variable		4,630	—
Other <sup>(8)</sup>	N/A	January 2023	5.00 %		—	2,308
Greenwin <sup>(9)</sup>	11,694	September 2024	Variable		—	—
Greenwin <sup>(10)</sup>	1,280	January 2025	Variable		—	—
Other <sup>(11)</sup>	N/A	October 2023	4.00 %		—	15,097
<b>Total loans issued to unrelated parties</b>					<b>\$4,630</b>	<b>\$17,405</b>
					<b>\$189,837</b>	<b>\$282,312</b>

- (1) The loan security includes a first or second charge on the property, assignments of rents and leases and general security agreements, and is guaranteed by Penguin.
- (2) The loan has a principal amount outstanding of \$70,692, is non-interest-bearing, and is repayable at the end of 10 years. As at December 31, 2023, the loan balance of \$55,429 is net of a cumulative fair value adjustment totalling \$15,263.
- (3) The loan bears interest at: i) the BA rate plus 220 basis points, up to 60% of the facility limit, and ii) the BA rate plus 370 basis points, for the remainder. The loan was repaid during the year ended December 31, 2023.
- (4) Pursuant to a development management agreement with Penguin, repayment of the pro rata share of the outstanding loan amount is due upon the completion of each Earnout event. The loan bears interest at 10 basis points plus the lower of: i) the Canadian prime rate plus 20 basis points, and ii) the Canadian Dealer Offered Rate plus 120 basis points, and has a stated maturity date of January 31, 2023, such date having been automatically extended pursuant to the terms of the loan agreement until such time as the Earnouts associated with such property are completed.
- (5) The loan security includes a first or second charge on properties, assignments of rents and leases and general security agreements, and is guaranteed by Penguin up to its 50% share of the loan.
- (6) The Trust entered into a master credit loan agreement with its partner SmartStop to provide funding for the development of certain self-storage facilities. The master credit loan agreement bears interest at a variable rate based on the BA rate plus 245 basis points.
- (7) The Trust entered into a credit agreement with Fieldgate, a co-owned residential townhome development partner, to finance development and construction of the residential townhomes. The credit agreement bears interest at a variable rate based on the BA rate plus 245 basis points.
- (8) The loan was fully repaid in January 2023.
- (9) The loan agreement in connection with the acquisition of a 50% interest in development lands in Barrie, Ontario, bears interest at the greater of: i) 7.0% per annum, and ii) the Trust's weighted average cost of capital plus 1.25% per annum.
- (10) The loan agreement to fund the acquisition of Greenwin's 25% interest in development lands in Toronto, Ontario, includes security of a first charge on the development lands and is guaranteed by Greenwin, and bears interest at the greater of: i) 7.0% per annum, and ii) the Trust's weighted average cost of capital plus 1.25% per annum.
- (11) The loan was fully repaid in September 2023.

Management considers all outstanding loans to be fully collectible.

c) Notes receivable of \$2,924 (December 31, 2022 – \$2,924) have been granted to Penguin. As at December 31, 2023, these secured demand notes bear interest at the rate of 9.00% per annum (December 31, 2022 – 9.00%).

The estimated fair values of mortgages, loans and notes receivable are based on their respective current market rates, bearing similar terms and risks. This information is disclosed in Note 15, "Fair value measurement".

## 7. Other financial assets

The following table summarizes the components of other financial assets:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Total return swap receivable (a)	\$127,820	\$137,526
Interest rate swap agreements	24,342	34,281
	<b>\$152,162</b>	<b>\$171,807</b>

### a) Total return swap receivable

The total return swap ("TRS") is a contractual agreement to exchange payments based on a specified notional amount and the underlying financial assets for a specific period. The total return to the Trust includes the total return generated by the underlying notional Trust Units, plus any appreciation, if there is any, in the market value of the notional Trust Units, less the amount equal to any decline, if there is any, in the market value of the underlying notional Trust Units. The TRS agreement requires the exchange of net contractual payments periodically without the exchange of the notional principal amounts on which the payments are based. Changes in market value are recorded in net income and comprehensive income. The Trust has funded the total return swap agreement by a loan from the counterparty which is measured at amortized cost.

The total return swap receivable reflects the market value of the swap agreement, and is determined by reference to the value of the underlying notional Trust Units at each reporting date. The gain (loss) will be realized when the total return swap agreement matures or is unwound.

The following table summarizes the activities in the total return swap receivable:

	Year Ended December 31, 2023	Year Ended December 31, 2022
Balance – beginning of year	\$137,526	\$46,869
Additions	—	101,041
Distributions received	(9,501)	(5,466)
Fair value adjustments	(205)	(4,918)
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$127,820</b>	<b>\$137,526</b>

## 8. Other assets

The following table summarizes the activity in other assets:

	December 31, 2022	Additions	Amortization and other adjustments	December 31, 2023
Equipment	\$2,335	\$1,906	\$(484)	\$3,757
Right-of-use assets	2,075	196	(1,861)	410
	\$4,410	\$2,102	\$(2,345)	\$4,167

## 9. Intangible assets

The following table summarizes the components of intangible assets:

As at	December 31, 2023			December 31, 2022		
	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net	Cost	Accumulated Amortization	Net
Intangible assets with finite lives:						
Key joint venture relationships	\$36,944	\$10,584	\$26,360	\$36,944	\$9,353	\$27,591
Trademarks	2,995	858	2,137	2,995	758	2,237
Total intangible assets with finite lives	\$39,939	\$11,442	\$28,497	\$39,939	\$10,111	\$29,828
Goodwill	13,979	—	13,979	13,979	—	13,979
	<b>\$53,918</b>	<b>\$11,442</b>	<b>\$42,476</b>	<b>\$53,918</b>	<b>\$10,111</b>	<b>\$43,807</b>

The total amortization expense recognized for the year ended December 31, 2023 amounted to \$1,331 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$1,332).

### 10. Residential development inventory

Residential development inventory consists of development lands, co-owned with Fieldgate, located at Vaughan NW, Ontario, for the purpose of developing and selling residential townhome units.

The following table summarizes the activity in residential development inventory:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Balance – beginning of year	\$40,373	\$27,399
Development costs	9,824	11,931
Capitalized interest	1,522	1,043
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$51,719</b>	<b>\$40,373</b>

### 11. Amounts receivable and other, prepaid expenses, deposits and deferred financing costs

The following table presents the components of amounts receivable and other, prepaid expenses, deposits and financing costs:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Amounts receivable and other		
Tenant receivables	\$26,794	\$26,735
Unbilled other tenant receivables	9,526	11,100
Receivables from related party – excluding equity accounted investments	12,923	11,899
Receivables from related party – equity accounted investments	15,052	616
Other non-tenant receivables	2,410	1,954
Other <sup>(1)</sup>	15,888	13,591
	<b>\$82,593</b>	<b>\$65,895</b>
Allowance for expected credit loss (“ECL”)	(8,983)	(8,771)
Amounts receivable and other, net of allowance for ECL	<b>\$73,610</b>	<b>\$57,124</b>
Prepaid expenses, deposits and deferred financing costs <sup>(2)</sup>	15,048	14,474

(1) The amount includes a related party amount of \$8,724 (December 31, 2022 – \$6,835).

(2) Includes prepaid realty tax of \$1,263 (December 31, 2022 – \$1,468).

#### Allowance for ECL

The Trust records the ECL to comply with IFRS 9’s simplified approach for amounts receivable where its allowance for ECL is measured at initial recognition and throughout the life of the amounts receivable at a total equal to lifetime ECL.

The following table summarizes the reconciliation of changes in the allowance for ECL on amounts receivable:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Balance – beginning of year	\$8,771	\$18,954
Net allowance	212	(10,183)
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$8,983</b>	<b>\$8,771</b>

**12. Debt**

The following table presents debt balances:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Secured debt (a)	\$807,602	\$969,054
Unsecured debt (b)	4,041,983	3,932,928
Revolving operating facilities (c)	149,937	81,283
	<b>\$4,999,522</b>	<b>\$4,983,265</b>
Current	605,478	459,278
Non-current	4,394,044	4,523,987
	<b>\$4,999,522</b>	<b>\$4,983,265</b>

**a) Secured debt**

As at December 31, 2023, the secured debt balance of \$807,602 (December 31, 2022 – \$969,054) bears a weighted average interest rate of 3.98% (December 31, 2022 – 3.91%), and comprises \$784,335 (December 31, 2022 – \$948,921) at fixed interest rates, and \$23,267 (December 31, 2022 – \$20,133) bears variable interest rates of BA plus 170 basis points. The secured debt, maturing between 2024 and 2034, is secured by first or second registered mortgages over specific income properties and properties under development and first general assignments of leases, insurance and registered chattel mortgages.

