

DIAMONDROCK

HOSPITALITY



2015 ANNUAL REPORT

WESTIN FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH RESORT

The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort offers a picturesque waterfront setting along the pristine Florida coast. The hotel boasts a luxurious and serene oceanfront pool as well as enticing dining options and state-of-the-art meeting facilities.

TEN YEARS AGO, WE SET OUT TO CREATE A COMPANY THAT WOULD
CONSISTENTLY DELIVER EXCELLENT RETURNS FOR OUR SHAREHOLDERS.
TODAY, WE CONTINUE THAT MISSION AND STRIVE TO DELIVER SUSTAINABLE
GROWTH BY OPTIMIZING OUR ASSETS AND CONTINUOUSLY SEARCHING FOR
NEW OPPORTUNITIES TO CREATE VALUE.



2015

HIGHLIGHTS



SHOREBREAK HOTEL ACQUISITION

DiamondRock acquired the Shorebreak Hotel, a vibrant, beachfront boutique hotel in Huntington Beach, California.




SHERATON SUITES KEY WEST ACQUISITION

DiamondRock acquired the Sheraton Suites Key West, the Company's second hotel in the highest RevPAR market in the US.



WESTIN FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH RESORT ACQUISITION

The Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, acquired in late 2014, outperformed this year with over 1,000 basis points of Hotel Adjusted EBITDA margin expansion.



+4.7%

PRO FORMA 2014 REVPAR GROWTH

DiamondRock reported strong Pro Forma RevPAR growth of 4.7% in 2015.

+113 bps

HOTEL ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGINS

Hotel Adjusted EBITDA Margins grew 113 basis points as a result of the Company's industry-leading asset management practices and ROI initiatives.

+12.8%

ADJUSTED CORPORATE EBITDA

Adjusted corporate EBITDA grew 12.8% in 2015 on strong portfolio management and growth from our accretive acquisitions.

PREMIUM PORTFOLIO



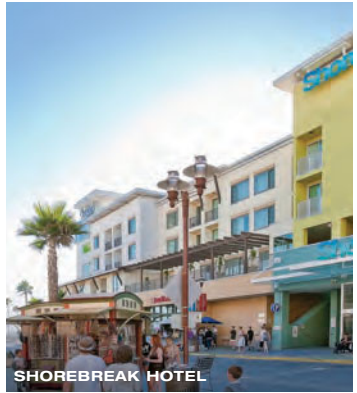
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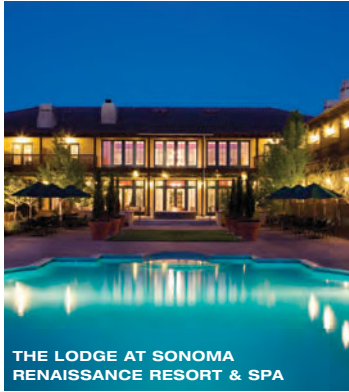
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SHOREBREAK HOTEL



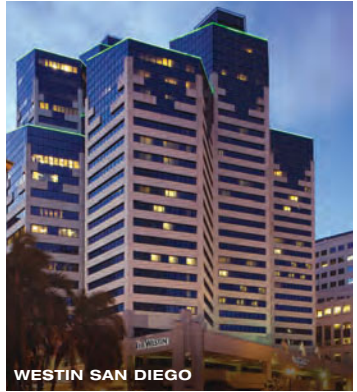
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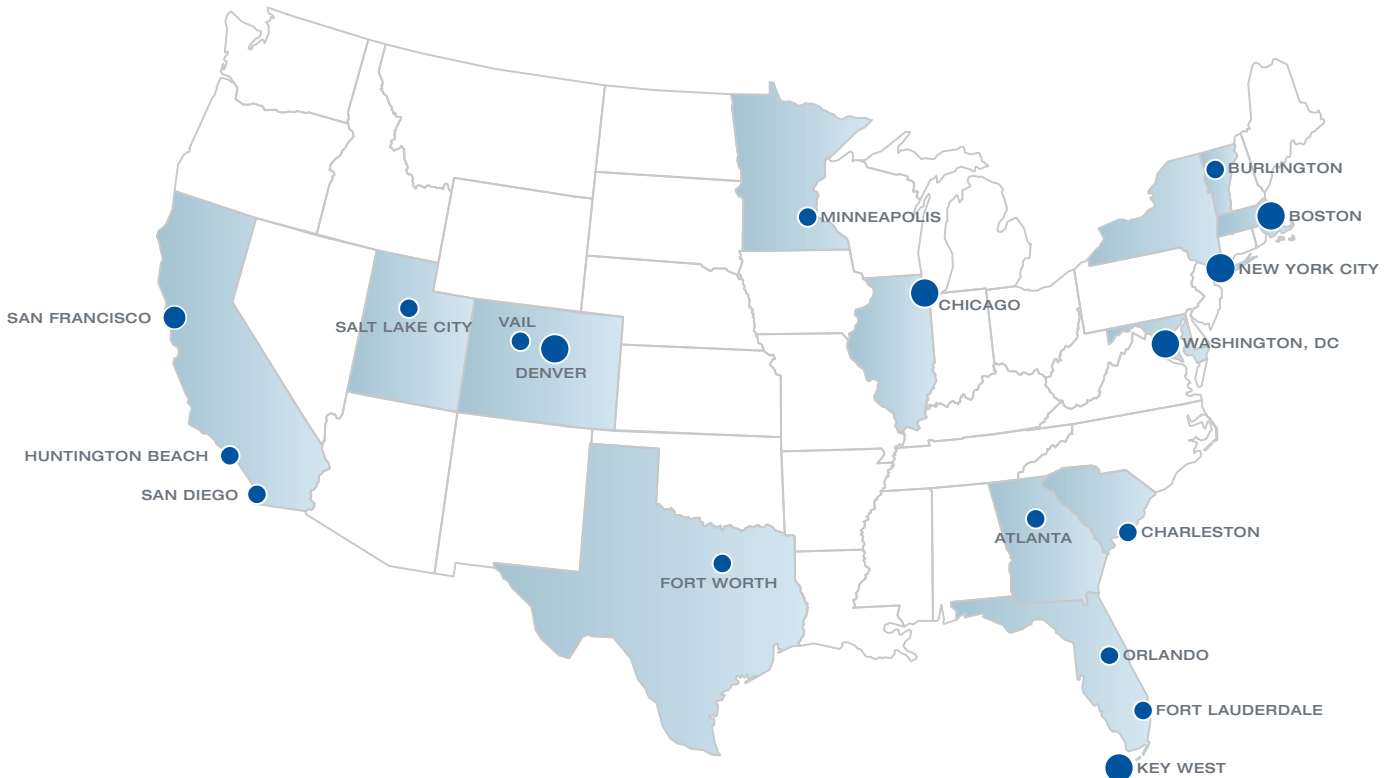
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HILTON BOSTON DOWNTOWN/
FANEUIL HALL



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MAGNIFICENT MILE**



**ORLANDO AIRPORT MARRIOTT
LAKESIDE**



WESTIN BOSTON WATERFRONT



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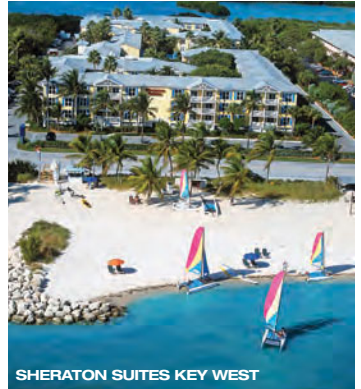
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CHERRY CREEK**



**WESTIN WASHINGTON, D.C.
CITY CENTER**



**RENAISSANCE WORTHINGTON
HOTEL FORT WORTH**



SHERATON SUITES KEY WEST

CALIFORNIA

- Shorebreak Hotel
- Hotel Rex
- Westin San Diego
- The Lodge at Sonoma
- Renaissance Resort & Spa

COLORADO

- Courtyard Denver Downtown
- JW Marriott Denver Cherry Creek
- Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa

FLORIDA

- Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort
- The Inn at Key West
- Sheraton Suites Key West
- Orlando Airport Marriott Lakeside

GEORGIA

- Atlanta Marriott Alpharetta

ILLINOIS

- Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile
- The Gwen Chicago

MARYLAND

- Bethesda Marriott Suites

MASSACHUSETTS

- Hilton Boston Downtown/Faneuil Hall
- Westin Boston Waterfront

MINNESOTA

- Hilton Minneapolis

NEW YORK

- Courtyard New York Manhattan/Fifth Avenue
- Courtyard New York Manhattan/Midtown East
- Hilton Garden Inn New York/Chelsea
- Hilton Garden Inn New York/Times Square Central
- The Lexington Hotel New York City

SOUTH CAROLINA

- Renaissance Charleston Historic District Hotel

TEXAS

- Renaissance Worthington Hotel Fort Worth

UTAH

- Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown at City Creek

VERMONT

- Hilton Burlington

WASHINGTON, DC

- Westin Washington, D.C. City Center

UNITED STATES VIRGIN ISLANDS

- Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort



CARIBBEAN COMFORT

KEY WEST



SHERATON SUITES KEY WEST

With direct access to Smathers Beach, the largest and one of the most popular beaches, the all-suites Sheraton Suites Key West offers a perfect stay for any traveler. The hotel is located only minutes from the bustling Duval Street district and also features some of the largest guestrooms on the island, at an average of 480 square feet.



THE BEST OF

BOSTON





HILTON BOSTON DOWNTOWN/FANEUIL HALL

Built in 1928 as Boston's first Art Deco skyscraper, the Hilton Boston Downtown/Faneuil Hall is perfectly situated in the heart of downtown Boston's Financial and Historic Districts and is at the center of the city's economic and social hub. In 2015, DiamondRock strategically converted 41 deluxe guest suites to over 90 comprehensively renovated, premium rooms at the hotel.

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FORT LAUDERDALE



WESTIN FORT LAUDERDALE BEACH RESORT

DiamondRock acquired the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, an upscale oceanfront resort located in the heart of Fort Lauderdale Beach, in late 2014 and commenced a comprehensive asset management plan. As a result, the Company was able to improve profitability by more than \$5 million annually and improve Hotel Adjusted EBITDA margins by more than 1,000 basis points.



SHOREBREAK HOTEL

Located in a vibrant, beachfront neighborhood, the upscale, lifestyle boutique Shorebreak Hotel was one of DiamondRock's two acquisitions in 2015. The hotel is situated along the spectacular California coastline and is located directly across from the main pier in Huntington Beach, home to major events including the US Open of Surfing. Upon acquisition, DiamondRock engaged Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants to operate the property.

A SHORE THING

CALIFORNIA





TO OUR FELLOW SHAREHOLDERS

DiamondRock Hospitality Company followed up its record operating results in 2014 with another solid year of top-line growth coupled with even stronger bottom-line growth. In May, we also celebrated the tenth anniversary of our initial public offering on the New York Stock Exchange.

Reflecting back on the last ten years, we have come a long way since our initial formation. We currently own a portfolio of high quality hotels that we expect to deliver superior long-term returns for our shareholders. In recent years, we accomplished several strategic goals: improved our hotel brand and geographic diversity, increased the number of third-party managers operating our hotels, sold non-core assets, and invested in new lifestyle-oriented boutique hotels. The result of these initiatives is the successful growth of our portfolio revenue per available room (“RevPAR”) by approximately 35% to over \$170 during this cycle.

During 2015, we focused on three primary areas to drive results: (1) asset management, (2) capital allocation, and (3) capital structure and balance sheet. Rigorous asset management is one of our core strengths, which has led to robust profitability across our portfolio. For example, at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, we implemented our asset management best practices, which resulted in \$5 million of cost reductions during 2015, our first year of ownership. As a testament of our ability to aggressively asset manage our hotels, we achieved strong hotel adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization margin growth during 2015 and in each of the past two years — results we are very proud of.



WESTIN BOSTON WATERFRONT

During the past year we achieved great success in several internal and external capital allocation initiatives. Our acquisitions of the Shorebreak Hotel and Sheraton Suites Key West further increased our diversity of brands, geographies, and operators in our portfolio. We also strategically allocated capital to a number of capital improvement projects that will generate meaningful returns on our investment. For example, at the Hilton Boston Downtown/Faneuil Hall we converted 41 under-utilized guest suites into over 90 comprehensively renovated, premium guest rooms generating an \$89 rate premium. We also replaced our lobby coffee shop at the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile with an innovative, modern grab-n-go outlet serving fresh food offerings that allowed us to reconcept room service and meaningfully reduce operating costs. We will continuously seek new opportunities.



THE LEXINGTON HOTEL
NEW YORK CITY

DiamondRock's balance sheet has consistently been one of the strongest in the industry, and was further bolstered during 2015. Last year, we successfully completed nearly a half billion dollar of debt transactions. We took advantage of the historically low interest rate environment and locked in fixed rate financing for three hotels at a weighted average interest rate of 4.2%. After completing our 2015 refinancing transactions, we have reduced our weighted average borrowing cost from 5.6% in 2011 to 4.1% today which has reduced our annual interest expense by over \$14 million. Not only is our leverage among the lowest in our peer group, we also have a well-laddered debt maturity schedule and a significant unencumbered pool of hotels, providing significant borrowing capacity to be opportunistic.

Despite our numerous successes, the capital markets were difficult during 2015, resulting in challenging total shareholder returns. While the outlook for lodging fundamentals remain positive, we are well prepared to successfully operate our business and to create shareholder value despite uncertainty and volatility in the capital markets.

As we move into 2016 and beyond, DiamondRock will be nimble and will adapt the right strategy to take advantage of every opportunity to maximize value. Our balance sheet has never been stronger and we will look to take advantage of our unique capital structure to capitalize on dislocations in the public market. We are proud of our shareholder returns over the last ten years and our high-quality portfolio of hotels and resorts. Drawing on the lessons learned from our first decade in business, we feel uniquely positioned to continue this mission and to further enhance our world-class lodging portfolio.

We appreciate your continued support and consider it a privilege to have you as an owner of DiamondRock.

MARK W. BRUGGER
President and Chief Executive Officer



RENAISSANCE CHARLESTON HISTORIC DISTRICT HOTEL

With boutique elegance and a picture-perfect location, the Renaissance Charleston Historic District Hotel fuses old-fashioned Southern sophistication with a contemporary sense of convenience — all just steps away from the city's vibrant, historic downtown.

**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-K

**ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015

OR

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Commission file number 001-32514

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland
(State of Incorporation)

20-1180098
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3 Bethesda Metro Center, Suite 1500, Bethesda, Maryland
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

20814
(Zip Code)

(240) 744-1150

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each Class	Name of Exchange on Which Registered
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	New York Stock Exchange

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: **None**

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definition of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer Non-accelerated filer Smaller reporting company
(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the common equity held by non-affiliates of the Registrant (assuming for these purposes, but without conceding, that all executive officers and Directors are "affiliates" of the Registrant) as of June 30, 2015, the last business day of the Registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, was \$2.5 billion (based on the closing sale price of the Registrant's Common Stock on that date as reported on the New York Stock Exchange).

The registrant had 200,741,777 shares of its \$0.01 par value common stock outstanding as of February 26, 2016.

Documents Incorporated by Reference

Portions of the registrant's Proxy Statement for its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after December 31, 2015, are incorporated by reference in Part III herein.

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SPECIAL NOTE ABOUT FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Certain statements in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, other than purely historical information, including estimates, projections, statements relating to our business plans, objectives and expected operating results, and the assumptions upon which those statements are based, are “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. These forward-looking statements generally are identified by the words “believes,” “project,” “expects,” “anticipates,” “estimates,” “intends,” “strategy,” “plan,” “may,” “will,” “would,” “will be,” “will continue,” “will likely result,” “strive,” “endeavor,” “mission,” “goal,” and similar expressions. Forward-looking statements are based on current expectations and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties which may cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements. A discussion of these and other risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results and events to differ materially from such forward-looking statements is included in Item 1A “Risk Factors” and Item 7 “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

References in this Annual Report on Form 10-K to “we,” “our,” “us” and “the Company” refer to DiamondRock Hospitality Company, including as the context requires, DiamondRock Hospitality Limited Partnership, as well as our other direct and indirect subsidiaries.

PART I

Item 1. *Business*

Overview

DiamondRock Hospitality Company is a lodging-focused Maryland corporation operating as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) for federal income tax purposes. As of December 31, 2015, we owned a portfolio of 29 premium hotels and resorts that contain 10,928 guest rooms located in 18 different markets in North America and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As an owner, rather than an operator, of lodging properties, we receive all of the operating profits or losses generated by our hotels after the payment of fees due to hotel managers, which are calculated based on the revenues and profitability of each hotel.

Our vision is to be a highly professional public lodging REIT that delivers long-term returns for our stockholders which exceed long-term returns generated by our peers. Our goal is to deliver long-term stockholder returns through a combination of dividends and enduring capital appreciation. Our strategy is to utilize disciplined capital allocation, focus on high quality lodging properties in North American markets with superior growth prospects and high barriers-to-entry, aggressively asset management those hotels, and employ conservative amounts of leverage.

Our primary business is to acquire, own, asset manage and renovate full-service hotel properties in the United States. Our portfolio is concentrated in key gateway cities and destination resort locations. Each of our hotels is managed by a third party and a substantial number of our hotels are operated under a brand owned by one of the leading global lodging brand companies, including Marriott International, Inc. (“Marriott”), Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (“Starwood”) and Hilton Worldwide (“Hilton”).