The following table presents principal repayment requirements for secured debt:

	Instalment Payments	Lump Sum Payments at Maturity	Total
2024	\$32,831	\$141,962 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$174,793
2025	22,241	409,371	431,612
2026	11,536	86,881	98,417
2027	5,786	—	5,786
2028	5,645	15,753	21,398
Thereafter	10,723	65,853	76,576
	<b>\$88,762</b>	<b>\$719,820</b>	<b>\$808,582</b>
Unamortized acquisition date fair value adjustments			269
Unamortized financing costs			(1,249)
			<b>\$807,602</b>

(1) Includes construction loans in the amount of \$23,267, which bear interest at Canadian Banker's Acceptance rate plus 170 basis points.

**b) Unsecured debt**

The following table summarizes the components of unsecured debt:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Unsecured debentures i)	\$2,752,816	\$2,652,327
Credit facilities ii)	995,246	996,238
TRS debt iii)	143,232	143,232
Other unsecured debt iv)	150,689	141,131
	<b>\$4,041,983</b>	<b>\$3,932,928</b>

**i) Unsecured debentures**

As at December 31, 2023, unsecured debentures totalled \$2,752,816 (December 31, 2022 – \$2,652,327). Unsecured debentures mature at various dates between 2024 and 2030, with interest rates ranging from 1.74% to 5.35%, and a weighted average interest rate of 3.35% as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – 3.17%).



The following table summarizes the components of unsecured debentures:

Series	Maturity Date	Annual Interest Rate	Interest Payment Dates	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Series I	May 30, 2023	3.985 %	May 30 and November 30	\$—	\$200,000
Series N	February 06, 2025	3.556 %	February 6 and August 6	160,000	160,000
Series O	August 28, 2024	2.987 %	February 28 and August 28	100,000	100,000
Series P	August 28, 2026	3.444 %	February 28 and August 28	250,000	250,000
Series S	December 21, 2027	3.834 %	June 21 and December 21	250,000	250,000
Series U	December 20, 2029	3.526 %	June 20 and December 20	450,000	450,000
Series V	June 11, 2027	3.192 %	June 11 and December 11	300,000	300,000
Series W	December 11, 2030	3.648 %	June 11 and December 11	300,000	300,000
Series X	December 16, 2025	1.740 %	June 16 and December 16	350,000	350,000
Series Y	December 18, 2028	2.307 %	June 18 and December 18	300,000	300,000
Series Z	May 29, 2028	5.354 %	May 29 and November 29	300,000	—
		3.345 % <sup>(1)</sup>		\$2,760,000	\$2,660,000
			Unamortized financing costs	(7,184)	(7,673)
				<b>\$2,752,816</b>	<b>\$2,652,327</b>

(1) Represents the weighted average annual interest rate and excludes deferred financing costs.

#### Unsecured debenture activities for the year ended December 31, 2023

In May 2023, the Trust issued \$300,000 of 5.354% Series Z senior unsecured debentures (net proceeds of the issuance in aggregate after issuance costs – \$298,950). The Series Z debentures will mature on May 29, 2028. The debentures have semi-annual payments due on May 29 and November 29 of each year, commencing on November 29, 2023. Concurrently, the Trust repaid the \$200,000 aggregate principal of Series I senior unsecured debentures in full upon their maturity.

#### Credit rating of unsecured debentures

Dominion Bond Rating Services (“DBRS”) provides credit ratings of debt securities for commercial issuers that indicate the risk associated with a borrower’s capabilities to fulfil its obligations. An investment-grade rating must exceed “BB”, with the highest rating being “AAA”. In December 2023, DBRS kept the Trust’s credit rating at BBB and maintained a stable trend.

#### ii) Credit facilities

The following table summarizes the activity for unsecured credit facilities:

(Issued In)	Initial Maturity Date	Annual Interest Rate	Facility Amount	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Non-revolving:</b>					
August 2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	January 31, 2025	2.98 %	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$80,000
March 2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	July 31, 2026	3.52 %	150,000	150,000	150,000
May 2019 <sup>(1)</sup>	June 24, 2026	3.15 %	170,000	170,000	170,000
January 2022	January 19, 2027	BA + 1.45%	300,000	300,000	300,000
December 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	December 1, 2025	4.37 %	100,000	100,000	100,000
December 2022 <sup>(1)</sup>	December 1, 2025	4.88 %	100,000	100,000	100,000
December 2022	December 20, 2025	SOFR + 1.70%	100,000	98,653	100,000
<b>Revolving:</b>					
May 2020	May 11, 2024	BA + 1.45%	100,000	—	—
				<b>\$998,653</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>
Less:					
				<b>(1,447)</b>	<b>(1,802)</b>
				<b>(1,960)</b>	<b>(1,960)</b>
				<b>\$995,246</b>	<b>\$996,238</b>

(1) The Trust entered into interest rate swap agreements to convert the variable interest rate into a weighted average fixed interest rate of 3.71% per annum. The weighted average term to maturity of the interest rate swaps is 2.46 years. Hedge accounting has not been applied to the interest rate swap agreements.

**iii) TRS debt**

The Trust borrowed TRS debt concurrent with entering the TRS agreement in February 2021. As at December 31, 2023, TRS unsecured debt of \$143,232 (December 31, 2022 – \$143,232) carries variable interest of CDOR plus 145 basis points. The interest on this TRS debt includes floating amounts that are payable at each May, August, November and February commencing in May 2021 to the date the TRS agreement matures or is unwound.

**iv) Other unsecured debt**

Other unsecured debt net of fair value adjustments totalling \$150,689 (December 31, 2022 – \$141,131) pertains to loans received from equity accounted investments in connection with contribution agreements relating to joint ventures. The loans are non-interest-bearing with repayment terms based on the distributions that are to be paid pursuant to the limited partnership agreements. The balances of the loans are expected to be paid at the end of their respective terms.

The following table summarizes components of the Trust's other unsecured debt:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
PCVP (5.00% discount rate) <sup>(1)</sup>	\$57,112	\$64,992
PCVP (5.75% discount rate) <sup>(2)</sup>	55,429	62,986
Stoney Creek Self Storage LP	262	—
Vaughan NW RR PropCo LP	—	12,500
VMC Residences <sup>(3)</sup>	37,886	653
	<b>\$150,689</b>	<b>\$141,131</b>

(1) In connection with the 700 Applewood purchase in December 2019, the loan has a principal amount outstanding of \$70,692 (December 31, 2022 – \$81,448), is non-interest-bearing, and is repayable at the end of 10 years. As at December 31, 2023, the loan balance of \$57,112 is net of the unamortized fair value adjustment totalling \$13,580 (December 31, 2022 – the loan balance of \$64,992 is net of a fair value adjustment totalling \$16,456).

(2) In connection with the 700 Applewood purchase in March 2020, the Trust assumed a loan payable to PCVP from Penguin. The loan has a principal amount outstanding of \$70,692 (December 31, 2022 – \$81,448), is non-interest-bearing, and is repayable at the end of 10 years. As at December 31, 2023, the loan balance of \$55,429 is net of the unamortized fair value adjustment totalling \$15,263 (December 31, 2022 – the loan balance of \$62,986 is net of a fair value adjustment totalling \$18,462). See also Note 6(b) reflecting offsetting loan receivable amount.

(3) In connection with the Transit City closing, \$37,886 was received and \$653 was settled during the year ended December 31, 2023 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$nil was received and \$24,322 was settled). See Note 5, "Equity accounted investments."

**c) Revolving operating facilities**

As at December 31, 2023, the Trust had:

i) a \$500,000 unsecured revolving operating facility bearing a variable interest rate based on either bank prime rate plus 45 basis points or BA plus 145 basis points, which matures on March 15, 2028 (in addition, the Trust has an accordion feature of \$250,000 whereby the Trust has an option to increase its facility amount with the lenders to sustain future operations as required); and

ii) a \$150,000 revolving senior unsecured term facility under which the Trust has the ability to draw funds based on bank prime rates and BA rate for Canadian dollar-denominated borrowings, and SOFR rates or U.S. prime rates for U.S. dollar-denominated borrowings. Concurrently with the U.S. dollar draws, the Trust enters into cross currency swaps to exchange its U.S. dollar borrowings into Canadian dollar borrowings.

The following table summarizes components of the Trust's revolving operating facilities:

	Annual Interest Rate	Facility Amount	Amount Drawn	Outstanding Letters of Credit	Remaining Undrawn Facilities	
					December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Revolving facility maturing March 2028	BA + 1.45%	\$500,000	\$10,000	\$11,903	\$478,097	\$477,626
Revolving facility maturing February 2024 <sup>(1)</sup>	US\$ SOFR + 1.55%	150,000	139,937	—	10,063	75,717
			<b>\$149,937</b>	<b>\$11,903</b>	<b>\$488,160</b>	<b>\$553,343</b>

(1) The Trust has drawn in US\$105,700 which was translated to \$139,937 as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – drawn in US\$54,873 which was translated to \$74,283).