We critically evaluate each of our hotels to ensure that we own a portfolio of hotels that conforms to our vision, supports our mission and corresponds with our strategy. On a regular basis, we analyze our portfolio to identify opportunities to invest capital in certain projects or market non-core assets for sale in order to increase our portfolio quality. We are committed to a conservative capital structure

with prudent leverage. We regularly assess the availability and affordability of capital in order to maximize stockholder value and minimize enterprise risk. In addition, we are committed to following sound corporate governance practices and to being open and transparent in our communications with our stockholders.

Our Company

We commenced operations in July 2004 and became a public reporting company in May 2005. Our common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange (the “NYSE”) under the symbol “DRH.” We have been successful in acquiring, financing and asset managing our hotels and complying with the complex public company accounting and legal requirements. As of December 31, 2015, we had 26 full-time employees. Since our formation, we have sought to be forthright and transparent in our communications with investors, to actively monitor our corporate overhead and to adopt sound corporate governance practices. We believe that we have among the most transparent disclosures in the industry, and we consistently go beyond the minimum legal requirements and industry practice. For example, we provide quarterly operating performance data on each of our hotels, enabling our investors to effectively evaluate our successes and challenges. Finally, we consider our corporate governance practices to be sound in that we have a majority-independent Board of Directors elected annually by our stockholders, and our officers and directors are subject to stock ownership policies designed to ensure that these persons own a meaningful amount of stock in the Company.

Our Business Strategy

Our business strategy is to utilize disciplined capital allocation, focus on high quality lodging properties in North American markets with superior growth prospects and high barriers-to-entry, aggressively asset manage those hotels and employ conservative amounts of leverage.

We plan to strategically allocate capital in order to create value depending on our cost of capital. If our cost of capital is attractive, we expect to create value by:

- pursuing accretive acquisitions;
- match-funding equity issues at or above net asset value;
- considering opportunistically raising equity above net asset value; and
- continuing the disposition of non-core hotels.

If our cost of capital is elevated, we expect to create value by:

- selling non-core assets and deploying proceeds into share repurchases; and
- considering using leverage capacity to acquire our stock under a share repurchase program.

We prefer a relatively simple but efficient capital structure. We have not invested in joint ventures and have not issued any operating partnership units or preferred stock. We structure our hotel acquisitions to be straightforward and to fit within our conservative capital structure; however, we will consider a more complex transaction if we believe that the projected returns to our stockholders will significantly exceed the returns that would otherwise be available.

High-Quality Urban and Destination Resort Hotels

As of December 31, 2015, we owned 29 premium hotels and resorts throughout North America and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Our hotels and resorts are primarily categorized as upper upscale as defined by Smith Travel Research and are generally located in high barrier-to-entry markets with multiple demand generators. Our properties are concentrated in key gateway cities and in resort destinations. We consider lodging properties located in gateway cities and resort destinations to be the

most capable of creating dynamic cash flow growth and achieving superior long-term capital appreciation.

We have been executing on our strategy to enhance our hotel portfolio by actively recycling capital from non-core hotels located in slower growth markets to higher quality hotels located primarily in high-growth urban and destination resort markets. Since 2010, we have repositioned our portfolio through the acquisition of approximately \$1.7 billion of urban and resort hotels that align with our strategic goals while disposing of more than \$0.6 billion in non-core hotels. These acquisitions increased our urban exposure with additional hotels in cities such as San Diego, San Francisco, Boston, Denver, Washington, D.C., as well as our resort exposure with our recent acquisitions in Key West and Huntington Beach, California. Over 90% of our portfolio EBITDA as of December 31, 2015 is derived from core urban and resort destination hotels. Our capital recycling program over the past five years also achieved several other important strategic portfolio goals that include improving our portfolio's geographic and brand diversity and achieving a mix of 50 percent brand-managed and 50 percent third-party managed hotels in our portfolio.

We are highly sensitive to our cost of capital and do not expect to pursue acquisitions unless they create value in the near term. We also expect to continue to evaluate the disposition of non-core hotels. We will continue to evaluate our portfolio for opportunities to continue to upgrade our portfolio by disposing of non-core hotels.

The primary focus of our acquisitions over the past five years was on hotels that we believe presented unique value-add opportunities. In addition, we have repositioned certain of our hotels through a change in brand, comprehensive renovation and/or change in third-party hotel manager to a more efficient operator. For example, we recently completed the first phase of a multi-phase capital expenditure program at the Chicago Marriott Downtown and amended the management agreement to permanently reduce management and incentive fees owed. Further, the Conrad Chicago was converted to Starwood's Luxury Collection as The Gwen Chicago with a \$25 million multi-year renovation and a change to a third-party operator. This program helped us achieve strategic portfolio goals of improving our portfolio's brand and management diversity.

We evaluate each hotel in our portfolio to assess the optimal branding strategy for the individual hotel and market. We leverage the leading global hotel brands at most of our hotels, which are flagged under a brand owned by Marriott, Hilton or Starwood. We also maintain a small portion of our hotels as independent non-branded hotels. We believe that premier global hotel brands create significant value as a result of each brand's ability to produce incremental revenue through their strong reservation and rewards systems and sales organizations. We are also interested in owning other non-branded hotels located in premier or unique markets where we believe that the returns on such a hotel may be higher than if the hotel were operated under a globally-recognized brand.

Innovative Asset Management

We believe that we can create significant value in our portfolio through innovative asset management strategies such as rebranding, renovating and repositioning, and regularly evaluate our portfolio in order to determine if there are opportunities to employ these value-add strategies.

Our asset management team is focused on improving hotel profit margins through revenue management strategies and cost control programs. Our asset management team also focuses on identifying new and potential value creation opportunities across our portfolio, including implementing resort fees, creating incremental guest rooms, leasing out restaurants to more profitable third-party operators, converting under-utilized space to revenue-generating meeting space and implementing programs to reduce energy consumption.

Our senior management team has established a broad network of hotel industry contacts and relationships, including relationships with hotel owners, financiers, operators, project managers and contractors and other key industry participants. We use our broad network of hotel industry contacts and relationships to maximize the value of our hotels. We strive to negotiate management agreements that give us the right to exert influence over the management of our properties, annual budgets and all capital expenditures (all, to the extent permitted under the REIT rules), and then to use those rights to continually monitor and improve the performance of our properties. We cooperatively partner with our hotel managers in an attempt to increase operating results and long-term asset values at our hotels. In addition to working directly with the personnel at our hotels, our senior management team also has long-standing professional relationships with our hotel managers' senior executives, and we work directly with these senior executives to improve the performance of the hotels in our portfolio that they manage.

Conservative Capital Structure

We believe that a conservative capital structure maximizes investment capacity while reducing enterprise risk. We currently employ a low-risk and straight-forward capital structure with no preferred equity or convertible bonds. We currently maintain significant balance sheet flexibility with existing corporate cash, no outstanding borrowings under our \$200 million senior unsecured credit facility, and 17 of our 29 hotels being unencumbered by mortgage debt as of December 31, 2015. We are well positioned for potential credit market volatility and uncertainty in the lodging cycle given that we have only one near-term debt maturity and the majority of our debt is financed with long-term, fixed-rate mortgages with a laddered maturity table. We believe it is imprudent to increase the inherent risk of highly cyclical lodging fundamentals through the use of a highly leveraged capital structure.

We believe that our strategically designed capital structure is a value creation tool that can be used over the entire lodging cycle. Specifically, we believe that lower leverage benefits us in the following ways:

- provides capacity to fund attractive acquisitions;
- enhances our ability to maintain a sustainable dividend;
- enables us to opportunistically repurchase shares during periods of stock price dislocation; and
- provides capacity to fund late-cycle capital needs.

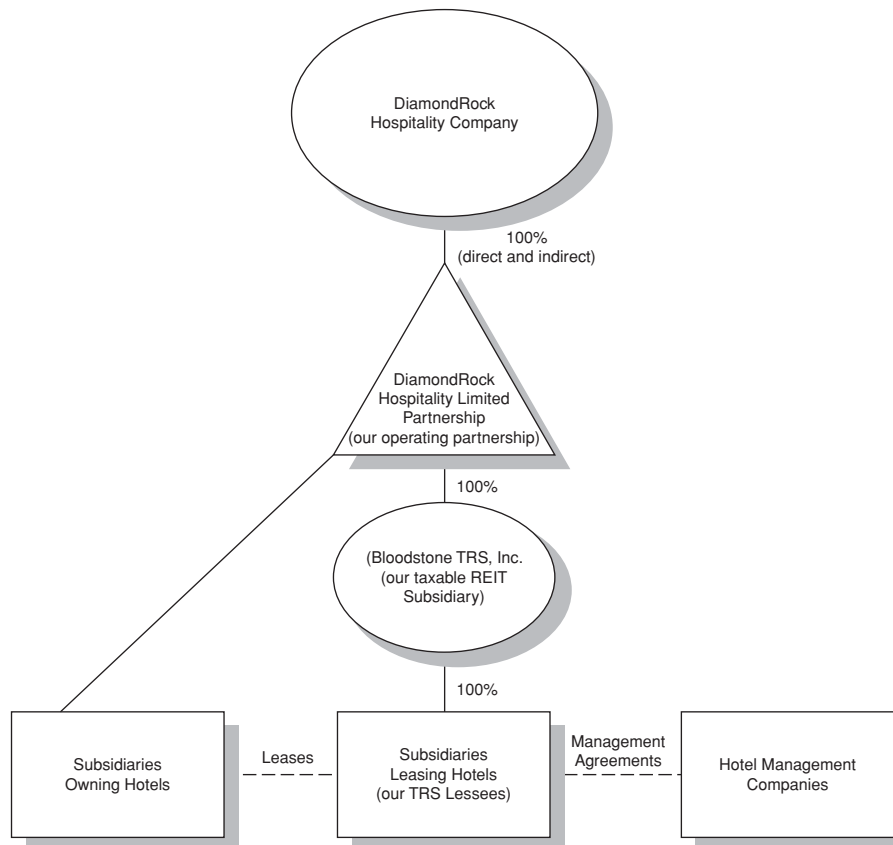
Our current outstanding debt consists of property-specific mortgage debt, with the majority of our mortgage debt bearing interest at a fixed rate. We prefer that at least half of our portfolio remain unencumbered by debt in order to provide maximum balance sheet flexibility. In addition, to the extent that we incur additional debt, our general preference is non-recourse secured mortgage debt. We expect that our strategy will enable us to maintain a balance sheet with an appropriate amount of debt throughout all phases of the lodging cycle.

Our Corporate Structure

We conduct our business through a traditional umbrella partnership REIT, or UPREIT, in which our hotels are owned by subsidiaries of our operating partnership, DiamondRock Hospitality Limited Partnership. We are the sole general partner of our operating partnership and currently own, either directly or indirectly, all of the limited partnership units of our operating partnership. We have the ability to issue limited partnership units to third parties in connection with acquisitions of hotel properties. In order for the income from our hotel investments to constitute "rents from real property" for purposes of the gross income tests required for REIT qualification, we must lease each of our hotels to a wholly-owned subsidiary of our taxable REIT subsidiary, or TRS (each, a TRS lessee), or to an unrelated third party. We currently lease all of our domestic hotels to TRS lessees. In turn, our TRS

lessees must engage a third-party management company to manage the hotels. However, we may structure our properties that are not subject to U.S. federal income tax differently from the structures that we use for our U.S. properties. For example, Frenchman’s Reef is held by a U.S. Virgin Islands corporation, which we have elected to be a TRS.

The following chart shows our corporate structure as of the date of this report:



Each of our TRS lessees engage a third-party management company to manage each of our hotels for a management fee. Sixteen of our 29 hotels are managed by independent third-party managers. Thirteen of our 29 hotels are operated subject to franchise agreements with nationally recognized brands, including Marriott, Starwood and Hilton.

Competition

The hotel industry is highly competitive and our hotels are subject to competition from other hotels for guests. Competition is based on a number of factors, including convenience of location, reputation, brand affiliation, price, range of services, guest amenities, and quality of customer service. Competition is specific to the individual markets in which our properties are located and will include competition from existing and new hotels operated under brands in the full-service, select-service and extended-stay segments. We believe that properties flagged with a Marriott, Starwood or Hilton brand will enjoy the competitive advantages associated with their operations under such brand. These global brands’ reservation systems and national advertising, marketing and promotional services combined with the strong management expertise they provide enable our properties to perform favorably in terms of both occupancy and room rates relative to other brands and non-branded hotels. The guest loyalty programs operated by these global brands generate repeat guest business that might otherwise go to

competing hotels. Increased competition may have a material adverse effect on occupancy, Average Daily Rate (or ADR) and Revenue per Available Room (or RevPAR), or may require us to make capital improvements that we otherwise would not undertake, which may result in decreases in the profitability of our hotels.

In addition to competing with traditional hotels and lodging facilities, we compete with alternative lodging, including third-party providers of short-term rental properties and serviced apartments. We compete based on a number of factors, including room rates, quality of accommodations, service levels, convenience of location, reputation, reservation systems, brand recognition and supply and availability of alternative lodging.

We face competition for the acquisition of hotels from institutional pension funds, private equity funds, REITs, hotel companies and others who are engaged in hotel acquisitions and investments. Some of these competitors have substantially greater financial and operational resources than we have and may have greater knowledge of the markets in which we seek to invest. This competition may reduce the number of suitable investment opportunities offered to us and increase the cost of acquiring our targeted hotel investments.

Regulatory Matters

Environmental Matters

In connection with the ownership of hotels, the Company is subject to various federal, state and local environmental laws and regulations relating to environmental protection. Under these laws, a current or previous owner or operator (including tenants) of real estate may be liable for the costs or removal or remediation of certain hazardous or toxic substances at, on, under or in such property. These laws typically impose liability without regard to fault or whether or not the owner or operator knew of or caused the presence of the contamination, and the liability under these laws may be joint and several. Because these laws also impose liability on the persons who owned the property at the time it became contaminated, it is possible that we could incur cleanup costs or other environmental liabilities even after we sell properties. The presence of contamination, or the failure to properly remediate contamination, on a property may adversely affect the ability of the owner or operator to sell that property or to borrow funds using such property as collateral. Under the environmental laws, courts and government agencies also have the authority to require that a person who sent waste to a waste disposal facility, such as a landfill or incinerator, pay for the cleanup of that facility if it becomes contaminated and threatens human health or the environment.

Our hotels are subject to various federal, state, and local environmental, health and safety laws and regulations that address a wide variety of issues, including, but not limited to, storage tanks, air emissions from emergency generators, storm water and wastewater discharges, asbestos, lead-based paint, mold and mildew and waste management. Some of our hotels routinely handle and use hazardous or regulated substances and wastes as part of their operations, which substances and wastes are subject to regulation (e.g., swimming pool chemicals). Our hotels incur costs to comply with these laws and regulations and could be subject to fines and penalties for non-compliance.

We believe that our hotels are in compliance, in all material respects, with all federal, state and local environmental ordinances and regulations regarding hazardous or toxic substances and other environmental matters, the violation of which could have a material adverse effect on us. We have not received written notice from any governmental authority of any material noncompliance, liability or claim relating to hazardous or toxic substances or other environmental matters in connection with any of our present properties.

During 2015, we submitted the Company's second response to the Global Real Estate Sustainability Benchmarking survey (the "GRESB Report"), which benchmarks the Company's

approach and performance on environmental, social and governance indicators against other real estate companies. We received the highest quadrant, the Green Star 2015 designation, from GRESB based on its dimensions of Management & Policy and Implementation & Measurement. The GRESB Report is accessible by our investors who are members of GRESB. The information included in, referenced to, or otherwise accessible through the GRESB Report, is not incorporated by reference in, or considered to be a part of, this report or any document unless expressly incorporated by reference therein.

ADA Regulation

Our properties must comply with Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, or ADA, to the extent that such properties are “public accommodations” as defined by the ADA. The ADA may require removal of structural barriers to access by individuals with disabilities in certain public areas of our properties where such removal is readily achievable. We believe that our properties are in substantial compliance with the ADA. However, noncompliance with the ADA could result in payment of civil penalties, damages, and attorneys’ fees and costs. The obligation to comply with the ADA is an ongoing one, and we will continue to assess our properties and to make alterations as appropriate in this regard.

Employees

As of December 31, 2015, we employed 26 full-time employees. We believe that our relations with our employees are good. None of our employees is a member of any union; however, the employees of our hotel managers at the Lexington Hotel New York, Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue, Hilton Garden Inn Chelsea, Hilton Garden Inn/Times Square, Frenchman’s Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort, Westin Boston Waterfront, Hilton Boston Downtown and Hilton Minneapolis are currently represented by labor unions and are subject to collective bargaining agreements.

Insurance

We carry comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage, earthquake, business interruption and rental loss insurance covering all of the properties in our portfolio under a blanket policy. In addition, we carry earthquake and terrorism insurance on our properties in an amount and with deductibles which we believe are commercially reasonable. We do not carry insurance for generally uninsured losses such as loss from riots, war or acts of God. Certain of the properties in our portfolio are located in areas known to be seismically active or subject to hurricanes and we believe that we have appropriate insurance for those risks, although they are subject to higher deductibles than ordinary property insurance.