**d) Interest expense**

The following table summarizes interest expense:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Interest at stated rates	<b>\$188,225</b>	\$166,181
Amortization of acquisition date fair value adjustments on assumed debt	<b>(285)</b>	(460)
Amortization of deferred financing costs	<b>3,750</b>	3,606
Distributions on Units classified as liabilities and vested deferred units	<b>18,017</b>	17,414
Adjustment on debt modification	<b>—</b>	(1,960)
	<b>\$209,707</b>	\$184,781
Capitalized to properties under development	<b>(44,444)</b>	(35,036)
Capitalized to residential development inventory	<b>(1,522)</b>	(1,043)
	<b>\$163,741</b>	\$148,702

The following table presents a reconciliation between the interest expense and the cash interest paid:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Interest expense	<b>\$163,741</b>	\$148,702
Amortization of acquisition date fair value adjustments on assumed debt	<b>285</b>	460
Adjustment on debt modification	<b>—</b>	1,960
Amortization of deferred financing costs	<b>(3,750)</b>	(3,606)
Distributions on Units classified as liabilities and vested deferred units, net of amounts capitalized to properties under development	<b>(8,478)</b>	(7,139)
Change in accrued interest payable	<b>(599)</b>	(684)
<b>Cash interest paid</b>	<b>\$151,199</b>	\$139,693

For the year ended December 31, 2023, total interest paid was \$197,165 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$175,772) which includes cash interest paid of \$151,199 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$139,693) and interest capitalized to both properties under development and residential development inventory of \$45,966 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$36,079).

**e) Liquidity**

The Trust's liquidity position is monitored by management on a regular basis. The table below provides the contractual maturities of the Trust's material financial obligations including debentures, mortgage receivable advances and development commitments:

	Total	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter
Secured debt	<b>\$808,582</b>	\$174,793	\$431,612	\$98,417	\$5,786	\$21,398	\$76,576
Unsecured debt	<b>3,915,969</b>	115,932	888,653	570,000	850,000	600,000	891,384
Revolving operating facilities	<b>149,937</b>	149,937	—	—	—	—	—
Interest obligations <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>451,792</b>	117,337	101,699	82,677	66,581	43,583	39,915
Accounts payable	<b>253,236</b>	253,236	—	—	—	—	—
Other payable	<b>25,527</b>	6,398	151	8,978	—	—	10,000
	<b>\$5,605,043</b>	<b>\$817,633</b>	<b>\$1,422,115</b>	<b>\$760,072</b>	<b>\$922,367</b>	<b>\$664,981</b>	<b>\$1,017,875</b>
Mortgage receivable advances (repayments) <sup>(2)</sup>	<b>133,215</b>	—	758	(11,359)	(753)	(1,819)	146,388
Development obligations (commitments)	<b>22,068</b>	22,068	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,760,326</b>	<b>\$839,701</b>	<b>\$1,422,873</b>	<b>\$748,713</b>	<b>\$921,614</b>	<b>\$663,162</b>	<b>\$1,164,263</b>

(1) Interest obligations represent expected interest payments on secured debt, unsecured debt, and revolving operating facilities under the assumption that the balances are repaid at maturity, and do not represent a separate contractual obligation.

(2) Mortgages receivable of \$17,548 at December 31, 2023, and further forecasted commitments of \$133,215, mature over a period extending to 2028 if the Trust does not exercise its option to acquire the investment properties. Refer to Note 6, "Mortgages, loans and notes receivable", for timing of principal repayments.

**13. Other financial liabilities**

The following table summarizes the components of other financial liabilities:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Units classified as liabilities (a)	<b>\$196,571</b>	\$211,497
Deferred unit plan (c)	<b>53,650</b>	48,402
Long term incentive plan ("LTIP") (d)	—	580
Equity incentive plan ("EIP") (e)	<b>22,327</b>	16,204
Currency swap agreement <sup>(1)</sup>	<b>2,835</b>	717
	<b>\$275,383</b>	\$277,400

(1) The currency swap agreement has been recorded in the revolving operating facilities balance as reflected in Note 12(c) "Revolving operating facilities".

**a) Units classified as liabilities**

The following table represents the number and carrying value of Units classified as liabilities that are issued and outstanding. The fair value measurement of the Units classified as liabilities is described in Note 15, "Fair value measurement".

	Number of Units Issued and Outstanding	Carrying Value
<b>Balance – January 1, 2023</b>	<b>7,897,571</b>	<b>\$211,497</b>
Change in carrying value	N/A	(14,926)
<b>Balance – December 31, 2023</b>	<b>7,897,571</b>	<b>\$196,571</b>
Balance – January 1, 2022	7,897,571	\$254,223
Change in carrying value	N/A	(42,726)
Balance – December 31, 2022	7,897,571	\$211,497

**b) Earnout options**

As part of the consideration paid for certain investment property acquisitions, the Trust has granted options in connection with the development management agreements (see also Note 4(d)).

The following table summarizes the number of Earnout options exercised and proceeds received during the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2022:

Options	Strike Price	Year Ended December 31, 2023		Year Ended December 31, 2022	
		Options Exercised	Amounts from Options Exercised	Options Exercised	Amounts from Options Exercised
Options to acquire Class B Smart LP III Units <sup>(1)</sup>	Market price	62,121	\$ 1,471	154,392	\$ 707
Options to acquire Class B Smart LP IV Units <sup>(2)</sup>	Market price	—	—	21,785	572
		<b>62,121</b>	<b>\$ 1,471</b>	<b>176,177</b>	<b>\$ 1,279</b>

(1) Each option is represented by a corresponding Class C Smart LP III Unit.

(2) Each option is represented by a corresponding Class C Smart LP IV Unit.

**c) Deferred unit plan**

The following table summarizes the number of outstanding deferred units:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Balance – beginning of year	1,888,509	1,667,421
Granted	269,199	226,358
Reinvested units from distributions	163,752	121,028
Redeemed for cash	(75,973)	(110,867)
Forfeited	(11,300)	(15,431)
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>2,234,187</b>	<b>1,888,509</b>

As at December 31, 2023, total outstanding deferred units included 1,920,086 vested units (December 31, 2022 – 1,607,987).

The following table summarizes the change in the carrying value of the deferred unit plan:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Carrying value – beginning of year	\$48,402	\$50,660
Deferred units granted	3,606	3,612
Reinvested distributions on vested deferred units	3,411	2,846
Compensation expense – reinvested distributions and amortization	3,745	3,576
Redeemed for cash	(1,909)	(3,372)
Fair value adjustment	(3,605)	(8,920)
<b>Carrying value – end of year</b>	<b>\$53,650</b>	<b>\$48,402</b>

**d) LTIP**

The following table summarizes the activities in the LTIP:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Balance – beginning of year	\$580	\$697
Amortization	3	280
Fair value adjustment	—	(397)
LTIP vested and paid out <sup>(1)</sup>	(583)	—
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$—</b>	<b>\$580</b>

(1) The vested LTIP has been fully paid out during the year ended December 31, 2023.

**e) EIP**

The Trust granted performance units in connection with the EIP, subject to the achievement of Unit price thresholds. The performance period for the EIP is specified in the participants' award notices. Distributions on performance units will accumulate on the performance units that have been granted. Performance units, including distributions on performance units, vest for the lesser of three years after they are earned or on the end of the applicable Performance Period. Upon vesting, performance units will be exchanged for Trust Units or paid out in cash at the option of the holders.

The following summarizes the outstanding number of performance units associated with the EIP:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Balance – beginning of year <sup>(1) (2)</sup>	1,370,540	1,339,699
Granted	134,000	65,000
Reinvested units from distributions	109,238	87,514
Forfeited	(51,571)	(121,673)
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>1,562,207</b>	<b>1,370,540</b>

(1) The beginning balance of 2023 and 2022 includes performance units that were granted to Mitchell Goldhar and eligible associates, as well as performance units that were reinvested from distributions, and certain performance units that were forfeited.

(2) Under the EIP granted to Mitchell Goldhar in 2021 totalling 900,000 Units, the \$26.00 Unit price threshold was achieved on April 5, 2021, and the \$28.00 Unit price threshold was achieved on May 18, 2021, and under the EIP granted to Mitchell Goldhar and other eligible associates in 2021, the \$30.00 Unit price threshold was achieved on September 22, 2021, and the \$32.00 Unit price threshold was achieved on April 5, 2022. The performance units for these Unit price thresholds will vest on April 4, 2024, May 17, 2024, September 21, 2024 and April 4, 2025, respectively.

The following table summarizes the change in the carrying value of the EIP:

Carrying Value	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Balance – beginning of year	\$16,204	\$10,377
Amortization costs	8,080	7,912
Fair value adjustment	(1,957)	(2,085)
<b>Balance – end of year</b>	<b>\$22,327</b>	<b>\$16,204</b>



**14. Accounts and other payables**

The following table presents accounts payable and the current portion of other payables that are classified as current liabilities:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Accounts payable <sup>(1)</sup>	\$95,357	\$86,592
Tenant prepaid rent, deposits, and other payables	92,942	108,364
Residential sales deposits	11,853	11,690
Accrued interest payable	14,692	14,094
Distributions payable	26,577	26,569
Realty taxes payable	2,718	2,946
Current portion of other payables	9,347	10,867
	<b>\$253,486</b>	<b>\$261,122</b>

(1) Includes accounts payable to Penguin in the amount of \$3,723 as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – \$3,504). See also Note 22, "Related party transactions".

The following table presents other payables that are classified as non-current liabilities:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Future land development obligations with Penguin	\$18,075	\$17,646
Lease liability – investment properties <sup>(1)</sup>	8,575	8,411
Lease liability – other	424	2,075
<b>Total other payables</b>	<b>\$27,074</b>	<b>\$28,132</b>
Less: Current portion of other payables	(9,347)	(10,867)
<b>Total non-current portion of other payables</b>	<b>\$17,727</b>	<b>\$17,265</b>

(1) Leasehold properties with bargain purchase options are accounted for as leases.

**Future land development obligations**

The future land development obligations represent payments required to be made to Penguin (see also Note 22, "Related party transactions") for certain undeveloped lands acquired from 2006 to 2015, either on completion and rental of additional space on the undeveloped lands or, if no additional space is completed on the undeveloped lands, at the expiry of the development management agreement periods ending in 2024 to 2025, which may be extended up to 2027. The accrued future land development obligations are measured at their amortized values using imputed interest rates ranging from 4.50% to 5.50%. For the year ended December 31, 2023, imputed interest of \$442 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$423) was capitalized to properties under development.

## 15. Fair value measurement

The fair value of financial instruments is the amount for which an asset could be exchanged or a liability settled between knowledgeable, willing parties in an arm's-length transaction based on the current market for assets and liabilities with the same risks, principal and remaining maturity.

### Assets and liabilities carried at amortized cost

The fair values of the Trust's accounts receivable and other, cash and cash equivalents and accounts and other payables approximate their carrying amounts due to the relatively short periods to maturity of these financial instruments.

The fair values of certain mortgage receivables, secured debt and unsecured debt have been determined by discounting the cash flows of these financial obligations using market rates of debt of similar terms and credit risks.

### Fair value of assets and liabilities

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value in the consolidated balance sheets, or disclosed in the notes to the financial statements, are categorized using fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of the inputs used in determining the fair values as follows:

The use of quoted market prices for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1), internal models using observable market information as inputs (Level 2) and internal models without observable market information as inputs (Level 3).

December 31, 2023	Carrying value	Fair Value		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Assets measured at fair value:</b>				
Investment properties	\$10,564,269	\$—	\$—	\$10,564,269
Other financial assets	152,162	—	152,162	—
<b>Assets measured at amortized cost:</b>				
Mortgages, loans and notes receivable	\$210,309	\$—	\$208,296	\$—
<b>Liabilities measured at fair value:</b>				
Units classified as liabilities	\$196,571	\$—	\$196,571	\$—
Deferred unit plan	53,650	—	53,650	—
EIP	22,327	—	22,327	—
Currency swap agreement	2,835	—	2,835	—
<b>Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost:</b>				
Secured debt	\$807,602	\$—	\$808,639	\$—
Unsecured debt	4,041,983	—	3,877,650	—
Revolving operating facilities	149,937	—	149,937	—

December 31, 2022	Carrying value	Fair Value		
		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<b>Assets measured at fair value:</b>				
Investment properties	\$10,286,891	\$—	\$—	\$10,286,891
Other financial assets	171,807	—	171,807	—
<b>Assets measured at amortized cost:</b>				
Mortgages, loans and notes receivable	\$324,692	\$—	\$322,697	\$—
<b>Liabilities measured at fair value:</b>				
Units classified as liabilities	\$211,497	\$—	\$211,497	\$—
Deferred unit plan	48,402	—	48,402	—
LTIP	580	—	580	—
EIP	16,204	—	16,204	—
Currency swap agreement	717	—	717	—
<b>Financial liabilities measured at amortized cost:</b>				
Secured debt	\$969,054	\$—	\$1,081,663	\$—
Unsecured debt	3,932,928	—	3,472,815	—
Revolving operating facilities	81,283	—	81,283	—

## 16. Unit equity

The following table presents the number of Units issued and outstanding and the related carrying value of Unit equity. The Limited Partnership Units are classified as non-controlling interests in the consolidated balance sheets and the consolidated statements of equity.

	Note	Number of Units Issued and Outstanding			Carrying Value		
		Trust Units	Smart LP Units	Total Units	Trust Units	Smart LP Units	Total
Balance – January 1, 2022		144,625,322	25,568,688	170,194,010	\$3,090,368	\$641,944	\$3,732,312
Options exercised	4(d), 13(b)	—	42,272	42,272	—	1,279	1,279
Unit issuance costs		—	—	—	(250)	—	(250)
Balance – December 31, 2022		144,625,322	25,610,960	170,236,282	\$3,090,118	\$643,223	\$3,733,341
<b>Balance – January 1, 2023</b>		<b>144,625,322</b>	<b>25,610,960</b>	<b>170,236,282</b>	<b>\$3,090,118</b>	<b>\$643,223</b>	<b>\$3,733,341</b>
Options exercised	4(d), 13(b)	—	54,295	54,295	—	1,471	1,471
<b>Balance – December 31, 2023</b>		<b>144,625,322</b>	<b>25,665,255</b>	<b>170,290,577</b>	<b>\$3,090,118</b>	<b>\$644,694</b>	<b>\$3,734,812</b>

The following table presents the number and carrying values of LP Class B Units issued and outstanding:

LP Class B Unit Type	Number of Units Issued and Outstanding			Carrying Value		
	Balance – January 1, 2023	Options Exercised (Note 13(b))	Balance – December 31, 2023	Balance – January 1, 2023	Value From Options Exercised (Note 13(b))	Balance – December 31, 2023
Smart Limited Partnership	16,424,430	—	16,424,430	\$392,327	\$—	\$392,327
Smart Limited Partnership II	756,525	—	756,525	17,680	—	17,680
Smart Limited Partnership III	4,062,801	54,295	4,117,096	108,804	1,471	110,275
Smart Limited Partnership IV	3,112,565	—	3,112,565	89,429	—	89,429
Smart Oshawa South Limited Partnership	710,416	—	710,416	20,441	—	20,441
Smart Oshawa Taunton Limited Partnership	374,223	—	374,223	11,033	—	11,033
Smart Boxgrove Limited Partnership	170,000	—	170,000	3,509	—	3,509
	<b>25,610,960</b>	<b>54,295</b>	<b>25,665,255</b>	<b>\$643,223</b>	<b>\$1,471</b>	<b>\$644,694</b>

LP Class B Unit Type	Number of Units Issued and Outstanding			Carrying Value		
	Balance – January 1, 2022	Options Exercised (Note 13(b))	Balance – December 31, 2022	Balance – January 1, 2022	Value From Options Exercised (Note 13(b))	Balance – December 31, 2022
Smart Limited Partnership	16,424,430	—	16,424,430	\$392,327	\$—	\$392,327
Smart Limited Partnership II	756,525	—	756,525	17,680	—	17,680
Smart Limited Partnership III	4,039,184	23,617	4,062,801	108,097	707	108,804
Smart Limited Partnership IV	3,093,910	18,655	3,112,565	88,857	572	89,429
Smart Oshawa South Limited Partnership	710,416	—	710,416	20,441	—	20,441
Smart Oshawa Taunton Limited Partnership	374,223	—	374,223	11,033	—	11,033
Smart Boxgrove Limited Partnership	170,000	—	170,000	3,509	—	3,509
	<b>25,568,688</b>	<b>42,272</b>	<b>25,610,960</b>	<b>\$641,944</b>	<b>\$1,279</b>	<b>\$643,223</b>

**a) Authorized Units**

*Trust Units (authorized – unlimited)*

Each voting Trust Unit represents an equal undivided interest in the Trust. All Trust Units outstanding from time to time are entitled to participate pro rata in any distributions by the Trust and, in the event of termination or windup of the Trust, in the net assets of the Trust. All Trust Units rank among themselves equally and rateably without discrimination, preference or priority. Unitholders are entitled to require the Trust to redeem all or any part of their Trust Units at prices determined and payable in accordance with the conditions provided for in the Declaration of Trust. A maximum amount of \$50 may be redeemed in total in any one month unless otherwise waived by the Board of Trustees.