Most of our hotel management agreements and mortgage agreements require that we obtain and maintain property insurance, business interruption insurance, flood insurance, earthquake insurance (if the hotel is located in an “earthquake prone zone” as determined by the U.S. Geological Survey) and other customary types of insurance related to hotels. We comply with all such requirements. In addition, either the third-party manager or we are responsible for obtaining general liability insurance, workers’ compensation and employer’s liability insurance.

Available Information

We maintain a website at the following address: www.drhc.com. We make our proxy statements, annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and amendments to those reports filed or furnished pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), available on our website free of charge as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports and amendments are electronically filed with, or

furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”). Such reports are also available by accessing the EDGAR database on the SEC’s website at www.sec.gov.

Our website is also a key source of important information about us. We post to the Investor Relations section of our website important information about our business, our operating results and our financial condition and prospects, including, for example, information about material acquisitions and dispositions, our earnings releases and certain supplemental financial information related or complimentary thereto. The website also has a Corporate Governance page that includes, among other things, copies of our charter, our bylaws, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the charters for each standing committee of our Board of Directors: currently, the Audit Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. We intend to disclose on our website any amendment to, or waiver of, any provisions of our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that apply to any of our directors, executive officers or senior financial officers that would otherwise be required to be disclosed under the rules of the SEC or the NYSE. Copies of our charter, our bylaws, our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics and the our SEC reports are also available in print to stockholders upon request addressed to Investor Relations, DiamondRock Hospitality Company, 3 Bethesda Metro Center, Suite 1500, Bethesda, Maryland 20814 or through the “Information Request” section on the Investor Relations page of our website.

The information included in, referenced to, or otherwise accessible through our website, is not incorporated by reference in, or considered to be a part of, this report or any document unless expressly incorporated by reference therein.

DiamondRock Hospitality Company is traded on the NYSE, under the symbol “DRH”.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

The following risk factors and other information included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K should be carefully considered. The risks and uncertainties described below are not the only ones that we may face. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to us or that we may currently deem immaterial also may impair our business operations. If any of the following risks occur, our business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows could be affected adversely.

Risks Related to Our Business and Operations

Our business model, especially our concentration in premium full-service hotels, can be highly volatile.

We solely own hotels, a very different asset class from many other REITs. A typical office REIT, for example, has long-term leases with third-party tenants, which provide a relatively stable long-term stream of revenue. Our TRS lessees, on the other hand, do not enter into leases with hotel managers. Instead, the TRS lessee engages the hotel manager pursuant to a management agreement and pays the manager a fee for managing the hotel. The TRS lessee receives all of the operating profit or losses at the hotel. Moreover, virtually all hotel guests stay at the hotel for only a few nights, so the rate and occupancy at each of our hotels changes every day. As a result, our earnings may be highly volatile.

In addition to fluctuations related to our business model, our hotels are, and will continue to be, subject to various long-term operating risks common to the hotel industry, many of which are beyond our control, including:

- dependence on business and commercial travelers and tourism, both of which vary with consumer and business confidence in the strength of the economy;
- competition from other hotels and alternative lodging channels located in the markets in which we own properties;
- competition from third party internet travel intermediaries;

- an over-supply or over-building of hotels in the markets in which we own properties which could adversely affect occupancy rates, revenues and profits at our hotels;
- increases in energy and transportation costs and other expenses affecting travel, which may affect travel patterns and reduce the number of business and commercial travelers and tourists;
- increases in operating costs due to inflation and other factors that may not be offset by increased room rates; and
- changes in governmental laws and regulations, fiscal policies and zoning ordinances and the related costs of compliance.

In addition, our hotels are mostly in the premium full-service segment of the hotel business, which, historically, tends to have the strongest operating results in a growing economy and the weakest results in a contracting or slow growth economy when many travelers might curtail travel or choose lower cost hotels. In periods of weak demand, profitability is negatively affected by the relatively high fixed costs of operating premium full-service hotels as compared to other classes of hotels.

The occurrence of any of the foregoing factors could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Economic conditions may adversely affect the lodging industry.

Our entire business is related to the lodging industry. The performance of the lodging industry is highly cyclical and has historically been linked to key macroeconomic indicators, such as U.S. gross domestic product, or GDP, growth, employment, corporate earnings and investment and travel demand. A substantial part of our business strategy is based on the belief that the lodging markets in which we own properties will continue to experience improving economic fundamentals in the future but we cannot assure you how long the growth period of the current lodging cycle will last. However, in the event conditions in the industry deteriorate or do not continue to see sustained improvement as we expect, or there is an extended period of economic weakness, our occupancy rates, revenues and profitability could be adversely affected. Furthermore, other macroeconomic factors, such as consumer confidence and conditions which negatively shape public perception of travel, may have a negative effect on the lodging industry and may adversely impact our revenues and profitability.

Our hotels are subject to significant competition.

Currently, the markets where our hotels are located are very competitive. However, a material increase in the supply of new hotel rooms to a market can quickly destabilize that market and existing hotels can experience rapidly decreasing RevPAR and profitability. If such over-building occurs in one or more of our major markets, we may experience a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

In 2016, an increase of 7.1% in supply in the New York City market is expected, which is after increases of 4.9% and 4.1% in supply in New York City during 2015 and 2014, respectively. This could negatively impact the performance of our New York hotels. We own five hotels in Manhattan, representing 15% of our portfolio measured by number of rooms.

In 2015, over 2,700 new hotel rooms opened in downtown Chicago, representing an increase in supply of 2.6%. Additionally, over 1,800 new hotel rooms are anticipated to open in downtown Chicago before the end of 2016, representing a supply increase of 1.6% in the downtown Chicago market. An increase in the number of rooms available in the downtown Chicago market could negatively impact the operating performance of our downtown Chicago hotels. We own two hotels located in downtown Chicago that represent approximately 14% of our portfolio measured by number of rooms. In addition,

Marriott has signed an agreement to manage the 1,200-room Chicago Marriott Marquis, to be built next to the McCormick Place Convention Center. The hotel, which is expected to open in 2017, could have a material impact on the operations of our Chicago Marriott.

The increase in the use of third-party internet travel intermediaries and the increase in alternative lodging channels, such as Airbnb, could adversely affect our profitability.

Many of our managers and franchisors contract with third-party internet travel intermediaries, including, but not limited to expedia.com, priceline.com, hotels.com, orbitz.com, and travelocity.com. These internet intermediaries are generally paid commissions and transaction fees by our managers and franchisors for sales of our rooms through such agencies. These intermediaries initially focused on leisure travel, but have grown to focus on corporate travel and group meetings as well. If such growth continues, it could divert group business away from our hotels. If bookings increase, these internet intermediaries may be able to negotiate higher commissions, reduced room rates or other contract concessions from us, our managers or our franchisors. In addition, internet intermediaries use extensive marketing, which could result in hotel consumers developing brand loyalties to the offered brands and such internet intermediary instead of our management or franchise brands. Further, internet intermediaries emphasize pricing and quality indicators, such as a star rating system, at the expense of brand identification.

In addition to competing with traditional hotels and lodging facilities, we compete with alternative lodging, including third-party providers of short-term rental properties and serviced apartments, such as Airbnb. We compete based on a number of factors, including room rates, quality of accommodations, service levels, convenience of location, reputation, reservation systems, brand recognition and supply and availability of alternative lodging.

The rise of social media reviews, including, but not limited to, Twitter and tripadvisor.com, could impact our occupancy levels and operating results as people might be more inclined to write about dissatisfaction than satisfaction with a hotel stay.

Some of our hotels rely heavily on group contract business, and the loss of such business could harm our operating results.

Certain of our hotels rely heavily on group contract business and room nights generated by large corporate clients. The existence or non-existence of such business can significantly impact the results of operations of our hotels. Group contract business fluctuates from year-to-year and across markets. The scheduling and impact of events and activities that attract this business to hotels are not always easy to predict. As a result, the operating results for certain hotels may fluctuate as a result of these factors, possibly in adverse ways, and these fluctuations can affect our overall operating results.

Investments in hotels are illiquid and we may not be able to respond in a timely fashion to adverse changes in the performance of our properties.

Because real estate investments are relatively illiquid, our ability to promptly sell one or more hotel properties or investments in our portfolio in response to changing economic, financial and investment conditions may be limited.

In addition, the real estate market is affected by many factors that are beyond our control, including:

- adverse changes in international, national, regional and local economic and market conditions;
- changes in supply of competitive hotels;
- changes in interest rates and in the availability, cost and terms of debt financing;
- changes in tax laws and property taxes, or an increase in the assessed valuation of a property for real estate tax purposes;

- changes in governmental laws and regulations, fiscal policies and zoning ordinances and the related costs of compliance with laws and regulations, fiscal policies and ordinances;
- the ongoing need for capital improvements, particularly in older structures;
- changes in operating expenses; and
- civil unrest, acts of God, including earthquakes, floods, hurricanes and other natural disasters and acts of war or terrorism, including the consequences of terrorist acts such as those that occurred on September 11, 2001, which may result in uninsured losses.

It may be in the best interest of our stockholders to sell one or more of our hotels in the future. We cannot predict whether we will be able to sell any hotel property or investment at an acceptable price or otherwise on reasonable terms and conditions. We also cannot predict the length of time that will be necessary to find a willing purchaser and to close the sale of a hotel property or loan.

These facts and any others that would impede our ability to respond to adverse changes in the performance of our hotel properties could have a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition, as well as our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Due to restrictions in our hotel management agreements, franchise agreements, mortgage agreements and ground leases, we may not be able to sell our hotels at the highest possible price, or at all.

A substantial number of our current hotel management agreements are long-term.

Our current hotel management and franchise agreements contain initial terms generally ranging from five to forty years and certain agreements have renewal periods of five to forty-five years which are exercisable at the option of the property manager. Because many of our hotels would have to be sold subject to the applicable hotel management agreement, the term length of a hotel management agreement may deter some potential purchasers and could adversely impact the price realized from any such sale. To the extent that we receive lower sale proceeds, we could experience a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to stockholders.

Our mortgage agreements contain certain provisions that may limit our ability to sell our hotels.

In order to assign or transfer our rights and obligations under certain of our mortgage agreements, we generally must obtain the consent of the lender, pay a fee equal to a fixed percentage of the outstanding loan balance, and pay any costs incurred by the lender in connection with any such assignment or transfer. These provisions of our mortgage agreements may limit our ability to sell our hotels which, in turn, could adversely impact the price realized from any such sale. To the extent that we receive lower sale proceeds, we could experience a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to stockholders.

Our ground leases contain certain provisions that may limit our ability to sell our hotels.

Our ground lease agreements with respect to the Bethesda Marriott Suites, the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown, the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, and the Hilton Minneapolis require the consent of the lessor for assignment or transfer. These provisions of our ground leases may limit our ability to sell our hotels which, in turn, could adversely impact the price realized from any such sale. In addition, at any given time, investors may be disinterested in buying properties subject to a ground lease and may pay a lower price for such properties than for a comparable property owned in fee simple or they may not purchase such properties at any price. Accordingly, we may find it difficult to sell a property subject to a ground lease or may receive lower proceeds from any such sale. To the

extent that we receive lower sale proceeds, we could experience a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to stockholders.

We are subject to risks associated with our ongoing need for renovations and capital improvements as well as financing for such expenditures.

In order to remain competitive, our hotels have an ongoing need for renovations and other capital improvements, including replacements, from time to time, of furniture, fixtures and equipment. These capital improvements may give rise to the following risks:

- construction cost overruns and delays;
- a possible shortage of available cash to fund capital improvements and the related possibility that financing for these capital improvements may not be available to us on affordable terms;
- the renovation investment failing to produce the returns on investment that we expect;
- disruptions in the operations of the hotel as well as in demand for the hotel while capital improvements are underway; and
- disputes with franchisors/hotel managers regarding compliance with relevant franchise/management agreements.

The costs of these capital improvements or profit displacements during the completion of these capital improvements could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

In addition, we may not be able to fund capital improvements or acquisitions solely from cash provided from our operating activities because we generally must distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income, determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and excluding net capital gains, each year to maintain our REIT tax status. As a result, our ability to fund capital expenditures or investments through retained earnings, is very limited. Consequently, we rely upon the availability of debt or equity capital to fund our investments and capital improvements. These sources of funds may not be available on reasonable terms or conditions.

There are several unique risks associated with the ownership of Frenchman's Reef.

Frenchman's Reef is located on the side of a cliff facing the ocean in the United States Virgin Islands, which is in the so-called "hurricane belt" in the Caribbean. It was partially destroyed by a hurricane in the mid-1990's and since then has been damaged by subsequent hurricanes, including Hurricane Earl in 2010. While we maintain insurance against wind damage in an amount that we believe is customarily obtained for or by hotel owners, Frenchman's Reef has a \$6.5 million deductible if it is damaged due to a named windstorm event; therefore, we are self-insured for losses up to \$6.5 million caused by a named windstorm event. While we cannot predict whether there will be another hurricane that will impact this hotel, if there is, then it could have a material adverse affect on the operations of this hotel. Further, in the event of a substantial loss, our insurance coverage may not be sufficient to cover the full current market value or replacement cost of the hotel. Should a loss in excess of insured limits occur, we could lose all or a portion of the capital we have invested in Frenchman's Reef, as well as the anticipated future revenue and profits of this hotel. Inflation, changes in building codes and ordinances, environmental considerations and other factors might also keep us from using insurance proceeds to replace or renovate the hotel after it has been damaged or destroyed. Under those circumstances, the insurance proceeds we receive might be inadequate to restore our economic position with regard to the damaged or destroyed property.

The hotel currently generates its own electricity; however, the hotel still depends on oil to generate electricity. If the price of oil were to increase, the cost to generate electricity would likely increase

dramatically and this would have a significant impact on the results of operation at the hotel. Also, if the hotel's self-generation system fails, the hotel would be forced to utilize service from local utility providers which are prone to disruptions, including power outages from time to time. Such disruptions could adversely affect occupancy rates, revenues and profits at the hotel.

In the event of natural disasters, terrorist attacks, significant military actions, outbreaks of contagious diseases or other events for which we may not have adequate insurance, our operations may suffer.

Five of our hotels (the Lodge at Sonoma, the Westin San Diego, the Hotel Rex, the Renaissance Charleston Historic District and the Shorebreak Hotel) are located in areas that are seismically active, and Frenchman's Reef, the Inn at Key West, the Sheraton Suites Key West and the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort are located in areas that have experienced, and will continue to experience, many hurricanes. Ten of our hotels are located in metropolitan markets that have been, or may in the future be, targets of actual or threatened terrorist attacks, including New York City, Chicago, Boston, and Washington, D.C. These hotels are material to our financial results, having constituted 71% of our total revenues in 2015. Additionally, even in the absence of direct physical damage to our hotels, the occurrence of any natural disasters, terrorist attacks, significant military actions, outbreaks of diseases, such as Ebola, H1N1 or other similar viruses, or other casualty events, will likely have a material adverse effect on business and commercial travelers and tourists, the economy generally and the hotel and tourism industries in particular. While we cannot predict the impact of the occurrence of any of these events, such impact could result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

We have acquired and intend to maintain comprehensive insurance on each of our hotels, including liability, terrorism, fire and extended coverage, of the type and amount that we believe are customarily obtained for or by hotel owners. We cannot guarantee that such coverage will continue to be available at reasonable rates or with reasonable deductibles. Our Florida and U.S. Virgin Island hotels (Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort, Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, The Inn at Key West and Sheraton Suites Key West) each have a 5% deductible for a named storm and the Orlando Airport Marriott has a 3% deductible for a named storm. In addition, each of our California hotels (Westin San Diego, Hotel Rex San Francisco, Shorebreak and the The Lodge at Sonoma) have a 5% deductible for damage due to an earthquake.

Various types of catastrophic losses, like earthquakes, floods, losses from foreign terrorist activities, or losses from domestic terrorist activities may not be insurable or are generally not insured because of economic infeasibility, legal restrictions or the policies of insurers. Future lenders may require such insurance and our failure to obtain such insurance could constitute a default under loan agreements. Depending on our access to capital, liquidity and the value of the properties securing the affected loan in relation to the balance of the loan, a default could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and ability to obtain future financing.

In the event of a substantial loss, our insurance coverage may not be sufficient to cover the full current market value or replacement cost of our lost investment. Should an uninsured loss or a loss in excess of insured limits occur, we could lose all or a portion of the capital we have invested in a hotel, as well as the anticipated future revenue from that particular hotel. In that event, we might nevertheless remain obligated for any mortgage debt or other financial obligations secured by or related to the property. Inflation, changes in building codes and ordinances, environmental considerations and other factors might also prevent us from using insurance proceeds to replace or renovate a hotel after it has been damaged or destroyed. Under those circumstances, the insurance proceeds we receive might be inadequate to restore our economic position with regard to the damaged or destroyed property.

Our results of operations are highly dependent on the management of our hotel properties by third-party hotel management companies.

In order to qualify as a REIT, we cannot operate our hotel properties or control the daily operations of our hotel properties. Our TRS lessees may not operate these hotel properties and, therefore, they must enter into third-party hotel management agreements with one or more eligible independent contractors. Thus, third-party hotel management companies that enter into management contracts with our TRS lessees control the daily operations of our hotel properties.

Under the terms of the hotel management agreements that we have entered into, or that we will enter into in the future, our ability to participate in operating decisions regarding our hotel properties is limited to certain matters, including approval of the annual operating budget. We currently rely, and will continue to rely, on these hotel management companies to adequately operate our hotel properties under the terms of the hotel management agreements. While we and our TRS lessees closely monitor the performance of our hotel managers, we do not have the authority to require any hotel property to be operated in a particular manner or to govern any particular aspect of its operations (for instance, setting room rates and cost structures). Thus, even if we believe that our hotel properties are being operated inefficiently or in a manner that does not result in satisfactory occupancy rates, ADRs and operating profits, we may not have sufficient rights under our hotel management agreements to enable us to force the hotel management company to change its method of operation. We can only seek redress if a hotel management company violates the terms of the applicable hotel management agreement with the TRS lessee, and then only to the extent of the remedies provided for under the terms of the hotel management agreement. Although many of our management agreements have relatively short terms, most of our current management agreements are non-terminable, subject to certain exceptions for cause or failure to achieve certain performance targets. In the event that we need to replace any of our hotel management companies pursuant to termination for cause or performance, we may experience significant disruptions at the affected properties, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

We may be unable to maintain good relationships with third-party hotel managers and franchisors.

The success of our respective hotel investments and the value of our franchised properties largely depend on our ability to establish and maintain good relationships with the third-party hotel managers and franchisors of our respective hotel management and franchise agreements. If we are unable to maintain good relationships with third-party hotel managers, we may be unable to renew existing management or franchise agreements or expand relationships with them. Additionally, opportunities for developing new relationships with additional third-party hotel managers or franchisors may be adversely affected. This, in turn, could have an adverse effect on our results of operations and our ability to execute our repositioning strategy through a change in brand or change in third-party hotel manager.

A substantial number of our hotels operate under a brand owned by Marriott, Starwood or Hilton; therefore, we are subject to risks associated with concentrating our portfolio in three brands.

In our portfolio, 26 of the 29 hotels that we owned as of December 31, 2015, utilize brands owned by Marriott, Starwood or Hilton. As a result, our success is dependent in part on the continued success of Marriott, Starwood or Hilton and their respective brands. We believe that the branded hotels we own are able to generate greater profits than similar unbranded hotels. Consequently, if market recognition or the positive perception of Marriott, Starwood and/or Hilton is reduced or compromised, the goodwill associated with the Marriott-, Starwood- and Hilton-branded hotels in our portfolio may be adversely affected, which may have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Effects of the proposed merger between Marriott and Starwood on our business are unknown.

On November 16, 2015, Marriott and Starwood announced that the boards of directors of both companies unanimously approved a definitive merger agreement between the companies. If such a merger is consummated, our portfolio will become more concentrated into the joint Marriott/Starwood brand family. This could reduce our bargaining power in negotiating management agreements and franchise agreements due to decreased competition among major brand companies. The combined company could have more leverage when negotiating for property improvement plans upon the acquisition of a hotel in cases where the franchisor or hotel brand requires renovations to bring the physical condition of a hotel into compliance with the specifications and standards each franchisor or hotel brand has developed. In addition, this could spur an increase in consolidation with other hotel brands. We cannot estimate the impact upon our portfolio until the merger is finalized and the combined company begins to operate.

Several of our hotels are operated under franchise agreements and we are subject to the risks associated with the franchise brand and the costs associated with maintaining the franchise license.

Thirteen of our hotels operate under franchise agreements. The maintenance of the franchise licenses for branded hotel properties is subject to the franchisors' operating standards and other terms and conditions set forth in the applicable franchise agreement. Franchisors periodically inspect hotel properties to ensure that we, our lessees and management companies follow their brand standards. Failure by us, one of our TRS lessees or one of our third-party management companies to maintain these standards or other terms and conditions of the franchise agreement could result in us being in default and the franchise agreement being terminated. If a franchise agreement is terminated for failure to comply with its terms, including the maintenance of brand standards, we may be liable to the franchisor for a termination payment, which could include liquidated damages. We also face the risk of termination of the franchise agreement if we do not make franchisor-required capital expenditures under the franchise agreements.

Our ownership of properties through ground leases exposes us to the risks that we may have difficulty financing such properties, be forced to sell such properties for a lower price, are unable to extend the ground leases at maturity or lose such properties upon breach or termination of the ground leases.

We hold a leasehold interest in all or a portion of the land underlying seven of our hotels (Bethesda Marriott Suites, Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue, Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown, Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, Hilton Minneapolis, Shorebreak Hotel, and JW Marriott Denver), and the parking lot at another of our hotels (Renaissance Worthington). We may acquire additional hotels in the future subject to ground leases. In the past, from time to time, secured lenders have been unwilling to lend, or otherwise charged higher interest rates, for loans secured by a leasehold mortgage compared to loans secured by a fee simple mortgage. In addition, at any given time, investors may be disinterested in buying properties subject to a ground lease and may pay a lower price for such properties than for a comparable property in fee simple, or they may not purchase such properties at any price whatsoever. For these reasons, we may have a difficult time selling a property subject to a ground lease or may receive lower proceeds from a sale. Finally, as the lessee under our ground leases, we are exposed to the possibility of losing the hotel, or a portion of the hotel, upon termination, or an earlier breach by us, of the ground lease, which could result in a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

The failure of tenants to make rent payments under our retail and restaurant leases or to successfully negotiate with unions may adversely affect our results of operation.

On occasion, retail and restaurant tenants at our hotel properties may fail to make rent payments when due. Generally, we hold security deposits in connection with each lease which may be applied in the event that the tenant under the lease fails or is unable to make payments; however, these security deposits do not provide us with cash flow to pay distributions or for other purposes. In the event that a tenant continually fails to make rent payments, the security deposits may be applied in full to the non-payment of rents, but we face the risk of being able to recover only a portion of the rents due to us or being unable to recover any amounts whatsoever. We also face the risk of delay or inability to find a suitable replacement tenant that suits the needs of our hotel and that is financially viable upon default by a current tenant.

In addition, employees of a number of our tenants are represented by labor unions. If unionized employees of our tenants were to engage in a strike, work stoppage or other slow-downs in the future, our tenants could experience a significant disruption of their operations which could in turn disrupt business at our hotels and affect our results of operations. We also risk circumstances where our tenants fail to meet their obligations under their union contracts, which could result in increased liability to us.

We face competition for hotel acquisitions and investments and we may not be successful in identifying or completing hotel acquisitions and investments that meet our criteria, which may impede our growth.

One component of our long-term business strategy is expansion through hotel acquisitions and investments. However, we may not be successful in identifying or completing acquisitions or investments that are consistent with our strategy. We compete with institutional pension funds, private equity funds, REITs, hotel companies and others who are engaged in hotel acquisitions and investments. This competition for hotel investments may increase the price we pay for hotels and these competitors may succeed in acquiring those hotels that we seek to purchase. In addition, the number of entities competing for suitable hotels may increase in the future, which would increase demand for these hotels and the prices we must pay to acquire them. If we pay higher prices for hotels, our returns on investment and profitability may be reduced. Also, future acquisitions of hotels, hotel companies or hotel investments may not yield the returns we expect, especially if we cannot obtain financing without paying higher borrowing costs, and may result in stockholder dilution.

Actions by organized labor or state and local jurisdictions could have a material adverse effect on our business.

We believe that unions are generally becoming more aggressive about organizing workers at hotels in certain geographic locations. Potential labor activities at these hotels could significantly increase the administrative, labor and legal expenses of the third-party management companies managing these hotels and reduce the profits that we receive. If hotels in our portfolio are organized, this could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operation and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

We have entered into management agreements with third-party managers to operate our hotels. Our hotel managers are responsible for hiring and maintaining the labor force at each of our hotels. From time to time, strikes, lockouts, public demonstrations or other negative actions and publicity may disrupt hotel operations at any of our hotels, negatively impact our reputation or the reputation of our brands, or harm relationships with the labor forces at our hotels. We also may incur increased legal costs and indirect labor costs as a result of contract disputes or other events. Additionally, hotels where our managers have collective bargaining agreements with employees are more highly affected by labor force activities than others. The resolution of labor disputes or new or re-negotiated labor contracts

could lead to increased labor costs, either by increases in wages or benefits or by changes in work rules that raise hotel operating costs. Furthermore, labor agreements may limit the ability of our hotel managers to reduce the size of hotel workforces during an economic downturn because collective bargaining agreements are negotiated between the hotel managers and labor unions. We do not have the ability to control the outcome of these negotiations.

Several local jurisdictions in the United States have enacted, or considered, legislation increasing the minimum wage for workers in the jurisdiction. Some of this legislation applies to hotels only. If a jurisdiction in which the Company owns a hotel adopts such legislation, then the cost to operate the hotel may increase significantly and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

The Department of Labor has proposed regulations that would have the effect of increasing the number of workers entitled to overtime. If these regulations are implemented, it could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Our success depends on senior executive officers whose continued service is not guaranteed.

We depend on the efforts and expertise of our senior executive officers to manage our day-to-day operations and strategic business direction. The loss of any of their services could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

We and our hotel managers rely on information technology in our operations and any material failures, inadequacies, interruptions, security failures or cyber-attacks could harm our business.

We and our hotel managers rely on information technologies and systems, including the Internet, to access, store, transmit, deliver and manage information and processes. Although we and our hotel managers believe that we have taken commercially reasonable steps to protect the security of these systems, there can be no assurance that such security measures will prevent failures, inadequacies or interruptions in system services, or that system security will not be breached through physical or electronic break-ins, computer viruses and cyber-attacks. Disruptions in service, system shutdowns and security breaches in either the information technologies and systems of our hotel managers or our own information technologies and systems, including unauthorized disclosure of confidential information, could have a material adverse effect on our business operations and results, our financial and compliance reporting and our reputation.

From time to time, we may be subject to litigation, which could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition, results of operations, cash flow and trading price of our common stock.

From time to time, we may be subject to litigation. Some of these claims may result in defense costs, settlements, fines or judgments against us, some of which are not covered by insurance. Payment of any such costs, settlements, fines or judgments that are not insured could have a material adverse impact on our financial position and results of operations. In addition, certain litigation or the resolution of certain litigation may affect the availability or cost of some of our insurance coverage, which could adversely impact our results of operations and cash flows, expose us to increased risks that would be uninsured and/or adversely impact our ability to attract officers and directors.

Risks Related to the Economy and Credit Markets

The lack of availability and terms of financing could adversely impact the amounts, sources and costs of capital available to us.

The ownership of hotels is very capital intensive. We finance the acquisition of our hotels with a mixture of equity and long-term debt while we traditionally finance renovations and operating needs with cash provided from operations or with borrowings from our corporate credit facility. Our mortgage loans have a large balloon payment due at their maturity. Generally, we find it more efficient to place a significant amount of debt on a small number of our hotels while we try to maintain a significant number of our hotels unencumbered.

During periods of economic recession, it could be difficult for us to borrow money. Over the last ten years, a significant percentage of hotel loans were made by lenders who sold such loans to securitized lending vehicles, such as commercial mortgage backed security (CMBS) pools. If the market for new CMBS issuances results in CMBS lenders making fewer loans, there is a risk that the debt capital available to us could be reduced.

An uncertain environment in the lodging industry and the economy generally could result in declines in our average daily room rates, occupancy and RevPAR, and thereby have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

The performance of the lodging industry has traditionally been closely linked with the general economy. A stall in economic growth or an economic recession would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations. If a property's occupancy or room rates drop to the point where its revenues are less than its operating expenses, then we would be required to spend additional funds in order to cover that property's operating expenses.

In addition, if the operating results decline at our hotels that are secured by mortgage debt, there may not be sufficient operating profits from the hotel to fund the debt service on the mortgage. In such a case, we may be forced to choose from a number of unfavorable options, including using corporate cash, drawing on our corporate credit facility, selling a hotel on disadvantageous terms, including an unattractive price or defaulting on the mortgage debt and permitting the lender to foreclose. Any one of these options could have a material adverse effect on our business, results of operations, financial condition and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

Risks Related to Our Debt and Financing

Our existing indebtedness contains financial covenants that could limit our operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Our existing property-level debt instruments contain restrictions (including cash management provisions) that may under circumstances specified in the loan agreements prohibit our subsidiaries that own our hotels from making distributions or paying dividends, repaying loans to us or other subsidiaries or transferring any of their assets to us or another subsidiary. Failure to meet our financial covenants could result from, among other things, changes in our results of operations, the incurrence of additional debt or changes in general economic conditions. In addition, this could cause one or more of our lenders to accelerate the timing of payments and could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders. The terms of our debt may restrict our ability to engage in transactions that we believe would otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

Our credit facility contains financial covenants that may constrain our ability to sell assets and make distributions to our stockholders.

Our corporate credit facility contains several financial covenants, the most constraining of which limits the amount of debt that we may incur compared to the value of our hotels (our leverage covenant) and the amount of debt service we pay compared to our cash flow (our debt service coverage covenant). If we were to default under either of these covenants, the lenders may require us to repay all amounts then outstanding under our credit facility and may terminate our credit facility. These and our other financial covenants constrain us from incurring material amounts of additional debt or from selling properties that generate a material amount of income. In addition, our credit facility requires that we maintain a minimum number of our hotels as unencumbered assets.

Many of our existing mortgage debt agreements contain “cash trap” provisions that could limit our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Certain of our loan agreements contain cash trap provisions that may be triggered if the performance of the affected hotel or hotels declines. If the provisions in one or more of these loan agreements are triggered, substantially all of the cash flow generated by the hotel or hotels affected will be deposited directly into lockbox accounts and then swept into cash management accounts for the benefit of the lenders. Cash will be distributed to us only after certain items are paid, including deposits into leasing and maintenance reserves and the payment of debt service, insurance, taxes, operating expenses, and extraordinary capital expenditures and leasing expenses. This could affect our liquidity and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

There is refinancing risk associated with our debt.

Our typical debt contains limited principal amortization; therefore, the vast majority of the principal must be repaid at the maturity of the loan in a so-called “balloon payment.” In the event that we do not have sufficient funds to repay the debt at the maturity of these loans, we will need to refinance this debt. If the credit environment is constrained at the time of our debt maturities, we would have a very difficult time refinancing debt. In addition, we locked in our fixed-rate debt at a point in time when we were able to obtain favorable interest rates, principal amortization and other terms. When we refinance our debt, prevailing interest rates and other factors may result in paying a greater amount of debt service, which will adversely affect our cash flow, and, consequently, our cash available for distribution to our stockholders. If we are unable to refinance our debt on acceptable terms, we may be forced to choose from a number of unfavorable options. These options include agreeing to otherwise unfavorable financing terms on one or more of our unencumbered assets, selling one or more hotels on disadvantageous terms, including unattractive prices or defaulting on the mortgage and permitting the lender to foreclose. Any one of these options could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

If we default on our secured debt in the future, the lenders may foreclose on our hotels.

All of our indebtedness, except our credit facility, is secured by single property first mortgages on the applicable property. If we default on any of the secured loans, the lender will be able to foreclose on the property pledged to the relevant lender under that loan. While we have maintained certain of our hotels unencumbered by mortgage debt, we have a relatively high loan-to-value on a number of our hotels which are subject to mortgage loans and, as a result, those mortgaged hotels may be at an increased risk of default and foreclosure. In addition, to the extent that we cannot meet any future debt service obligations, we will risk losing some or all of our hotels that are pledged to secure our obligations to foreclosure. This could affect our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

In addition to losing the property, a foreclosure may result in recognition of taxable income. Under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “Code”), a foreclosure of property securing non-recourse debt would be treated as a sale of the property for a purchase price equal to the outstanding balance of the debt secured by the mortgage. If the outstanding balance of the debt secured by the mortgage exceeds our tax basis in the property, we would recognize taxable income on foreclosure even though we did not receive any cash proceeds. As a result, we may be required to identify and utilize other sources of cash for distributions to our stockholders. If this occurs, our financial condition, cash flow and ability to satisfy our other debt obligations or ability to pay distributions may be adversely affected.

Future debt service obligations may adversely affect our operating results, require us to liquidate our properties, jeopardize our ability to make cash distributions necessary to maintain our tax status as a REIT and limit our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

In the future, we and our subsidiaries may incur substantial additional debt, including secured debt. While borrowing costs are currently low, borrowing costs on new and refinanced debt may be more expensive. Our existing debt, and any additional debt borrowed in the future could subject us to many risks, including the risks that:

- our cash flow from operations will be insufficient to make required payments of principal and interest or to make cash distributions necessary to maintain our tax status as a REIT;
- we may be vulnerable to adverse economic and industry conditions;
- we may be required to dedicate a substantial portion of our cash flow from operations to the repayment of our debt, thereby reducing the cash available for distribution to our stockholders, operations and capital expenditures, future investment opportunities or other purposes;
- the terms of any refinancing might not be as favorable as the terms of the debt being refinanced; and
- the use of leverage could adversely affect our stock price and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

If we violate covenants in our future indebtedness agreements, we could be required to repay all or a portion of our indebtedness before maturity at a time when we might be unable to arrange financing for such repayment on favorable terms, if at all.

Higher interest rates could increase debt service requirements on our floating rate debt, if any, and refinanced debt and could reduce the amounts available for distribution to our stockholders, as well as reduce funds available for our operations, future investment opportunities or other purposes. We may obtain in the future one or more forms of interest rate protection, in the form of swap agreements, interest rate cap contracts or similar agreements, to “hedge” against the possible negative effects of interest rate fluctuations. However, hedging is expensive, there is no perfect hedge, and we cannot assure you that any hedging will adequately mitigate the adverse effects of interest rate increases or that counterparties under these agreements will honor their obligations. In addition, we may be subject to risks of default by hedging counter-parties.