In accordance with the Declaration of Trust, distributions to Unitholders are declared at the discretion of the Trustees. The Trust endeavours to declare distributions in each taxation year in such an amount as is necessary to ensure that the Trust will not be subject to tax on its net income and net capital gains under Part I of the *Income Tax Act*.

The Trust is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Special Voting Units that will be used to provide voting rights to holders of securities exchangeable, including all series of Class B Smart LP Units, Class D Smart LP Units, Class B Smart LP II Units, Class B Smart LP III Units, Class B Smart LP IV Units, Class B Smart Oshawa South LP Units, Class D Smart Oshawa South LP Units, Class B Smart Oshawa Taunton Units, Class D Oshawa Taunton Units, Class B Smart Boxgrove LP Units, Class B ONR LP Units and Class B ONR LP I Units, into Trust Units. Special Voting Units are not entitled to any interest or share in the distributions or net assets of the Trust. Each Special Voting Unit entitles the holder to the number of votes at any meeting of Unitholders of the Trust that is equal to the number of Trust Units into which the exchangeable security is exchangeable or convertible. Special Voting Units are cancelled on the issuance of Trust Units on exercise, conversion or cancellation of the corresponding exchangeable securities.

As at December 31, 2023, there were 33,554,118 (December 31, 2022 – 33,499,823) Special Voting Units outstanding, which are associated with those LP Units that have voting rights. There is no value assigned to the Special Voting Units. These Special Voting Units are not entitled to any interest or share in the distributions or net assets of the Trust; nor are they convertible into any Trust securities.

Pursuant to the Voting Top-Up Right agreement made in December 2020 between the Trust and Penguin, which was approved by Unitholders, the following amendments were made: i) extension of the Voting Top-Up Right for five years, ending December 31, 2025, ii) extension of the designation of Units as Variable Voting Units until December 31, 2025, and iii) an increase to the alternative ownership threshold from 20,000,000 Units to 22,800,000 Units, including exchangeable LP Units. The total number of Special Voting Units is adjusted for each annual meeting of the Unitholders based on changes in Penguin's ownership interest (see also Note 22, "Related party transactions").

**17. Unit distributions**

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the Trust endeavours to distribute annually such amount as is necessary to ensure the Trust will not be subject to tax on its net income under Part I of the *Income Tax Act*. The following table presents Unit distributions declared:

Unit Type Subject to Distributions	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Trust Units	\$267,563	\$267,563
Limited Partnership Units	47,470	47,363
Other non-controlling interest	338	282
<b>Distributions on Units classified as equity</b>	<b>\$315,371</b>	<b>\$315,208</b>
<b>Distributions on Units classified as liabilities</b>	<b>14,606</b>	<b>14,606</b>
<b>Total Unit distributions</b>	<b>\$329,977</b>	<b>\$329,814</b>

On January 16, 2024, the Trust declared a distribution for the month of January 2024 of \$0.15417 per Unit, representing \$1.85 per Unit on an annualized basis, to Unitholders of record on January 31, 2024.

**18. Rentals from investment properties and other**

The following table presents rentals from investment properties and other:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Gross base rent	\$531,221	\$515,110
Less: Amortization of tenant incentives	(7,710)	(7,087)
Net base rent	523,511	508,023
Property tax and insurance recoveries	174,617	171,874
Property operating cost recoveries	100,078	93,407
	274,695	265,281
Miscellaneous revenue	18,744	15,393
<b>Rentals from investment properties</b>	<b>\$816,950</b>	<b>\$788,697</b>
Service and other revenues	17,631	15,901
<b>Rentals from investment properties and other</b>	<b>\$834,581</b>	<b>\$804,598</b>

The following table summarizes the future contractual minimum base rent payments under non-cancellable operating leases expected from tenants in investment properties:

As at	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
2023	\$—	\$503,014
2024	515,195	436,753
2025	460,900	365,162
2026	392,570	299,049
2027	326,177	235,407
2028	240,093	158,565
Thereafter	533,024	343,675

**19. Property operating costs and other**

The following table summarizes property operating costs and other:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Recoverable property operating costs <sup>(1)</sup>	\$288,224	\$279,597
Property management fees and costs	4,783	4,288
Expected credit loss (recovery)	1,332	(3,448)
Non-recoverable costs	6,428	6,465
<b>Property operating costs</b>	<b>\$300,767</b>	<b>\$286,902</b>
Residential cost of sales and marketing costs	3,873	435
Other expenses relating to service and other revenues <sup>(2)</sup>	16,380	14,657
<b>Other expenses</b>	<b>20,253</b>	<b>15,092</b>
<b>Property operating costs and other</b>	<b>\$321,020</b>	<b>\$301,994</b>

(1) Includes recoverable property tax and insurance costs.

(2) Related to service and other revenues as disclosed in Note 18, "Rentals from investment properties and other".



**20. General and administrative expense**

The following table summarizes general and administrative expense:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Salaries and benefits	\$24,556	\$21,704
Professional fees	5,604	6,172
Public company costs	1,390	1,343
Amortization of intangible assets	1,331	1,332
Other costs including office rent, information technology, marketing, communications, and other employee expenses	3,489	2,718
<b>General and administrative expense</b>	<b>\$36,370</b>	<b>\$33,269</b>

**21. Supplemental cash flow information**

The following table presents items not affecting cash and other items relating to the Trust's operating activities:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Fair value adjustments	\$(101,792)	\$(293,080)
Gain on sale of investment properties	(44)	(315)
Earnings from equity accounted investments	(75,170)	(4,199)
Interest expense	163,741	148,702
Other financing costs	(1,364)	(1,813)
Interest income	(19,647)	(18,036)
Amortization of other assets and intangible assets	10,641	10,310
Lease obligation interest	614	578
Deferred unit compensation expense, net of redemptions	1,836	204
LTIP and EIP amortization, net of payment	2,128	3,010
	<b>\$(19,057)</b>	<b>\$(154,639)</b>

The following table presents changes in other non-cash operating items:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Amounts receivable and other	\$(16,486)	\$(7,582)
Prepaid expenses, deposits and deferred financing costs	(574)	(2,185)
Accounts payable	8,765	8,074
Realty taxes payable	(228)	(247)
Tenant prepaid rent, deposits and other payables, and residential sales deposits	(15,259)	1,222
Other working capital changes	14,607	(7,299)
	<b>\$(9,175)</b>	<b>\$(8,017)</b>

The following table presents the Trust's non-cash investing and financing balances:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
<b>Non-cash investing and financing balances</b>		
Total return swap receivable	\$127,820	\$137,526
Units issued on acquisition	1,471	1,279
Liabilities assumed on acquisition, net of other assets	3,948	1,756
Distributions payable at year end	26,577	26,569
Total return swap debt	143,232	143,232

## 22. Related party transactions

Transactions with related parties are conducted in the normal course of operations.

### Transactions and Agreements with Penguin

#### a) Penguin's Ownership Interest and Voting Right

The Trust's largest Unitholder is Penguin, which as at December 31, 2023, held approximately 21.0% of the issued and outstanding Units (December 31, 2022 – 20.8%) of the Trust. The following table presents Units owned by Penguin:

Type	Class	Units owned by Penguin	
		December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Trust Units	N/A	15,442,763	15,076,163
Smart Limited Partnership	Class B	13,584,561	13,584,561
Smart Limited Partnership	Class F	8,708	8,708
Smart Limited Partnership III	Class B	4,117,096	4,062,801
Smart Limited Partnership IV	Class B	2,873,132	2,873,132
Smart Oshawa South Limited Partnership	Class B	630,880	630,880
Smart Oshawa Taunton Limited Partnership	Class B	374,223	374,223
Smart Boxgrove Limited Partnership	Class B	170,000	170,000
ONR Limited Partnership I	Class B	272,183	272,183
<b>Units owned by Penguin</b>		<b>37,473,546</b>	<b>37,052,651</b>

Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, provided certain ownership thresholds are met, the Trust is required to issue or cancel such number of additional Special Voting Units to Penguin that will entitle Penguin to cast 25.0% of the aggregate votes eligible to be cast at a meeting of the Unitholders and Special Voting Unitholders ("Voting Top-Up Right"). As at December 31, 2023, there were 9,729,886 additional Special Voting Units outstanding (December 31, 2022 – 10,053,123). These Special Voting Units are not entitled to any interest or share in the distributions or net assets of the Trust, nor are they convertible into any Trust securities. There is no value assigned to the Special Voting Units. A five-year extension of the Voting Top-Up Right was approved by Unitholders at the Trust's annual general and special meeting held on December 9, 2020. For further details, see the Trust's management information circular dated November 6, 2020, filed on the System for Electronic Document Analysis and Retrieval+ ("SEDAR+").