Risks Related to Regulation, Taxes and the Environment

Noncompliance with governmental regulations could adversely affect our operating results.

Environmental matters.

Our hotels are, and the hotels that we acquire in the future will be, subject to various federal, state and local environmental laws. Under these laws, courts and government agencies may have the authority to require us, as owner of a contaminated property, to clean up the property, even if we did not know of or were not responsible for the contamination. These laws also apply to persons who owned a property at the time it became contaminated. In addition to the costs of cleanup, environmental contamination can affect the value of a property and, therefore, an owner's ability to borrow funds using the property as collateral or to sell the property. Under the environmental laws, courts and government agencies also have the authority to require that a person who sent waste to a waste disposal facility, such as a landfill or an incinerator, pay for the clean-up of that facility if it becomes contaminated and threatens human health or the environment. A person who arranges for the disposal or treatment, or transports for disposal or treatment, a hazardous substance at a property owned by another person may be liable for the costs of removal or remediation of hazardous substances released into the environment at that property.

Furthermore, various court decisions have established that third parties may recover damages for injury caused by property contamination. For instance, a person exposed to asbestos while staying in a hotel may seek to recover damages if he or she suffers injury from the asbestos. Lastly, some of these environmental laws restrict the use of a property or place conditions on various activities. For example, certain laws require a business using chemicals (such as swimming pool chemicals at a hotel) to manage them carefully and to notify local officials that the chemicals are being used.

We could be responsible for the costs associated with a contaminated property. The costs to clean up a contaminated property, to defend against a claim, or to comply with environmental laws could be material and could adversely affect the funds available for distribution to our stockholders. We cannot assure you that future laws or regulations will not impose material environmental liabilities or that the current environmental condition of our hotels will not be affected by the condition of the properties in the vicinity of our hotels (such as the presence of leaking underground storage tanks) or by third parties unrelated to us. We may face liability regardless of our knowledge of the contamination, the timing of the contamination, the cause of the contamination, or the party responsible for the contamination of the property.

Although we have taken and will take commercially reasonable steps to assess the condition of our properties, there may be unknown environmental problems associated with our properties. If environmental contamination exists on our properties, we could become subject to strict, joint and several liability for the contamination by virtue of our ownership interest. In addition, we are obligated to indemnify our lenders for any liability they may incur in connection with a contaminated property.

The presence of hazardous substances or petroleum contamination on a property may adversely affect our ability to sell the property and could cause us to incur substantial remediation costs. The discovery of environmental liabilities attached to our properties could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and financial condition and our ability to pay dividends to our stockholders.

Numerous treaties, laws and regulations have been enacted to regulate or limit carbon emissions. Changes in the regulations and legislation relating to climate change, and complying with such laws and regulations, may require us to make significant investments in our hotels and could result in increased energy costs at our properties which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Americans with Disabilities Act and other changes in governmental rules and regulations.

Under the ADA, all public accommodations must meet various federal non-discrimination requirements related to access and use by individuals with disabilities. Compliance with the ADA's requirements could require removal of architectural barriers to access and non-compliance could result in the payment of civil penalties, damages, and attorneys' fees and costs. If we are required to make substantial modifications to our hotels, whether to comply with the ADA or other changes in governmental rules and regulations, our financial condition, results of operations and ability to make distributions to our stockholders could be adversely affected.

Our hotel properties may contain or develop harmful mold, which could lead to liability for adverse health effects and costs of remediating the problem.

When excessive moisture accumulates in buildings or on building materials, mold growth may occur, particularly if the moisture problem remains undiscovered or is not addressed over a period of time. Some molds may produce airborne toxins or irritants. Concern about indoor exposure to mold has been increasing, as exposure to mold may cause a variety of adverse health effects and symptoms, including allergic reactions. As a result, the presence of mold to which our hotel guests or employees could be exposed at any of our properties could require us to undertake a costly remediation program to contain or remove the mold from the affected property, which would reduce our cash available for distribution. In addition, exposure to mold by our guests or employees, management company employees or others could expose us to liability if property damage or adverse health concerns arise.

Risks Related to Our Status as a REIT

We cannot assure you that we will remain qualified as a REIT.

We believe that we are qualified to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes for our taxable year ended December 31, 2015, and we expect to continue to qualify as a REIT for future taxable years, but we cannot assure you that we have qualified, or will remain qualified, as a REIT. The REIT qualification requirements are extremely complex and official interpretations of the federal income tax laws governing qualification as a REIT are limited. Certain aspects of our REIT qualification are beyond our control. Accordingly, we cannot be certain that we will be successful in operating so that we can remain qualified as a REIT. At any time, new laws, interpretations or court decisions may change the federal tax laws or the federal income tax consequences of our qualification as a REIT. Moreover, our charter provides that our board of directors may revoke or otherwise terminate our REIT election, without the approval of our stockholders, if it determines that it is no longer in our best interest to continue to qualify as a REIT.

If we fail to qualify as a REIT and do not qualify for certain statutory relief provisions, or otherwise cease to be a REIT, we will be subject to federal income tax on our taxable income at corporate rates. We might need to borrow money or sell assets in order to pay any such tax. Also, we would not be allowed a deduction for dividends paid to our stockholders in computing our taxable income and we would no longer be compelled to make distributions under the Code. Unless we were entitled to relief under certain federal income tax laws, we could not re-elect REIT status until the fifth calendar year after the year in which we failed to qualify as a REIT. If we fail to qualify as a REIT but are eligible for certain relief provisions, then we may retain our status as a REIT, but we may be required to pay a penalty tax, which could be substantial.

Maintaining our REIT qualification contains certain restrictions and drawbacks.

Complying with REIT requirements may cause us to forgo otherwise attractive opportunities.

To remain qualified as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we must continually satisfy tests concerning, among other things, the sources of our income, the nature and diversification of our assets, the amounts we distribute to our stockholders and the ownership of our stock. In order to meet these tests, we may be required to forgo attractive business or investment opportunities. For example, we may not lease to our TRS any hotel which contains gaming. Thus, compliance with the REIT requirements may hinder our ability to operate solely to maximize profits.

To qualify as a REIT, we must meet annual distribution requirements.

In order to remain qualified as a REIT, we generally are required to distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income, determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and excluding net capital gains, each year to our stockholders. To the extent that we satisfy this distribution requirement, but distribute less than 100% of our taxable income, we will be subject to federal corporate income tax on our undistributed taxable income. In addition, we will be subject to a 4% nondeductible excise tax if the actual amount that we pay out to our stockholders in a calendar year is less than a minimum amount specified under federal tax laws. As a result of differences between cash flow and the accrual of income and expenses for tax purposes, or nondeductible expenditures, for example, our REIT taxable income in any given year could exceed our cash available for distribution. Accordingly, we may be required to borrow money or sell assets to make distributions sufficient to enable us to pay out enough of our taxable income to satisfy the distribution requirement and to avoid federal corporate income tax and the 4% nondeductible excise tax in a particular year.

The formation of our TRSs and TRS lessees increases our overall tax liability.

Our domestic TRSs are subject to federal and state income tax on their taxable income. The taxable income of our TRS lessees currently consists and generally will continue to consist of revenues from the hotels leased by our TRS lessees plus, in certain cases, key money payments (amounts paid to us by a hotel management company in exchange for the right to manage a hotel we acquire) and yield support payments, net of the operating expenses for such properties and rent payments to us. Such taxes could be substantial. Our non-U.S. TRSs also may be subject to tax in jurisdictions where they operate.

We will be subject to a 100% excise tax to the extent that transactions with our TRSs are not conducted on an arm's-length basis. For example, to the extent that the rent paid by one of our TRS lessees exceeds an arm's-length rental amount, such excess is potentially subject to this excise tax. While we believe that we structure all of our leases on an arm's-length basis, upon an audit, the IRS might disagree with our conclusion.

You may be restricted from transferring our common stock.

In order to maintain our REIT qualification, among other requirements, no more than 50% in value of our outstanding stock may be owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the federal income tax laws to include certain entities) during the last half of any taxable year. In addition, the REIT rules generally prohibit a manager of one of our hotels from owning, directly or indirectly, more than 35% of our stock and a person who holds 35% or more of our stock from also holding, directly or indirectly, more than 35% of any such hotel management company. To qualify for and preserve REIT status, our charter contains an aggregate share ownership limit and a common share ownership limit. Generally, any shares of our stock owned by affiliated owners will be added together for purposes of the aggregate share ownership limit, and any shares of common stock owned by affiliated owners will be added together for purposes of the common share ownership limit.

If anyone transfers or owns shares in a way that would violate the aggregate share ownership limit or the common share ownership limit (unless such ownership limits have been waived by our board of directors), or would prevent us from continuing to qualify as a REIT under the federal income tax laws, those shares instead will be transferred to a trust for the benefit of a charitable beneficiary and will be either redeemed by us or sold to a person whose ownership of the shares will not violate the aggregate share ownership limit or the common share ownership limit. If this transfer to a trust would not be effective to prevent a violation of the ownership restrictions in our charter, then the initial intended transfer or ownership will be null and void from the outset. The intended transferee or owner of those shares will be deemed never to have owned the shares. Anyone who acquires or owns shares in violation of the aggregate share ownership limit, the common share ownership limit (unless such ownership limits have been waived by our board of directors) or the other restrictions on transfer or ownership in our charter bears the risk of a financial loss when the shares are redeemed or sold if the market price of our stock falls between the date of purchase and the date of redemption or sale.

Even if we maintain our status as a REIT, in certain circumstances, we may be subject to federal and state income taxes, which would reduce our cash available for distribution to our stockholders.

Even if we qualify and maintain our status as a REIT, we may be subject to federal income taxes or state taxes in various circumstances. For example, net income from a “prohibited transaction” will be subject to a 100% tax. In addition, we may not be able to distribute all of our income in any given year, which would result in corporate level taxes, and we may not make sufficient distributions to avoid excise taxes. We may also decide to retain certain gains from the sale or other disposition of our property and pay income tax directly on such gains. In that event, our stockholders would be required to include such gains in income and would receive a corresponding credit for their share of taxes paid by us. We may also be subject to U.S. state and local and non-U.S. taxes on our income or properties, either directly or at the level of our operating partnership or the other companies through which we indirectly own our assets. In addition, we may be subject to federal, state, local or non-U.S. taxes in other various circumstances. Any federal or state taxes that we pay will reduce our cash available for distribution to our stockholders.

Dividends payable by REITs generally do not qualify for reduced tax rates.

A maximum 20% tax rate applies to “qualified” dividends payable to individual U.S. stockholders. Dividends payable by REITs, however, are generally not qualified dividends eligible for the reduced rates and are taxed at normal ordinary income tax rates. However, to the extent that such dividends are attributable to certain dividends that we receive from a taxable REIT subsidiary, such dividends generally will be eligible for the reduced rates that apply to qualified dividends. The more favorable rates applicable to regular corporate dividends could cause investors who are individuals to perceive investments in REITs to be relatively less attractive than investments in the stocks of non-REIT corporations that pay dividends, which could adversely affect the value of the stock of REITs, including our common stock.

Legislative or regulatory action could adversely affect our stockholders.

In recent years, numerous legislative, judicial and administrative changes have been made to the federal income tax laws applicable to investments in REITs and similar entities. Additional changes to applicable tax laws are likely to continue to occur in the future, and we cannot assure our stockholders that any such changes will not adversely affect the taxation of a stockholder. Any such changes could have an adverse effect on an investment in our common stock. All stockholders are urged to consult with their tax advisors with respect to the status of legislative, regulatory or administrative developments and proposals and their potential effect on an investment in our common stock.

Risks Related to Our Organization and Structure

Provisions of our charter may limit the ability of a third party to acquire control of our company.

Our charter provides that no person may beneficially own more than 9.8% of the aggregate outstanding shares of our common stock or more than 9.8% of the value of the aggregate outstanding shares of our capital stock, except certain “look-through entities,” such as mutual funds, which may beneficially own up to 15% of the aggregate outstanding shares of our common stock or up to 15% of the value of the aggregate outstanding shares of our capital stock. Our board of directors has waived this ownership limitation for certain investors in the past. Our bylaws waive this ownership limitation for certain other classes of investors. These ownership limitations may prevent an acquisition of control of our company by a third party without our board of directors’ approval, even if our stockholders believe the change of control is in their best interests.

Our charter also authorizes our board of directors to issue up to 400,000,000 shares of common stock and up to 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, to classify or reclassify any unissued shares of common stock or preferred stock and to set the preferences, rights and other terms of the classified or reclassified shares. Furthermore, our board of directors may, without any action by the stockholders, amend our charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue. Issuances of additional shares of stock may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control of our company that might involve a premium to the market price of our common stock or otherwise be in our stockholders’ best interests.

Certain advance notice provisions of our bylaws may limit the ability of a third party to acquire control of our company.

Our bylaws provide that (a) with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, nominations of individuals for election to our board of directors and the proposal of other business to be considered by stockholders may be made only (i) pursuant to our notice of the meeting, (ii) by the board of directors or (iii) by a stockholder who is entitled to vote at the meeting and has complied with the advance notice procedures set forth in the bylaws and (b) with respect to special meetings of stockholders, only the business specified in our notice of meeting may be brought before the meeting of stockholders and nominations of individuals for election to the board of directors may be made only (A) by the board of directors or (B) provided that the board of directors has determined that directors shall be elected at such meeting by a stockholder who is entitled to vote at the meeting and has complied with the advance notice provisions set forth in the bylaws. These advance notice provisions may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control of our company that might involve a premium to the market price of our common stock or otherwise be in our stockholders’ best interests.

Provisions of Maryland law may limit the ability of a third party to acquire control of our company.

The Maryland General Corporation Law, or the MGCL, has certain restrictions on a “business combination” and “control share acquisition” which we have opted out of. If an affirmative majority of votes cast by a majority of stockholders entitled to vote approve it, our board of directors may opt in to such provisions of the MGCL. If we opt in, and the stockholders approve it, these provisions may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control of our company that might involve a premium price for holders of our common stock or otherwise be in their best interests.

In addition, provisions of Maryland law permit the board of a corporation with a class of equity securities registered under the Exchange Act and at least three independent directors, without stockholder approval, to implement possible takeover defenses, such as a classified board or a two-thirds vote requirement for removal of a director. These provisions, if implemented, may make it

more difficult for a third party to affect a takeover. In February 2014, however, we amended our charter to prohibit us from dividing directors into classes unless such action is first approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast on the matter by stockholders entitled to vote generally in the election of directors.

We have entered into an agreement with each of our senior executive officers that provides each of them benefits in the event that his employment is terminated by us without cause, by him for good reason or under certain circumstances following a change of control of our company.

We have entered into an agreement with each of our senior executive officers that provides each of them with severance benefits if his employment is terminated under certain circumstances following a change of control of our company. Certain of these benefits and the related tax indemnity could prevent or deter a change of control of our company that might involve a premium price for our common stock or otherwise be in the best interests of our stockholders.

You have limited control as a stockholder regarding any changes that we make to our policies.

Our board of directors determines our major policies, including policies related to our investment objectives, leverage, financing, growth and distributions to our stockholders. Our board of directors may amend or revise these policies without a vote of our stockholders. This means that our stockholders will have limited control over changes in our policies and those changes could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

We may be unable to generate sufficient cash flows from our operations to make distributions to our stockholders at expected levels, and we cannot assure you of our ability to make distributions in the future.

We intend to pay quarterly dividends that represents at least 90% of our REIT taxable income. Our ability to make these intended distributions may be adversely affected by the risk factors described in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and other reports that we file from time to time with the SEC. In addition, our board of directors has the sole discretion to determine the timing, form and amount of any distribution to our stockholders. Our board of directors will make determinations regarding distributions based upon many facts, including our financial performance, our debt service obligations, our debt covenants, our capital expenditure requirements, the requirements for qualification as a REIT and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant from time to time. As a result, no assurance can be given that we will be able to make distributions to our stockholders at expected levels, or at all, or that distributions will increase or even be maintained over time, any of which could materially and adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Changes in market conditions could adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

As with other publicly traded equity securities, the value of our common stock depends on various market conditions that may change from time to time. Among the market conditions that may affect the value of our common stock are the following:

- the extent of investor interest in our securities;
- the general reputation of REITs and the attractiveness of our equity securities in comparison to other equity securities, including securities issued by other real estate-based companies;
- the underlying asset value of our hotels;
- investor confidence in the stock and bond markets, generally;
- national and local economic conditions;
- changes in tax laws;

- our financial performance; and
- general stock and bond market conditions.

The market value of our common stock is based primarily upon the market's perception of our growth potential and our current and potential future earnings and cash distributions. Consequently, our common stock may trade at prices that are greater or less than our net asset value per share of common stock. If our future earnings or cash distributions are less than expected, it is likely that the market price of our common stock will diminish.

In addition, interest rates have been at historically low levels for an extended period of time. The market for common shares of publicly traded REITs may be influenced by the distribution yield on their common shares (i.e., the amount of annual distributions as a percentage of the market price of their common shares) relative to market interest rates. Although current market interest rates remain low compared to historical levels, some market forecasts predict that interest rates will rise in the near term. For example, in December of 2015, the United States Federal Reserve raised its benchmark interest rate from 0 to 0.25%, and some industry analysts expect additional increases during 2016. If market interest rates increase, prospective purchasers of REIT common shares may seek to achieve a higher distribution yield, which we may not be able to, or may choose not to, provide. Thus, higher market interest rates could cause the market price of our common shares to decline.

The market price of our common stock could be volatile and could decline, resulting in a substantial or complete loss on our common stockholders' investment.

The market price of our common stock has been highly volatile in the past, and investors in our common stock may experience a decrease in the value of their shares, including decreases unrelated to our operating performance or prospects. In the past, securities class action litigation has often been instituted against companies following periods of volatility in their stock price. This type of litigation could result in substantial costs and divert our management's attention and resources.

Future issuances or sales of our common stock may depress the market price of our common stock and have a dilutive effect on our existing stockholders.

We cannot predict whether future issuances of our common stock or the availability of shares for resale in the open market may depress the market price of our common stock. Future issuances or sales of a substantial number of shares of our common stock in the public market, or the issuance of our common stock in connection with future property, portfolio or business acquisitions, or the perception that such issuances or sales might occur, may cause the market price of our shares to decline. In addition, future issuances or sales of our common stock may be dilutive to existing stockholders.

Future offerings of debt securities or preferred stock, which would be senior to our common stock upon liquidation and for the purpose of distributions, may cause the market price of our common stock to decline.

In the future, we may increase our capital resources by making additional offerings of debt or equity securities, which may include senior or subordinated notes, classes of preferred stock and/or common stock. We will be able to issue additional shares of common stock or preferred stock without stockholder approval, unless stockholder approval is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which our securities may be listed or traded. Upon liquidation, holders of our debt securities and shares of preferred stock and lenders with respect to other borrowings will receive a distribution of our available assets prior to the holders of our common stock. Additional equity offerings could significantly dilute the holdings of our existing stockholders or reduce the market price of our common stock, or both. Holders of our common stock are not entitled to preemptive rights or other protections against dilution. Preferred stock and debt, if issued, could

have a preference on liquidating distributions or a preference on dividend or interest payments that could limit our ability to make distributions to the holders of our common stock. Because our decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Thus, our stockholders bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the market price of our common stock and diluting their interest.

Our growth strategy may not achieve the anticipated results.

Our future success will depend on our ability to grow our business, including through capital investments to acquire and renovate full-service hotel properties. Our growth and innovation strategies require significant commitments of management resources and capital investments and may not grow our revenues at the rate we expect or at all. As a result, we may not be able to recover the costs incurred in acquiring or renovating new hotel properties or to realize their intended or projected benefits, which could materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or results of operations.

We cannot guarantee that we will repurchase our common stock pursuant to our recently announced share repurchase program or that our share repurchase program will enhance long-term stockholder value. Share repurchases could also increase the volatility of the price of our common stock and could diminish our cash reserves.

In November 2015, our board of directors approved a share repurchase program authorizing us to repurchase up to \$150 million in shares of our common stock. Although our board of directors has approved a share repurchase program, the share repurchase program does not obligate us to repurchase any specific dollar amount or to acquire any specific number of shares. The timing and amount of repurchases, if any, will depend upon several factors, including market and business conditions, the trading price of our common stock and the nature of other investment opportunities. The repurchase program may be limited, suspended or discontinued at any time without prior notice. In addition, repurchases of our common stock pursuant to our share repurchase program could affect our stock price and increase its volatility. The existence of a share repurchase program could cause our stock price to be higher than it would be in the absence of such a program and could potentially reduce the market liquidity for our stock. Additionally, our share repurchase program could diminish our cash reserves, which may impact our ability to finance future growth and to pursue possible future strategic opportunities and acquisitions. There can be no assurance that any share repurchases will enhance stockholder value because the market price of our common stock may decline below the levels at which we repurchased shares of stock. Although our share repurchase program is intended to enhance long-term stockholder value, there is no assurance that it will do so and short-term stock price fluctuations could reduce the program's effectiveness.

Item 1B. *Unresolved Staff Comments*

None.

Item 2. Properties

The following table sets forth certain information for each of our hotels owned as of December 31, 2015.

Hotel	City	State	Chain Scale Segment(1)	Service Category	Rooms	Manager
Chicago Marriott	Chicago	Illinois	Upper Upscale	Full Service	1,200	Marriott
Hilton Minneapolis	Minneapolis	Minnesota	Upper Upscale	Full Service	821	Hilton
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel	Boston	Massachusetts	Upper Upscale	Full Service	793	Starwood
Lexington Hotel New York	New York	New York	Upper Upscale	Full Service	725	Highgate Hotels
Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown	Salt Lake City	Utah	Upper Upscale	Full Service	510	Marriott
Renaissance Worthington	Fort Worth	Texas	Upper Upscale	Full Service	504	Marriott
Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort	St. Thomas	U.S. Virgin Islands	Upper Upscale	Full Service	502	Marriott
Orlando Airport Marriott	Orlando	Florida	Upper Upscale	Full Service	485	Marriott
Westin San Diego	San Diego	California	Upper Upscale	Full Service	436	Interstate Hotels & Resorts
Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort	Fort Lauderdale	Florida	Upper Upscale	Full Service	432	HEI Hotels & Resorts
Westin Washington, D.C. City Center	Washington	District of Columbia	Upper Upscale	Full Service	410	HEI Hotels & Resorts
Hilton Boston Downtown	Boston	Massachusetts	Upper Upscale	Full Service	403	Davidson Hotels & Resorts
Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa	Vail	Colorado	Upper Upscale	Full Service	344	Vail Resorts
Marriott Atlanta Alpharetta	Atlanta	Georgia	Upper Upscale	Full Service	318	Marriott
Courtyard Manhattan/Midtown East	New York	New York	Upscale	Select Service	317	Marriott
The Gwen Chicago	Chicago	Illinois	Luxury	Full Service	300	Crescent Hotels & Resorts
Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central	New York	New York	Upscale	Select Service	282	Highgate Hotels
Bethesda Marriott Suites	Bethesda	Maryland	Upper Upscale	Full Service	272	Marriott
Hilton Burlington	Burlington	Vermont	Upper Upscale	Full Service	258	Interstate Hotels & Resorts
JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek	Denver	Colorado	Luxury	Full Service	196	Sage Hospitality
Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue	New York	New York	Upscale	Select Service	185	Marriott
Sheraton Suites Key West	Key West	Florida	Upper Upscale	Full Service	184	Ocean Properties
The Lodge at Sonoma, a Renaissance Resort & Spa	Sonoma	California	Upper Upscale	Full Service	182	Marriott
Courtyard Denver Downtown	Denver	Colorado	Upscale	Full Service	177	Sage Hospitality
Hilton Garden Inn Chelsea/ New York City	New York	New York	Upscale	Full Service	169	HEI Hotels & Resorts
Renaissance Charleston	Charleston	South Carolina	Upper Upscale	Full Service	166	Marriott
Shorebreak Hotel	Huntington Beach	California	Upper Upscale	Full Service	157	Kimpton Hotels & Restaurants
Inn at Key West	Key West	Florida	Upscale	Select Service	106	Noble House Hotels & Resorts
Hotel Rex	San Francisco	California	Upper Upscale	Full Service	94	Joie de Vivre Hotels
Total					<u>10,928</u>	

(1) As defined by Smith Travel Research

We are party to hotel management agreements for each of our hotels and franchise agreements for thirteen of our hotels. Additional information regarding our hotel management and franchise agreements can be found in Note 13 to our accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Eight of our hotels are subject to ground lease agreements. Additional information regarding our hotels that are subject to ground leases can be found in Note 14 to our accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Item 3. *Legal Proceedings*

Litigation

We are subject to various claims, lawsuits and legal proceedings, including routine litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, regarding the operation of our hotels and Company matters. While it is not possible to ascertain the ultimate outcome of such matters, management believes that the aggregate amount of such liabilities, if any, in excess of amounts covered by insurance, will not have a material adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operations. The outcome of claims, lawsuits and legal proceedings brought against the Company, however, is subject to significant uncertainties.

Item 4. *Mine Safety Disclosures*

Not applicable.

Part II

Item 5. *Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities*

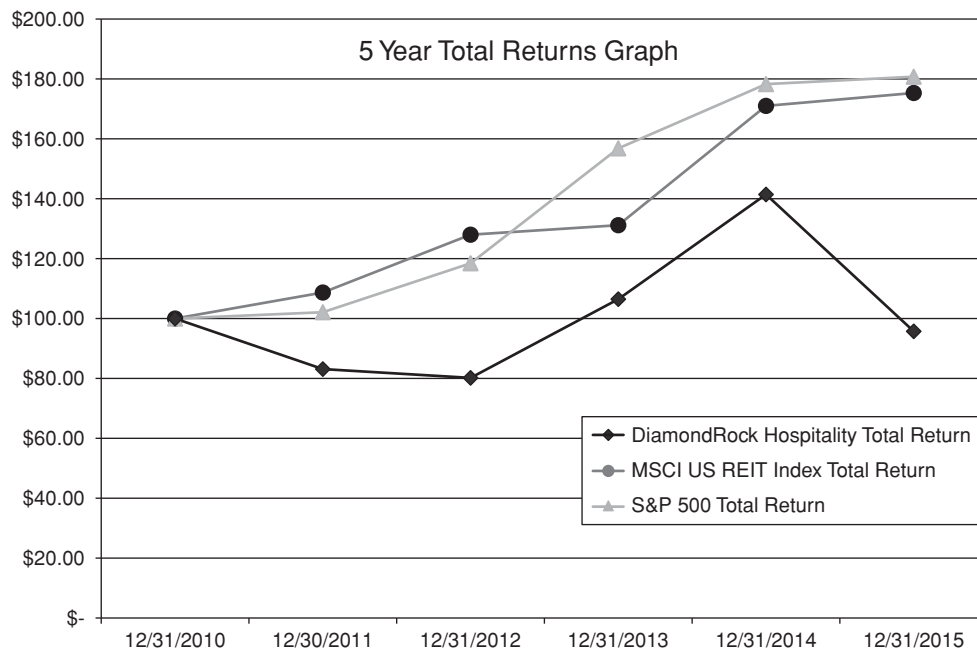
Market Information

Our common stock trades on the NYSE under the symbol "DRH". The following table sets forth, for the indicated period, the high and low sales prices for the common stock, as reported on the NYSE:

	Price Range	
	High	Low
Year Ended December 31, 2014:		
First Quarter	\$12.76	\$11.06
Second Quarter	13.02	11.46
Third Quarter	13.66	12.15
Fourth Quarter	15.72	12.33
Year Ended December 31, 2015:		
First Quarter	\$16.01	\$13.33
Second Quarter	14.45	12.66
Third Quarter	13.86	10.72
Fourth Quarter	12.84	9.65

The closing price of our common stock on the NYSE on December 31, 2015 was \$9.65 per share.

The following graph compares the five-year cumulative total stockholder return on our common stock against the cumulative total returns of the Standard & Poor’s 500 Index (the “*S&P 500 Total Return*”) and Morgan Stanley REIT Index (the “*RMZ Total Return*”). The graph assumes an initial investment of \$100 in our common stock in each of the indexes and also assumes the reinvestment of dividends. The total return values do not include dividends declared, but not paid, during the period.



	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
DiamondRock Hospitality Company Total Return	\$100.00	\$ 83.13	\$ 80.19	\$106.47	\$141.43	\$ 95.73
RMZ Total Return	\$100.00	\$108.69	\$128.00	\$131.17	\$171.01	\$175.32
S&P 500 Total Return	\$100.00	\$102.11	\$118.45	\$156.82	\$178.28	\$180.75

This performance graph shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or incorporated by reference into any filing by us under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Dividend Information

In order to maintain our qualification as a REIT, we must make distributions to our stockholders each year in an amount equal to at least:

- 90% of our REIT taxable income, determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and excluding net capital gains, plus
- 90% of the excess of our net income from foreclosure property over the tax imposed on such income by the Code, minus
- any excess non-cash income.

We generally pay quarterly cash dividends to common stockholders at the discretion of our board of directors. The following table sets forth the dividends on our common shares for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Dividend per Share</u>
April 10, 2014	March 31, 2014	\$0.1025
July 10, 2014	June 30, 2014	\$0.1025
October 10, 2014	September 30, 2014	\$0.1025
January 12, 2015	December 31, 2014	\$0.1025
April 10, 2015	March 31, 2015	\$0.1250
July 14, 2015	June 30, 2015	\$0.1250
October 13, 2015	September 30, 2015	\$0.1250
January 12, 2016	December 31, 2015	\$0.1250

Stockholder Information

As of February 26, 2016, there were 12 record holders of our common stock and we believe we have more than one thousand beneficial holders. In order to comply with certain requirements related to our qualification as a REIT, our charter, subject to certain exceptions, limits the number of common shares that may be owned by any single person or affiliated group to 9.8% of the outstanding common shares.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our 2016 proxy statement.

Fourth Quarter 2015 Repurchases of Equity Securities

<u>Period</u>	<u>(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased</u>	<u>(b) Average Price Paid per Share</u>	<u>(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</u>	<u>(d) Maximum Dollar Amount that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (in thousands)</u>
October 1 - October 31, 2015	—	\$—	—	\$100,000
November 1 - November 3, 2015	—	\$—	—	\$100,000(1)
November 4 - November 30, 2015	—	\$—	—	\$150,000(2)
December 1 - December 31, 2015	—	\$—	—	\$150,000

- (1) Represents amounts available under the Company's prior \$100 million share repurchase program. No shares were repurchased under this program prior to its termination.
- (2) On November 4, 2015, the Company's board of directors authorized a new \$150 million share repurchase program, which replaced the prior program. The share repurchase program may be suspended or terminated at any time without prior notice. To date, no shares have been repurchased under this program.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The selected historical financial information as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012 and 2011 has been derived from our audited historical financial statements. The selected historical financial data should be read in conjunction with “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations,” the consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes contained elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	(in thousands)				
Revenues:					
Rooms	\$673,578	\$628,870	\$558,751	\$509,902	\$416,028
Food and beverage	208,173	195,077	193,043	174,963	154,006
Other	49,239	48,915	47,894	42,022	30,049
Total revenues	<u>930,990</u>	<u>872,862</u>	<u>799,688</u>	<u>726,887</u>	<u>600,083</u>
Operating expenses:					
Rooms	163,549	162,870	151,040	135,437	111,378
Food and beverage	137,297	135,402	136,454	124,890	110,013
Other hotel expenses and management fees . . .	348,256	325,853	310,069	278,572	234,860
Impairment losses	10,461	—	—	30,844	—
Hotel acquisition costs	949	2,177	—	10,591	2,521
Corporate expenses(1)	24,061	22,267	23,072	21,095	21,247
Depreciation and amortization	101,143	99,650	103,895	97,004	82,187
Gain on insurance proceeds	—	(1,825)	—	—	—
Gain on litigation settlement, net	—	(10,999)	—	—	—
Total operating expenses	<u>785,716</u>	<u>735,395</u>	<u>724,530</u>	<u>698,433</u>	<u>562,206</u>
Operating income	145,274	137,467	75,158	28,454	37,877
Interest income	(359)	(3,027)	(6,328)	(305)	(612)
Interest expense	52,684	58,278	57,279	53,771	45,406
Other income, net	(329)	—	—	—	—
Gain on repayments of notes receivable	(3,927)	(13,550)	—	—	—
Gain on sales of hotel properties, net	—	(50,969)	—	—	—
Gain on hotel property acquisition	—	(23,894)	—	—	—
Loss (gain) on early extinguishment of debt . . .	—	1,616	1,492	(144)	—
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	97,205	169,013	22,715	(24,868)	(6,917)
Income tax (expense) benefit	(11,575)	(5,636)	1,113	6,793	(2,521)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	85,630	163,377	23,828	(18,075)	(9,438)
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	—	—	25,237	1,483	1,760
Net income (loss)	<u>\$ 85,630</u>	<u>\$163,377</u>	<u>\$ 49,065</u>	<u>\$ (16,592)</u>	<u>\$ (7,678)</u>

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	(in thousands, except for per share data)				
Earnings (loss) per share:					
Continuing operations	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.12	\$ (0.10)	\$ (0.06)
Discontinued operations	—	—	0.13	0.01	0.01
Basic earnings (loss) per share	<u>\$ 0.43</u>	<u>\$ 0.83</u>	<u>\$ 0.25</u>	<u>\$ (0.09)</u>	<u>\$ (0.05)</u>
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	<u>\$ 0.43</u>	<u>\$ 0.83</u>	<u>\$ 0.25</u>	<u>\$ (0.09)</u>	<u>\$ (0.05)</u>
Other data:					
Dividends declared per common share	<u>\$ 0.50</u>	<u>\$ 0.41</u>	<u>\$ 0.34</u>	<u>\$ 0.32</u>	<u>\$ 0.32</u>
FFO(2)	<u>\$197,234</u>	<u>\$212,058</u>	<u>\$131,987</u>	<u>\$120,961</u>	<u>\$ 91,546</u>
Adjusted FFO(2)	<u>\$203,352</u>	<u>\$171,507</u>	<u>\$139,301</u>	<u>\$140,163</u>	<u>\$103,643</u>
EBITDA(3)	<u>\$251,032</u>	<u>\$326,941</u>	<u>\$211,983</u>	<u>\$134,928</u>	<u>\$149,676</u>
Adjusted EBITDA(3)	<u>\$265,876</u>	<u>\$235,776</u>	<u>\$196,862</u>	<u>\$189,714</u>	<u>\$162,146</u>

	As of December 31,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
	(in thousands)				
Balance sheet data:					
Property and equipment, net	\$2,882,176	\$2,764,393	\$2,567,533	\$2,611,454	\$2,234,504
Cash and cash equivalents	213,584	144,365	144,584	9,623	26,291
Total assets	3,320,457	3,158,351	3,047,772	2,944,042	2,798,635
Total debt	1,177,696	1,038,330	1,091,861	988,731	1,042,933
Total liabilities	1,495,852	1,329,364	1,367,081	1,248,929	1,296,478
Stockholders' equity	1,824,605	1,828,987	1,680,691	1,695,113	1,502,157

- (1) Corporate expenses for the year ended December 31, 2014 include reimbursement of \$1.8 million of previously incurred legal fees and other costs from the proceeds of the Westin Boston Waterfront litigation settlement in 2014. Corporate expenses for the year ended December 31, 2013 include approximately \$3.1 million of costs related to the departure of our former President and Chief Operating Officer. Corporate expenses for the year ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 include legal fees of approximately \$2.5 million and \$2.3 million, respectively, related to the Allerton bankruptcy proceedings. Corporate expenses for the year ended December 31, 2011 include an accrual of \$1.7 million for the settlement of the Los Angeles Airport Marriott litigation.
- (2) See “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” below in “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” for a detailed description of FFO and Adjusted FFO and a discussion of why we believe that they are useful supplemental measures of our operating performance.
- (3) See “Non-GAAP Financial Measures” below in “Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” for a detailed description of EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA and why we believe that they are useful supplemental measures of our operating performance.