Pursuant to its rights under the Declaration of Trust, at December 31, 2023, Penguin has appointed two Trustees out of eight.

The other non-controlling interest, which is included in equity, represents a 5.0% equity interest by Penguin in five consolidated investment properties.

#### b) Distributions declared to Penguin

During the year ended December 31, 2023, distributions declared to Penguin totalled \$68,898 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$68,471).

#### c) Properties under development subject to development management agreements ("Earnout Agreements")

Properties under development in the amount of \$61,687 (December 31, 2022 – \$54,847) are subject to various development management agreements with Penguin and Walmart. (See Note 3, "Acquisitions and Earnouts".)

The following table presents those Units which Penguin has Earnout options to acquire, upon completion of Earnout events:

Type	Class	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Trust Units	N/A	1,286,833	1,286,833
Smart Limited Partnership	Class B	5,031,072	5,031,072
Smart Limited Partnership III	Class B	1,629,959	1,692,080
Smart Limited Partnership IV	Class B	353,135	353,135
Smart Oshawa South Limited Partnership	Class B	18,983	18,983
Smart Oshawa Taunton Limited Partnership	Class B	132,711	132,711
Smart Boxgrove Limited Partnership	Class B	267,179	267,179
ONR Limited Partnership I	Class B	429,599	429,599
		<b>9,149,471</b>	<b>9,211,592</b>

At December 31, 2023, Penguin's ownership would increase to 24.8% (December 31, 2022 – 24.6%) if Penguin were to exercise all remaining Earnout options pursuant to the Omnibus Agreement between the Trust and Penguin.

*Omnibus Agreement between the Trust and Penguin*

The Trust and Penguin amended the development management agreements in November 2020. Effective December 9, 2020, pursuant to an omnibus agreement between the Trust and Penguin (the "Omnibus Agreement"), Penguin has the option to extend all Earnouts by two years from the previous expiry date, and the Trust has been given a right of first offer in connection with the sale of the economic and financial benefits and rights of any such development parcel during any extended period. In addition, this agreement provides for the payment of certain outstanding amounts between the parties.

**d) Leasehold property interest**

At December 31, 2023, the Trust had lease obligations for the 14 leasehold interests without bargain purchase options and one leasehold interest with bargain purchase options with Penguin. See Note 4(c).

**e) Loans receivable issued**

Four loans receivable were issued to Penguin, either pursuant to development management agreement or in connection with acquisitions of land parcels. See Note 6(b).

**f) Future land development obligations**

The future land development obligations represent payments required to be made to Penguin for certain undeveloped lands acquired. See Note 14, "Accounts and other payables".

**g) Other agreements with Penguin**

The Trust entered into various agreements with Penguin in November 2020 coincident with the extension of the term of the Voting Top-Up Right. For further details, see the Trust's management information circular dated November 6, 2020, filed on SEDAR+ and below.

*Supplement to Development Services Agreement between the Trust and its Affiliates and Penguin ("Development and Services Agreement")*

The following represent the key elements of this agreement which is effective from July 1, 2020 until December 31, 2025:

- i) Penguin shall be reimbursed for 50% of disposition fees otherwise payable pursuant to the Development and Services Agreement related to Penguin's interest in properties sold by the Trust,
- ii) for future SmartVMC commercial phases and certain properties currently owned by Penguin (for which the Trust has historically assisted with development and planning requirements), all development fees are payable to Penguin and all other fees (management, leasing, etc.) are payable to the Trust,
- iii) when Penguin utilizes employees of the Trust to assist with its development projects, Penguin will pay for these services provided by employees of the Trust based on annual estimates of time billings related to these projects, charged at estimated total cost, including compensation,
- iv) for Penguin's 50% interest in a property in Toronto co-owned with Revera to develop a retirement home, Penguin will pay 50% of the development fees it earns to the Trust for the development services provided by the Trust, and
- v) the Trust will continue to manage and develop all other Penguin properties.

Support services are provided for a fee based on an allocation of the Trust's relevant costs of the support services to Penguin. Such relevant costs include: office administration, human resources, information technology, insurance, legal and marketing.

*Penguin Services Agreement*

The amended and restated services agreement entered into on November 5, 2020 (the "Penguin Services Agreement"), and effective from February 2018 reflects the additional services provided by Penguin since that time. Under the agreement, Penguin provides specified services to the Trust in connection with the development of its projects. In return for those services, Penguin is entitled to receive: i) a fixed quarterly fee of \$1,000 (subject to inflation-related increments after 2018) and ii) an annual variable fee between \$1,500 and \$3,500 (also inflation-adjusted after 2018) that is based on the achievement of the Trust-level targets for "New Development Initiatives" and "New Projects" that the Trust uses to measure the performance of its executive officers and other annual targets (other than such Trust-level targets) of a similar nature that the Trust uses to measure the performance of its executive officers as determined by the Board of Trustees from time to time.

*Mezzanine Loan Amending Agreements between the Trust and its Affiliates and Penguin ("Mezzanine Loan Agreements")*

Effective November 5, 2020, all loan maturity dates have been extended to August 31, 2028, with a new rate structure for the extension period of each mortgage receivable (see also Note 6, "Mortgages, loans and notes receivable"). The Trust's purchase option periods have been extended and because these properties may now be subject to mixed-use development projects, the agreements provide that the parties establish a new framework for the purchase options for the Trust related to mixed-use development.

*Non-Competition Agreement*

Effective November 2020, a non-competition agreement with Penguin replaced and superseded the previous non-competition agreement extending the term by five years and broadening restricted competing initiatives to include various forms of mixed-use development.

*Executive Employment Agreement*

This agreement confirms Mr. Goldhar's position as Executive Chairman of the Trust for the period from February 14, 2018 to December 31, 2025, for which Mr. Goldhar receives a salary, bonus, customary benefits, and is eligible to participate in the Trust's Deferred Unit Plan and the Equity Incentive Plan.

In January 2021, the Trust granted 900,000 performance units to Mitchell Goldhar pursuant to the EIP adopted by Unitholders effective December 9, 2020. See also Note 13, "Other financial liabilities".

**h) Summary of transactions and balances with Penguin**

The following tables summarize related party transactions and balances with Penguin:

	Note	Year Ended December 31	
		2023	2022
<b>Related party transactions with Penguin</b>			
<b>Acquisitions and Earnouts:</b>			
Earnouts	3	\$8,196	\$9,210
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Service and other revenues:			
Management fee and other services revenue pursuant to the Development and Services Agreement		11,351	3,670
Supplement to the Development and Services Agreement fees – time billings		—	8,042
Support services		1,391	1,192
		<u>\$12,742</u>	<u>\$12,904</u>
Interest income from mortgages and loans receivable		4,326	7,857
Rents and operating cost recoveries included in rentals from income properties (includes rental income from Penguin Pick-Up of \$464 (year ended December 31, 2022 – \$355))		2,932	893
		<u>\$20,000</u>	<u>\$21,654</u>
<b>Expenses and other payments:</b>			
Fees paid pursuant to the Penguin Services Agreement – capitalized to properties under development		7,189	7,416
EIP – capitalized to properties under development		5,372	5,182
Development fees and interest expense – capitalized to investment properties		140	354
Opportunity fees pursuant to the development management agreements – capitalized to properties under development <sup>(1)</sup>		60	60
Marketing and other costs – included in general and administrative expense and property operating costs		79	76
Disposition fees pursuant to the Development and Services Agreement – included in general and administrative expense		788	612
		<u>\$13,628</u>	<u>\$13,700</u>

(1) These amounts include prepaid land costs that will offset the purchase price of future Earnouts.

As at	Note	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Related party balances with Penguin disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements</b>			
<b>Receivables:</b>			
Amounts receivable and other <sup>(1)</sup>	11	\$21,647	\$18,734
Mortgages receivable	6(a)	17,548	39,456
Loans receivable	6(b)	76,392	100,280
Notes receivable	6(c)	2,924	2,924
<b>Total receivables</b>		<b>\$118,511</b>	<b>\$161,394</b>
<b>Payables and other accruals:</b>			
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		3,723	3,504
Future land development obligations	14	18,075	17,646
<b>Total payables and other accruals</b>		<b>\$21,798</b>	<b>\$21,150</b>

(1) Excludes amounts receivable presented below as part of balances with equity accounted investments. This amount includes amounts receivable of \$12,923 and other of \$8,724 (December 31, 2022 – amounts receivable of \$11,899 and other of \$6,835).

## Transactions and Agreements with the Trust's equity accounted investments

### a) Supplemental Development Fee Agreements

In accordance with the Supplemental Development Fee Agreements, the Trust invoiced PCVP and certain joint ventures a net amount related to associated development fees. See Note 5, "Equity accounted investments".

### b) Loans receivable issued

A loan receivable was provided to PCVP pursuant to a loan agreement. Loans receivable were issued to certain joint ventures partnered with SmartStop pursuant to a master credit loan agreement. See Note 6(b).

### c) Other unsecured debt

Other unsecured debt pertains to loans received from equity accounted investments in connection with either the 700 Applewood purchase or contribution agreements relating to joint ventures. See Note 12(b)(iv).

### d) Summary of transactions and balances with the Trust's equity accounted investments

The following table summarizes related party transactions with the Trust's equity accounted investments:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
<b>Related party transactions with the Trust's equity accounted investments</b>		
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Supplemental Development Fee	\$11,418	\$9,296
Interest income from mortgages and loans receivable	11,212	6,006
<b>Expenses and other payments:</b>		
Rent and operating costs (included in general and administrative expense and property operating costs)	2,777	2,720

The following table summarizes the related party balances with the Trust's equity accounted investments:

As at	Note	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
<b>Related party balances disclosed elsewhere in the financial statements</b>			
Amounts receivable <sup>(1)</sup>	11	\$15,052	\$616
Loans receivable <sup>(2)</sup>	6(b)	108,815	164,628
Other unsecured debt <sup>(3)</sup>	12(b)(iv)	150,689	141,131

(1) Amounts receivable includes Penguin's portion, which represents \$5,083 (December 31, 2022 – \$29) relating to Penguin's 50% investment in the PCVP and Residences (One) LP.

(2) Loans receivable includes Penguin's portion, which represents \$25,741 (December 31, 2022 – \$24,266) relating to Penguin's 50% investment in the PCVP.

(3) Other unsecured debt does not consist of Penguin's portion as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – included \$163 relating to Penguin's 25% investment in the Residences LP).

### Other related party transactions

The following table summarizes other related party transactions:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
<b>Legal fees incurred from a law firm in which a partner is a Trustee:</b>		
Capitalized to investment properties	\$423	\$1,919
Included in general and administrative expense	1,461	846
	<b>\$1,884</b>	<b>\$2,765</b>

### 23. Key management and Trustees' compensation

Key management personnel are those individuals having authority and responsibility for planning, directing and controlling the activities of the Trust, directly or indirectly. Currently, the Trust's key management personnel include the Executive Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (see also Note 22, "Related party transactions"), Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President – Portfolio Management and Investments, and two Executive Vice Presidents of Development. In addition, the Trustees have oversight responsibility for the Trust.

The following table presents the compensation relating to key management:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Salaries and other short-term employee benefits	\$2,574	\$2,720
Deferred unit plan	2,548	2,936
EIP	5,555	5,477
LTIP	3	(116)
	<b>\$10,680</b>	<b>\$11,017</b>

The following table presents the compensation relating to Trustees:

	Year Ended December 31	
	2023	2022
Trustees' fees	\$743	\$677
Deferred unit plan	743	677
	<b>\$1,486</b>	<b>\$1,354</b>

### 24. Co-owned property interests

The Trust has the following co-owned property interests and includes in these consolidated financial statements its proportionate share of the related assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses of these properties, as presented in the table below:

As at	December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	Number of Co-owned Properties <sup>(1)</sup>	Ownership Interest (%)	Number of Co-owned Properties <sup>(1)</sup>	Ownership Interest (%)
Income properties	15	40 – 60	15	40 – 60
Properties under development	4	25 – 67	4	25 – 67
Mixed-use	1	67	1	67
Residential development	2	50	2	50
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>		<b>22</b>	

(1) Penguin is a co-owner of eight investment properties, consisting of four properties under development, three income properties and one mixed-use property (December 31, 2022 – eight investment properties, consisting of four properties under development, three income properties and one mixed-use property) (see also Note 22, "Related party transactions").

### 25. Segmented information

As at December 31, 2023, the Trust has one reportable segment, which comprises the development, ownership, management and operation of investment properties located in Canada. In measuring performance, the Trust does not distinguish or group its operations on a geographical or any other basis and, accordingly, has a single reportable segment for disclosure purposes.

The Trust's major tenant is Walmart, accounting for 24.0% of the Trust's annualized rentals from investment properties for the year ended December 31, 2023 (year ended December 31, 2022 – 25.2%).



## 26. Fair value adjustments

The following table summarizes the fair value adjustments:

	Note	Year Ended December 31	
		2023	2022
<b>Investment properties</b>			
Income properties	4	\$65,771	\$(54,122)
Properties under development	4	25,677	255,956
<b>Fair value adjustment on investment properties</b>		<b>\$91,448</b>	<b>\$201,834</b>
<b>Financial instruments</b>			
Total return swap receivable	7	(205)	(4,918)
Units classified as liabilities	13(a)	14,926	42,726
Unit based compensation	13	5,562	11,402
Interest rate swap agreements	7	(9,939)	42,036
<b>Fair value adjustment on financial instruments</b>		<b>\$10,344</b>	<b>\$91,246</b>
<b>Total fair value adjustments</b>		<b>\$101,792</b>	<b>\$293,080</b>

## 27. Risk management

### a) Financial risks

The Trust's activities expose it to a variety of financial risks, including interest rate risk, credit risk and liquidity risk. The Trust's overall financial risk management focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimize potential adverse effects on the Trust's financial performance. The Trust may use derivative financial instruments to hedge certain risk exposures.

### i) Interest rate risk

A significant proportion of the Trust's debt is financed at fixed rates with maturities staggered over a number of years, thereby mitigating its exposure to changes in interest rates and financing risks. At December 31, 2023, approximately 26.30% (December 31, 2022 – 24.98%) of the Trust's debt is financed at variable rates, of which 45.62% is subject to interest rate swap agreements with fixed interest rates. The remaining variable rate debt (14.30% of total debt) not subject to interest rate swap agreements represents the Trust's exposure to changes in interest rates on such debt.

The Trust analyzes its interest rate exposure on a regular basis. The Trust monitors the historical movement of 10-year Government of Canada bonds and performs a sensitivity analysis to identify the possible impact on net income of an interest rate shift. The simulation is performed on a regular basis to ensure the maximum loss potential is within the limit acceptable to management. Management performs the simulation for secured debt, unsecured debt, revolving operating facilities, and mortgages and loans receivable:

Change in interest rate of:	(1.50)%	(1.00)%	(0.50)%	0.50%	1.00%	1.50%
Net income increase (decrease) from variable-rate debt	\$10,747	\$7,164	\$3,582	\$(3,582)	\$(7,164)	\$(10,747)
Net income increase (decrease) from variable-rate mortgages and loans receivable	\$(1,242)	\$(828)	\$(414)	\$414	\$828	\$1,242

The Trust is managing risks arising from the interest rate benchmark reform through: i) managing the maturities of its debt agreements, ii) designating successor rates, and iii) holding onto CDOR rate for as long as practicable, prior to transitioning its financial and debt instruments to successor rate.

From time to time, the Trust may enter into interest rate swaps as part of its strategy for managing certain interest rate risks. The Trust recognizes any change in fair value associated with interest rate swap agreements in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income.

The sensitivity analysis in the table below reflects the fair value gain (loss) on interest rate swap agreements from possible changes in interest rates.

Change in interest rate of:	(1.50)%	(1.00)%	(0.50)%	0.50%	1.00%	1.50%
Fair value gain (loss) on interest rate swap agreements	\$(35,558)	\$(22,847)	\$(10,271)	\$14,491	\$26,683	\$38,751

The Trust's exposure to interest rate risk is monitored by management on a regular basis (see also Note 12, "Debt").

ii) *Credit risk*

Credit risk arises from cash and cash equivalents, as well as credit exposures with respect to mortgages and loans receivable (see also Note 6, "Mortgages, loans and notes receivable") and tenant receivables (see also Note 11, "Amounts receivable and other, deferred financing costs, and prepaid expenses and deposits"). Tenants may experience financial difficulty and become unable to fulfil their lease commitments. The Trust mitigates this risk of credit loss by reviewing tenants' covenants, by ensuring its tenant mix is diversified and by limiting its exposure to any one tenant except Walmart. Further risks arise in the event that borrowers of mortgages and loans receivable default on the repayment of amounts owing to the Trust. The Trust endeavours to ensure adequate security has been provided in support of mortgages and loans receivable. The Trust limits cash transactions to high-credit-quality financial institutions to minimize its credit risk from cash and cash equivalents.