Item 7. Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes thereto included elsewhere in this report. This discussion contains forward-looking statements about our business. These statements are based on current expectations and assumptions that are subject to risks and uncertainties. Actual results could differ materially because of factors discussed in “Special Note About Forward-Looking Statements” and “Risk Factors” contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K and in our other reports that we file from time to time with the SEC.

Overview

DiamondRock Hospitality Company is a lodging-focused Maryland corporation operating as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) for federal income tax purposes. As of December 31, 2015, we owned a portfolio of 29 premium hotels and resorts that contain 10,928 guest rooms located in 18 different markets in North America and the U.S. Virgin Islands. As an owner, rather than an operator, of lodging properties, we receive all of the operating profits or losses generated by our hotels after the payment of fees due to hotel managers, which are calculated based on the revenues and profitability of each hotel.

Our vision is to be a highly professional public lodging REIT that delivers long-term returns for our stockholders which exceed long-term returns generated by our peers. Our goal is to deliver long-term stockholder returns through a combination of dividends and enduring capital appreciation. Our strategy is to utilize disciplined capital allocation, focus on high quality lodging properties in North American markets with superior growth prospects and high barriers-to-entry, aggressively asset management those hotels, and employ conservative amounts of leverage.

Our primary business is to acquire, own, asset manage and renovate full-service hotel properties in the United States. Our portfolio is concentrated in key gateway cities and destination resort locations. Each of our hotels is managed by a third party and a substantial number of our hotels are operated under a brand owned by one of the leading global lodging brand companies, including Marriott International, Inc. (“Marriott”), Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (“Starwood”) and Hilton Worldwide (“Hilton”).

We critically evaluate each of our hotels to ensure that we own a portfolio of hotels that conforms to our vision, supports our mission and corresponds with our strategy. On a regular basis, we analyze our portfolio to identify opportunities to invest capital in certain projects or market non-core assets for sale in order to increase our portfolio quality. We are committed to a conservative capital structure with prudent leverage. We regularly assess the availability and affordability of capital in order to maximize stockholder value and minimize enterprise risk. In addition, we are committed to following sound corporate governance practices and to being open and transparent in our communications with our stockholders.

High-Quality Urban and Destination Resort Hotels

As of December 31, 2015, we owned 29 premium hotels and resorts throughout North America and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Our hotels and resorts are primarily categorized as upper upscale as defined by Smith Travel Research and are generally located in high barrier-to-entry markets with multiple demand generators. Our properties are concentrated in key gateway cities and in resort destinations. We consider lodging properties located in gateway cities and resort destinations to be the most capable of creating dynamic cash flow growth and achieving superior long-term capital appreciation.

We have been executing on our strategy to enhance our hotel portfolio by actively recycling capital from non-core hotels located in slower growth markets to higher quality hotels located primarily in

high-growth urban and destination resort markets. Since 2010, we have repositioned our portfolio through the acquisition of approximately \$1.7 billion of urban and resort hotels that align with our strategic goals while disposing of more than \$0.6 billion in non-core hotels. These acquisitions increased our urban exposure with additional hotels in cities such as San Diego, San Francisco, Boston, Denver, Washington, D.C., as well as our resort exposure with our recent acquisitions in Key West and Huntington Beach, California. Over 90% of our portfolio EBITDA as of December 31, 2015 is derived from core urban and resort destination hotels. Our capital recycling program over the past five years also achieved several other important strategic portfolio goals that include improving our portfolio's geographic and brand diversity and achieving a mix of 50 percent brand-managed and 50 percent third-party managed hotels in our portfolio.

We are highly sensitive to our cost of capital and do not expect to pursue acquisitions unless they create value in the near term. We also expect to continue to evaluate the disposition of non-core hotels. We will continue to evaluate our portfolio for opportunities to continue to upgrade our portfolio by disposing of non-core hotels.

The primary focus of our acquisitions over the past five years was on hotels that we believe presented unique value-add opportunities. In addition, we have repositioned certain of our hotels through a change in brand, comprehensive renovation and/or change in third-party hotel manager to a more efficient operator. For example, we recently completed the first phase of a multi-phase capital expenditure program at the Chicago Marriott Downtown and amended the management agreement to permanently reduce management and incentive fees owed. Further, the Conrad Chicago was converted to Starwood's Luxury Collection as The Gwen with a \$25 million multi-year renovation and a change to a third-party operator. This program has helped us achieve strategic portfolio goals of improving our portfolio's brand and management diversity.

We evaluate each hotel in our portfolio to assess the optimal branding strategy for the individual hotel and market. We leverage the leading global hotel brands at most of our hotels, which are flagged under a brand owned by Marriott, Hilton or Starwood. We also maintain a small portion of our hotels as independent non-branded hotels. We believe that premier global hotel brands create significant value as a result of each brand's ability to produce incremental revenue through their strong reservation and rewards systems and sales organizations. We are also interested in owning other non-branded hotels located in premier or unique markets where we believe that the returns on such a hotel may be higher than if the hotel were operated under a globally-recognized brand.

Innovative Asset Management

We believe that we can create significant value in our portfolio through innovative asset management strategies such as rebranding, renovating and repositioning and we engage in a process of regular evaluations of our portfolio in order to determine if there are opportunities to employ these value-add strategies.

Our asset management team is focused on improving hotel profit margins through revenue management strategies and cost control programs. Our asset management team also focuses on identifying new and potential value creation opportunities across our portfolio, including implementing resort fees, creating incremental guest rooms, leasing out restaurants to more profitable third-party operators, converting under-utilized space to revenue-generating meeting space and implementing programs to reduce energy consumption.

Our senior management team has established a broad network of hotel industry contacts and relationships, including relationships with hotel owners, financiers, operators, project managers and contractors and other key industry participants. We use our broad network of hotel industry contacts and relationships to maximize the value of our hotels. We strive to negotiate management agreements that give us the right to exert influence over the management of our properties, annual budgets and all

capital expenditures (all, to the extent permitted under the REIT rules), and then to use those rights to continually monitor and improve the performance of our properties. We cooperatively partner with our hotel managers in an attempt to increase operating results and long-term asset values at our hotels. In addition to working directly with the personnel at our hotels, our senior management team also has long-standing professional relationships with our hotel managers' senior executives, and we work directly with these senior executives to improve the performance of the hotels in our portfolio that they manage.

Conservative Capital Structure

We believe that a conservative capital structure maximizes investment capacity while reducing enterprise risk. We currently employ a low-risk and straight-forward capital structure with no preferred equity or convertible bonds. We currently maintain significant balance sheet flexibility with existing corporate cash, no outstanding borrowings under our \$200 million senior unsecured credit facility, and 17 of our 29 hotels being unencumbered by mortgage debt as of December 31, 2015. We are well positioned for potential credit market volatility and uncertainty in the lodging cycle given that we have only one near-term debt maturity and the majority of our debt is financed with long-term, fixed-rate mortgages with a laddered maturity table. We believe it is imprudent to increase the inherent risk of highly cyclical lodging fundamentals through the use of a highly leveraged capital structure.

We believe that our strategically designed capital structure is a value creation tool that can be used over the entire lodging cycle. Specifically, we believe that lower leverage benefits us in the following ways:

- provides capacity to fund attractive acquisitions;
- enhances our ability to maintain a sustainable dividend;
- enables us to opportunistically repurchase shares during periods of stock price dislocation; and
- provides capacity to fund late-cycle capital needs.

Our current outstanding debt consists of property-specific mortgage debt, with the majority of our mortgage debt bearing interest at a fixed rate. We prefer that at least half of our portfolio remain unencumbered by debt in order to provide maximum balance sheet flexibility. In addition, to the extent that we incur additional debt, our general preference is non-recourse secured mortgage debt. We expect that our strategy will enable us to maintain a balance sheet with an appropriate amount of debt throughout all phases of the lodging cycle.

Key Indicators of Financial Condition and Operating Performance

We use a variety of operating and other information to evaluate the financial condition and operating performance of our business. These key indicators include financial information that is prepared in accordance with U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”), as well as other financial information that is not prepared in accordance with GAAP. In addition, we use other information that may not be financial in nature, including statistical information and comparative data. We use this information to measure the performance of individual hotels, groups of hotels and/or our business as a whole. We periodically compare historical information to our internal budgets as well as industry-wide information. These key indicators include:

- Occupancy percentage;
- Average Daily Rate (or ADR);
- Revenue per Available Room (or RevPAR);

- Earnings Before Interest, Income Taxes, Depreciation and Amortization (or EBITDA) and Adjusted EBITDA; and
- Funds From Operations (or FFO) and Adjusted FFO.

Occupancy, ADR and RevPAR are commonly used measures within the hotel industry to evaluate operating performance. RevPAR, which is calculated as the product of ADR and occupancy percentage, is an important statistic for monitoring operating performance at the individual hotel level and across our business as a whole. We evaluate individual hotel RevPAR performance on an absolute basis with comparisons to budget and prior periods, as well as on a company-wide and regional basis. ADR and RevPAR include only room revenue. Room revenue comprised approximately 72% of total revenues for the year ended December 31, 2015 and is dictated by demand, as measured by occupancy percentage, pricing, as measured by ADR, and our available supply of hotel rooms.

Our ADR, occupancy percentage and RevPAR performance may be impacted by macroeconomic factors such as U.S. economic conditions generally, regional and local employment growth, personal income and corporate earnings, office vacancy rates and business relocation decisions, airport and other business and leisure travel, new hotel construction and the pricing strategies of competitors. In addition, our ADR, occupancy percentage and RevPAR performance is dependent on the continued success of our hotels' global brands.

We also use EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, FFO and Adjusted FFO as measures of the financial performance of our business. See "Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

Overview of 2015 and Recent Developments

The U.S. lodging industry exceeded historical peak levels of occupancy during 2015, and new hotel supply remained below the historical average. We entered 2015 with three strategic goals: (1) execute on asset management initiatives to achieve improved operating results, (2) pursue accretive acquisitions in target markets to improve our portfolio's growth profile, and (3) opportunistically take advantage of the interest rate environment to lower borrowing costs. We were generally successful in achieving these goals. Key highlights for 2015 include the following:

Hotel Acquisitions. On February 6, 2015, we acquired the Shorebreak Hotel in Huntington Beach, California, for a contractual purchase price of \$58.5 million. On June 30, 2015, we acquired the Sheraton Suites Key West located in Key West, Florida for a contractual purchase price of \$94.0 million.

Hotel Financing Activity.

- On April 14, 2015, we refinanced the Renaissance Worthington with a new mortgage loan. The new loan has a principal balance of \$85.0 million and bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.66%.
- On May 11, 2015, we repaid the mortgage loan secured by the Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Beach Resort.
- On July 1, 2015, we refinanced the JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek with a new mortgage loan. The new loan has a principal balance of \$65.0 million and bears interest at a fixed rate of 4.33%.
- On October 9, 2015, we repaid the mortgage loan secured by the Orlando Airport Marriott.
- On October 27, 2015, we entered into a new mortgage loan secured by the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. The new loan has a principal balance of \$205.0 million and bears interest at a fixed rate of 4.36%.
- On January 11, 2016, we repaid the mortgage loan secured by the Chicago Marriott Downtown.

Hotel Rebranding. We executed a franchise agreement in April 2015 to affiliate the hotel formerly known as the Conrad Chicago with Starwood's Luxury Collection. The hotel's conversion to The Gwen, a Luxury Collection Hotel, occurred on September 1, 2015.

Outlook for 2016

We anticipate that RevPAR growth will decelerate in 2016. Many economic drivers underlying lodging fundamentals remain sound; however, there is increased uncertainty about the durability of the current lodging cycle. RevPAR underperformed in the latter part of 2015, driven by lower than expected business transient demand. Increased supply in urban markets, both from traditional and nontraditional channels, such as Airbnb, have contributed to uncertainty as to whether growth rates in recent years are sustainable in this lodging cycle. Our portfolio is weighted towards urban markets, specifically New York City and Chicago, which are two markets with recent supply increases in excess of national averages.

Other macro factors are contributing to this market uncertainty. In 2015, the Federal Open Market Committee raised the target funds rate for the first time since 2006 and has signaled other possible rate increases in 2016. Economic growth of certain key global economies, such as China and Brazil, have stalled and there is fear global economic declines and volatility may spill over to the U.S. economy. Further, fears of terrorism and international conflict may reduce travel.

In spite of this uncertainty, we enter 2016 with several favorable factors, including: (1) owning a high-quality portfolio concentrated in urban and resort locations; (2) increased internal growth from the continuation of our asset management initiatives and recent hotel renovations; and (3) a low leveraged capital structure, which benefits from interest cost savings from recent refinancing and repayments of higher cost loans and no significant near term debt maturities.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth certain operating information for the year ended December 31, 2015 for each of the hotels we owned during 2015.

Property	Location	Number of Rooms	Occupancy (%)	ADR(\$)	RevPAR(\$)	% Change from 2014 RevPAR(1)
Chicago Marriott	Chicago, Illinois	1,200	74.2%	\$220.81	\$163.89	4.2%
Hilton Minneapolis	Minneapolis, Minnesota	821	77.6%	148.85	115.44	7.3%
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel	Boston, Massachusetts	793	78.7%	242.09	190.49	9.4%
Lexington Hotel New York	New York, New York	725	93.3%	248.16	231.62	1.7%
Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown	Salt Lake City, Utah	510	71.1%	157.23	111.82	11.3%
Renaissance Worthington	Fort Worth, Texas	504	69.6%	181.30	126.22	4.9%
Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott						
Beach Resort	St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands	502	82.8%	248.64	205.97	0.3%
Orlando Airport Marriott	Orlando, Florida	485	78.9%	116.93	92.21	9.7%
Westin San Diego	San Diego, California	436	85.2%	185.87	158.36	15.1%
Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort	Fort Lauderdale, Florida	432	85.7%	181.87	155.93	4.7%
Westin Washington, D.C. City Center	Washington, D.C.	410	83.7%	211.55	177.09	14.9%
Hilton Boston Downtown	Boston, Massachusetts	403	83.8%	284.07	238.16	5.5%
Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa	Vail, Colorado	344	66.2%	266.93	176.71	7.7%
Marriott Atlanta Alpharetta	Atlanta, Georgia	318	72.9%	165.19	120.41	4.0%
Courtyard Manhattan/Midtown East	New York, New York	317	90.6%	269.83	244.38	(5.7)%
The Gwen Chicago(2)	Chicago, Illinois	300	74.7%	218.19	162.98	(13.7)%
Hilton Garden Inn New York City/Times						
Square Central(3)	New York, New York	282	97.2%	256.98	249.88	(4.8)%
Bethesda Marriott Suites	Bethesda, Maryland	272	66.7%	166.92	111.32	1.7%
Hilton Burlington	Burlington, Vermont	258	78.2%	171.23	133.87	5.0%
JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek	Denver, Colorado	196	81.4%	268.64	218.61	4.3%
Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue	New York, New York	185	89.5%	268.65	240.46	(4.4)%
Sheraton Suites Key West(4)	Key West, Florida	184	80.1%	232.69	186.39	4.7%
The Lodge at Sonoma, a Renaissance						
Resort & Spa	Sonoma, California	182	82.7%	279.80	231.39	9.9%
Courtyard Denver Downtown	Denver, Colorado	177	79.5%	203.39	161.75	2.6%
Hilton Garden Inn Chelsea/New York City	New York, New York	169	95.3%	230.79	219.97	2.5%
Renaissance Charleston	Charleston, South Carolina	166	88.4%	214.33	189.51	1.8%
Shorebreak Hotel(5)	Huntington Beach, California	157	79.7%	228.04	181.81	3.4%
Inn at Key West	Key West, Florida	106	84.3%	220.78	186.22	1.0%
Hotel Rex	San Francisco, California	94	82.8%	236.40	195.84	6.9%
Total/Weighted Average		10,928	80.1%	\$213.54	\$171.05	5.1%

- (1) The percentage change from 2014 RevPAR reflects the comparable period in 2014 to our 2015 ownership period for all hotels, excluding the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central for the period from January 1 to August 31, 2014, because the hotel opened for business on September 1, 2014.
- (2) The hotel formerly known as the Conrad Chicago converted to The Gwen, a Luxury Collection Hotel, on September 1, 2015. The decline in RevPAR from 2014 is related to the brand conversion.
- (3) The hotel opened on September 1, 2014. The percentage change in RevPAR includes operations from September 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015 to reflect the comparable period in 2014.
- (4) The hotel was purchased on June 30, 2015. The operating results reflect the period from June 30, 2015 through December 31, 2015.
- (5) The hotel was purchased on February 6, 2015. The operating results reflect the period from February 6, 2015 through December 31, 2015.