The ECL model requires an entity to measure the loss allowance for a financial instrument at an amount equal to the lifetime ECL if the credit risk on that financial instrument has increased significantly since initial recognition or at an amount equal to 12-month expected credit losses if the credit risk on that financial instrument has not increased significantly since initial recognition. The Trust uses a provision matrix based on historical credit loss experiences to estimate 12-month expected credit losses as the Trust has deemed the risk of credit loss has not increased significantly for both mortgages and loans receivable (see also Note 6, "Mortgages, loans and notes receivable") and tenant receivables (see also Note 11, "Amounts receivable and other, deferred financing costs, and prepaid expenses and deposits"). Credit risks for both have been mitigated by various measures including ensuring adequate security has been provided in support of mortgages and loans receivable and reviewing tenant's covenants, ensuring its tenant mix is diversified and by limiting its exposure to any one tenant except Walmart for tenant receivables. However, the assumptions and estimates underlying the manner in which ECLs have been implemented historically may not be appropriate in the current economic environment, including but not limited to the inflationary environment, rising interest rates, etc. Accordingly, the Trust has not applied its existing ECL methodology mechanically. Instead, during the current economic environment, the Trust has been in discussions with tenants on a case-by-case basis to determine optimal rent payment solutions and has incorporated this available, reasonable and supportable information when estimating ECL on tenant receivables.

iii) *Liquidity risk*

Liquidity risk management implies maintaining sufficient cash and the availability of funding through an adequate amount of committed credit facilities and the ability to lease out vacant units. In the next 12 months, \$858,964 of liabilities (including \$605,478 of secured and unsecured debt and \$253,486 of accounts and other payable amounts) will mature and will need to be settled by means of renewal or payment.

The Trust aims to maintain flexibility and opportunities in funding by keeping committed credit lines available, obtaining additional mortgages as the value of investment properties increases, issuing equity or unsecured debentures. The Trust's ability to meet its financial obligations as they become due represents the Trust's exposure to liquidity risk. It is management's intention to either repay or refinance maturing liabilities with newly issued secured or unsecured debt, equity or, in certain circumstances not expected to occur frequently, the disposition of certain assets. Any net working capital deficiencies are funded with the Trust's existing revolving operating facilities. As at December 31, 2023, the Trust had: a) cash and cash equivalents of \$34,743; b) the remaining funds available to be drawn from its \$650,000 in operating facilities and its \$250,000 accordion feature; c) project-specific financing arrangements; and d) \$9,170,121 in unencumbered assets that could be used to obtain additional secured financing to assist with its liquidity requirements.

The key assumptions used in the Trust's estimates of future cash flows when assessing liquidity risk are: the renewal or replacement of the maturing revolving operating facilities, secured debt and unsecured debentures, at reasonable terms and conditions in the normal course of business and no major bankruptcies of principal tenants. Management believes that it has considered all reasonable facts and circumstances in forming appropriate assumptions.

The Trust's liquidity position is monitored by management on a regular basis. A schedule of principal repayments on secured debt and other debt maturities is disclosed in Note 12, "Debt".

iv) *Currency risk*

The Trust has drawn funds in U.S. dollars, and is exposed to currency risk in the fluctuation of the Canadian dollar to U.S. dollar exchange rate when the liabilities are repaid. At December 31, 2023, approximately 2.80% (December 31, 2022 – 1.49%) of the Trust's debt is financed in U.S. dollar borrowings.

The Trust analyzes its exchange rate exposure on a regular basis. As part of its strategy for managing certain currency risks, the Trust entered into currency swaps. The Trust recognizes any change in fair value associated with currency

swap agreements in the consolidated statements of income and comprehensive income. As currency gains or losses on the Trust's debt are offset by fair value gains or losses in the currency swap agreements, the Trust is not exposed to significant currency risk on a net basis.

The Trust's exposure to currency risk is monitored by management on a regular basis (see also Note 12, "Debt").

**b) Capital risk management**

The Trust defines capital as the aggregate amount of Unitholders' equity, debt and Units classified as liabilities. The Trust's primary objectives when managing capital are: i) to safeguard the Trust's ability to continue as a going concern so that it can continue to provide returns for Unitholders; and ii) to ensure the Trust has access to sufficient funds for operating, acquisitions (including Earnouts) and development activities.

The Trust sets the amount of capital in proportion to risk. The Trust manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets. In order to maintain or adjust the capital structure, the Trust may adjust the amount of distributions paid to Unitholders, issue new Units and debt, or sell assets to reduce debt or fund operating, acquisition and development activities.

The Trust anticipates meeting all current and future obligations. Management expects to finance operating, future acquisitions, mortgages receivable, development costs and maturing debt from: i) existing cash balances; ii) a mix of debt secured by investment properties, operating and credit facilities, issuance of equity and unsecured debentures; and iii) the sale of non-core assets. Cash flows generated from operating activities is the source of liquidity to service debt (except maturing debt), sustaining capital expenditures, leasing costs and Unit distributions.

The Trust monitors its capital structure based on the following ratios: interest coverage ratio, debt to total assets and debt to total earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization and fair value changes associated with investment properties and financial instruments. These ratios are used by the Trust to manage an acceptable level of leverage and are not considered measures in accordance with IFRS, nor are there equivalent IFRS measures.

The following table shows the significant financial covenants that the Trust is required, pursuant to the terms of its revolving operating facilities and other credit facilities, to maintain:

<b>Financial covenants</b>	<b>Threshold</b>
Debt as a percentage of total aggregate assets	≤ 65%
Secured debt as a percentage of aggregate assets	≤ 40%
Fixed charge coverage multiple	≥ 1.5X
Unencumbered assets to unsecured debt multiple	≥ 1.3X
Minimum Unitholders' equity	≥ \$2,000,000

The Trust's indentures require its unsecured debentures to maintain debt to gross book value, including convertible debentures not more than 65%, an interest coverage ratio not less than 1.65X and Unitholders' equity not less than \$500,000.

These covenants are required to be calculated based on Canadian generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") at the time of debt issuance. If the Trust does not meet all externally imposed financial covenants, then the related debt will become immediately due and payable unless the Trust is able to remedy the default or obtain a waiver from lenders. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the Trust was in compliance with all financial covenants.

**28. Commitments and contingencies**

The Trust has certain obligations and commitments pursuant to development management agreements to complete the purchase of Earnouts totalling approximately 165,000 square feet (December 31, 2022 – 121,000 square feet) of development space from Penguin and others, based on a pre-negotiated formula, as more fully described in Note 4, "Investment properties". As at December 31, 2023, the carrying value of these obligations and commitments included in properties under development was \$61,687 (December 31, 2022 – \$54,847). The timing of completion of the purchase of the Earnouts, and the final prices, cannot be readily determined because they are a function of future tenant leasing.

The Trust has also entered into various other development construction contracts totalling \$22,068 (December 31, 2022 – \$20,669).

The Trust entered into agreements with Penguin in which the Trust will lend funds in the form of mortgages receivable, as disclosed in Note 6(a). The maximum amount that may be provided under the agreements totals \$150,763 (December 31, 2022 – \$190,720) (see also Note 6, "Mortgages, loans and notes receivable"), of which \$17,548 has been provided as at December 31, 2023 (December 31, 2022 – \$39,456).

As at December 31, 2023, letters of credit totalling \$45,808 (December 31, 2022 – \$48,312) – including letters of credit drawn down under the revolving operating facilities described in Note 12(c) – have been issued on behalf of the Trust by financial institutions as security for debt and for maintenance and development obligations to municipal authorities.

The Trust carries insurance and indemnifies its Trustees and officers against any and all claims or losses reasonably incurred in the performance of their services to the Trust to the extent permitted by law.

The Trust, in the normal course of operations, is subject to a variety of legal and other claims. Management and the Trust's legal counsel evaluate all claims on their apparent merits and accrue management's best estimate of the likely cost to satisfy such claims. Management believes the outcome of current legal and other claims filed against the Trust, after considering insurance coverage, will not have a significant impact on the Trust's consolidated financial statements.

**29. Subsequent event**

In January 2024, the Trust renewed and amended two of its existing credit facilities, aggregating to \$250,000. The renewal extended the maturity of the facilities from February 2024 to December 2025, with the total amount committed remaining unchanged.

# CORPORATE INFORMATION

## Trustees

Mitchell Goldhar<sup>2</sup>  
Executive Chairman and CEO SmartCentres  
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Michael Young<sup>2, 3, 4</sup>  
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<sup>2</sup> Investment Committee  
<sup>3</sup> Corporate Governance and Compensation Committee  
<sup>4</sup> Independent Committee  
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## Executive Officers

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Executive Chairman and CEO

Peter Slan  
Chief Financial Officer

Rudy Gobin  
Executive Vice President  
Portfolio Management & Investments

Paula Bustard  
Executive Vice President of Development

Allan Scully  
Executive Vice President of Development

Dan Markou  
Executive Vice President & Chief People  
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National Bank of Canada  
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