Comparison of the Year Ended December 31, 2015 to the Year Ended December 31, 2014

Revenue. Revenue consists primarily of the room, food and beverage and other operating revenues from our hotels, as follows (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		% Change
	2015	2014	
Rooms	\$673.6	\$628.9	7.1%
Food and beverage	208.2	195.1	6.7
Other	49.2	48.9	0.6
Total revenues	<u>\$931.0</u>	<u>\$872.9</u>	<u>6.7%</u>

Our total revenues increased \$58.1 million from \$872.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 to \$931.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. This increase includes amounts that are not comparable year-over-year as follows:

- \$2.3 million decrease from the Oak Brook Hills Resort, which was sold on April 14, 2014.
- \$51.4 million decrease from the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, which was sold on December 18, 2014.
- \$5.9 million increase from the Inn at Key West, which was purchased on August 15, 2014.
- \$16.2 million increase from the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central, which opened on September 1, 2014.
- \$40.6 million increase from the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, which was purchased on December 3, 2014.
- \$13.0 million increase from the Shorebreak Hotel, which was purchased on February 6, 2015.
- \$7.8 million increase from the Sheraton Suites Key West, which was purchased on June 30, 2015.

Excluding these non-comparable amounts our total revenues increased \$28.3 million, or 3.5%.

The following pro forma key hotel operating statistics for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 assume we owned each of our 29 hotels since January 1, 2014 and excludes the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central for the period from January 1, 2014 to August 31, 2014 since the hotel opened on September 1, 2014.

	Year Ended December 31,		% Change
	2015	2014	
Occupancy %	79.9%	79.0%	0.9 percentage points
ADR	\$213.74	\$206.58	3.5%
RevPAR	\$170.87	\$163.26	4.7%

Room revenue increased across each of our three major customer segments. Revenue from the leisure transient segment experienced the highest growth at 9.8%. Business transient revenue increased 3.9%, and group revenue increased 2.5%. The growth in the group and business transient segments was driven by increases in ADR, offset by slight declines in occupancy. The leisure transient segment growth was the result of a 7% increase in demand and a 2.6% increase in ADR.

Food and beverage revenues increased \$13.1 million from the year ended December 31, 2014, which includes amounts that are not comparable year-over-year as follows:

- \$1.2 million decrease from the Oak Brook Hills Resort, which was sold on April 14, 2014.
- \$14.3 million decrease from the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, which was sold on December 18, 2014.
- \$0.5 million increase from the Inn at Key West, which was purchased on August 15, 2014.
- \$14.1 million increase from the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, which was purchased on December 3, 2014.
- \$2.9 million increase from the Shorebreak Hotel, which was purchased on February 6, 2015.
- \$0.8 million increase from the Sheraton Suites Key West, which was purchased on June 30, 2015.

Excluding these non-comparable amounts, food and beverage revenues increased \$10.3 million, or 5.7%, driven primarily by increased banquet and catering revenues, which included an over 10% increase in banquet and group contribution per room.

Other revenues, which primarily represent spa, parking, resort fees and attrition and cancellation fees, increased by \$0.3 million from the year ended December 31, 2014, primarily due to the implementation of resort fees at certain hotels, partially offset by a decrease due to hotels sold in 2014.

Hotel operating expenses. The operating expenses consisted of the following (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		% Change
	2015	2014	
Rooms departmental expenses	\$163.5	\$162.9	0.4%
Food and beverage departmental expenses	137.3	135.4	1.4
Other departmental expenses	17.1	20.1	(14.9)
General and administrative	73.2	68.5	6.9
Utilities	27.1	27.8	(2.5)
Repairs and maintenance	36.9	36.7	0.5
Sales and marketing	65.1	60.4	7.8
Franchise fees	22.0	15.3	43.8
Base management fees	23.2	21.5	7.9
Incentive management fees	7.4	8.5	(12.9)
Property taxes	46.9	39.8	17.8
Other fixed charges	12.6	11.2	12.5
Hotel pre-opening and transition costs	1.7	1.0	70.0
Ground rent—Contractual	9.4	8.9	5.6
Ground rent—Non-cash	5.7	6.1	(6.6)
Total hotel operating expenses	<u>\$649.1</u>	<u>\$624.1</u>	<u>4.0%</u>

Our hotel operating expenses increased \$25.0 million from the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase in hotel operating expenses includes amounts that are not comparable year-over-year as follows:

- \$3.8 million decrease from the Oak Brook Hills Resort, which was sold on April 14, 2014.
- \$39.6 million decrease from the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, which was sold on December 18, 2014.
- \$2.7 million increase from the Inn at Key West, which was purchased on August 15, 2014.

- \$9.8 million increase from the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central, which opened on September 1, 2014.
- \$27.3 million increase from the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, which was purchased on December 3, 2014.
- \$8.6 million increase from the Shorebreak Hotel, which was purchased on February 6, 2015.
- \$4.8 million increase from the Sheraton Suites Key West, which was purchased on June 30, 2015.

Excluding the non-comparable amounts, hotel operating expenses increased \$15.2 million, or 2.6%, from the year ended December 31, 2014. Franchise fees increased \$6.7 million, or 43.8%, primarily due to the opening of the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central, increasing franchise fees at the Lexington Hotel New York and the acquisitions of the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort and Sheraton Suites Key West. Property taxes increased \$7.1 million, or 17.8%, primarily due to property tax reassessments at our properties, particularly our Chicago hotels, as well as newly acquired hotels. Incentive management fees decreased \$1.1 million, or 12.9%, primarily due to an amendment to the management agreement at the Chicago Marriott Downtown, which reduced management fees beginning in April 2015. Hotel pre-opening and transition costs increased \$0.7 million, or 70%, primarily due to the rebranding of the hotel formerly known as the Conrad Chicago to The Gwen, a Luxury Collection Hotel in 2015.

Depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization is recorded on our hotel buildings over 40 years for the periods subsequent to acquisition. Depreciable lives of hotel furniture, fixtures and equipment are estimated as the time period between the acquisition date and the date that the hotel furniture, fixtures and equipment will be replaced. Our depreciation and amortization expense increased \$1.5 million from the year ended December 31, 2014. The increase is primarily due to depreciation on capital expenditures from our recent hotel renovations, partially offset by an increase in fully depreciated furniture, fixtures and equipment.

Impairment losses. During the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded impairment losses of \$0.8 million on the favorable lease asset related to a tenant lease at the Lexington Hotel New York and \$9.6 million on the option to acquire a leasehold interest in a parcel of land adjacent to the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel for the development of a new hotel.

Hotel acquisition costs. We incurred \$0.9 million of hotel acquisition costs during the year ended December 31, 2015 due to our acquisitions of the Shorebreak Hotel and Sheraton Suites Key West, as well as additional transfer taxes on an acquired hotel. We incurred \$2.1 million of hotel acquisition costs during the year ended December 31, 2014 associated with the acquisitions of the Inn at Key West, Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central and Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort.

Corporate expenses. Corporate expenses principally consist of employee-related costs, including base payroll, bonus and restricted stock. Corporate expenses also include corporate operating costs, professional fees and directors' fees. Our corporate expenses increased \$1.8 million year over year. The increase is due primarily to the reimbursement of \$1.8 million of previously incurred legal and other costs from the proceeds of the Westin Boston Waterfront litigation settlement recorded in 2014, as well as higher employee-related costs in 2015.

Gain on insurance proceeds. The gain on insurance proceeds of \$1.8 million during the year ended December 31, 2014 relates to proceeds received to recover property damage losses under our property insurance policy related to an electrical fire at the Lexington Hotel New York.

Gain on litigation settlement. In May 2014, we settled a legal action alleging certain issues related to the original construction of the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel with the contractors and their insurers for \$14.0 million in full and complete satisfaction of our claims against the contractors. The

settlement resulted in a net gain of \$11.0 million. We recorded the settlement net of a \$1.2 million contingency fee paid to our legal counsel and \$1.8 million of legal fees and other costs incurred over the course of the legal proceedings, which were previously recorded as corporate expenses.

Interest income. Interest income decreased \$2.6 million from \$3.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 to \$0.4 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. The decrease is primarily due to our not recording interest income on the Allerton loan during the year ended December 31, 2015, since the loan was prepaid on May 21, 2014.

Interest expense. Our interest expense was \$52.7 million and \$58.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively, and is comprised of the following (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014
Mortgage debt interest	\$49.0	\$55.7
Credit facility interest and unused fees	1.1	0.9
Amortization of deferred financing costs and debt premium	2.1	2.6
Capitalized interest	—	(0.9)
Interest rate cap fair value adjustment	0.5	0.0
	<u>\$52.7</u>	<u>\$58.3</u>

The decrease in mortgage debt interest expense is related to the repayment of the mortgage loan secured by the Los Angeles Airport Marriott in connection with the sale of the hotel in December 2014, the prepayments of the mortgage loan secured by Frenchman’s Reef in May 2015, the mortgage loan secured by the Orlando Airport Marriott in October 2015, the amendment to the mortgage loan secured by the Lexington Hotel New York in October 2014, which reduced the interest rate, and lower interest rates on our refinanced mortgage loans.

Gain on repayments of notes receivable. In November 2015, we received \$3.9 million for the repayment of the fully reserved loan we provided to the buyer of the Oak Brook Hills Resort upon sale of the hotel in 2014. As a result of the repayment, we recorded a gain of \$3.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2015. In May 2014, we received \$58.5 million for the prepayment of the senior mortgage loan secured by Allerton Hotel. As a result of the prepayment, we recorded a gain of \$13.6 million during the year ended December 31, 2014.

Gain on sale of hotel properties, net. On April 14, 2014, we sold the Oak Brook Hills Resort for \$30.1 million, which resulted in a net gain of \$1.3 million. On December 18, 2014, we sold the Los Angeles Airport Marriott for total proceeds of approximately \$160 million and recognized a gain of \$49.7 million.

Gain on hotel property acquisition. During the year ended December 31, 2014, we recorded a gain of \$23.9 million related to our purchase of the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central in New York as the fair value of the hotel increased from our contractual purchase price at the time we entered into the purchase and sale agreement in 2011 to the fair value at the closing date of August 29, 2014.

Loss on early extinguishment of debt. We prepaid the \$82.6 million mortgage loan previously secured by the Los Angeles Airport Marriott in connection with the sale of the hotel in December 2014 and recognized a loss on early extinguishment of debt of approximately \$1.6 million.

Income taxes. We recorded income tax expense of \$11.6 million in 2015 and \$5.6 million in 2014. The 2015 income tax expense includes \$11.3 million of income tax expense incurred on the

\$29.1 million pre-tax income of our taxable REIT subsidiary, or TRS, and foreign income tax expense of \$0.3 million incurred on the \$7.2 million pre-tax income of the TRS that owns Frenchman's Reef. The 2014 income tax expense includes \$5.3 million of income tax expense incurred on the \$11.9 million pre-tax income of our TRS, and foreign income tax expense of \$0.3 million incurred on the \$5.5 million pre-tax income of the TRS that owns Frenchman's Reef.

Comparison of the Year Ended December 31, 2014 to the Year Ended December 31, 2013.

Revenue. Revenue consists primarily of the room, food and beverage and other operating revenues from our hotels, as follows (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		% Change
	2014	2013	
Rooms	\$628.9	\$558.8	12.5%
Food and beverage	195.1	193.0	1.1
Other	48.9	47.9	2.1
Total revenues	<u>\$872.9</u>	<u>\$799.7</u>	<u>9.2%</u>

Our total revenues from continuing operations increased \$73.2 million from \$799.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 to \$872.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. This increase includes amounts that are not comparable year-over-year as follows:

- \$17.4 million decrease from the Oak Brook Hills Resort, which was sold on April 14, 2014.
- \$2.1 million decrease from the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, which was sold on December 18, 2014.
- \$2.5 million increase from the Inn at Key West, which was purchased on August 15, 2014.
- \$9.1 million increase from the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central, which opened on September 1, 2014.
- \$3.6 million increase from the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, which was purchased on December 3, 2014.

Excluding these non-comparable amounts our total revenues increased \$77.5 million, or 9.7%.

The following pro forma key hotel operating statistics for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 exclude the Oak Brook Hills Resort and the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, which were sold in 2014, and the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central, which opened for business on September 1, 2014, and include the results of operations of the Inn at Key West and the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort under previous ownership, as if such hotels were acquired on January 1, 2013.

	Year Ended December 31,		% Change
	2014	2013	
Occupancy %	78.7%	75.0%	3.7 percentage points
ADR	\$205.09	\$192.86	6.3%
RevPAR	\$161.44	\$144.67	11.6%

Room revenue increased across all customer segments reflecting the continued improvement in lodging industry fundamentals. Revenue from the business transient segment experienced the highest growth, particularly at the Lexington Hotel New York primarily as a result of the hotel's rebranding

and repositioning. Group revenue was also strong, driven primarily by our two hotels in Boston, the Renaissance Worthington and Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort.

Food and beverage revenues increased \$2.0 million from the year ended December 31, 2013, which includes amounts that are not comparable year-over-year as follows:

- \$8.7 million decrease from the Oak Brook Hills Resort, which was sold on April 14, 2014.
- \$0.6 million decrease from the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, which was sold on December 18, 2014.
- \$0.2 million increase from the Inn at Key West, which was purchased on August 15, 2014.
- \$1.2 million increase from the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, which was purchased on December 3, 2014.

Excluding these non-comparable amounts, food and beverage revenues increased \$9.9 million, or 5.1%, driven by increases in both banquet and outlet revenue.

Other revenues, which primarily represent spa, parking, resort fees and attrition and cancellation fees, increased by \$1.0 million from the year ended December 31, 2013. Excluding non-comparable hotels, other revenues increased \$2.5 million due primarily to the implementation of resort fees at certain hotels.

Hotel operating expenses. The operating expenses consisted of the following (in millions):

	Year Ended December 31,		% Change
	2014	2013	
Rooms departmental expenses	\$162.9	\$151.0	7.9%
Food and beverage departmental expenses	135.4	136.5	(0.8)
Other departmental expenses	20.1	21.9	(8.2)
General and administrative	68.5	64.2	6.7
Utilities	27.8	28.2	(1.4)
Repairs and maintenance	36.7	36.8	(0.3)
Sales and marketing	60.4	56.2	7.5
Franchise fees	15.3	11.4	34.2
Base management fees	21.5	19.3	11.4
Incentive management fees	8.5	6.2	37.1
Property taxes	39.8	40.0	(0.5)
Other fixed charges	11.2	10.9	2.8
Hotel pre-opening costs	1.0	—	100.0
Ground rent—Contractual	8.9	8.5	4.7
Ground rent—Non-cash	6.1	6.5	(6.2)
Total hotel operating expenses	<u>\$624.1</u>	<u>\$597.6</u>	<u>10.9%</u>

Our hotel operating expenses increased \$26.5 million from the year ended December 31, 2013. The increase in hotel operating expenses includes amounts that are not comparable year-over-year as follows:

- \$15.5 million decrease from the Oak Brook Hills Resort, which was sold on April 14, 2014.
- \$1.8 million decrease from the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, which was sold on December 18, 2014.
- \$1.3 million increase from the Inn at Key West, which was purchased on August 15, 2014.

- \$4.9 million increase from the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central, which opened on September 1, 2014.
- \$2.5 million increase from the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, which was purchased on December 3, 2014.

Excluding these non-comparable amounts, hotel operating expenses increased \$35.1 million, or 5.9%, from the year ended December 31, 2013. Rooms departmental expenses increased primarily due to travel agent commissions and wages and benefits. Hotel-level support costs, which include general and administrative, utilities, repairs and maintenance and sales and marketing expenses, increased primarily due to higher credit card commissions in general and administrative and higher rewards program costs in sales and marketing. Franchise fees increased 34.2% due primarily to the branding of the Lexington Hotel New York to Marriott's Autograph Collection, as well as higher revenues.

Depreciation and amortization. Depreciation and amortization is recorded on our hotel buildings over 40 years for the periods subsequent to acquisition. Depreciable lives of hotel furniture, fixtures and equipment are estimated as the time period between the acquisition date and the date that the hotel furniture, fixtures and equipment will be replaced. Our depreciation and amortization expense decreased \$4.2 million from the year ended December 31, 2013. The decrease is primarily due to an increase in fully depreciated furniture, fixtures and equipment, partially offset by depreciation on capital expenditures from our recent hotel renovations.

Hotel acquisition costs. We incurred \$2.1 million of hotel acquisition costs during the year ended December 31, 2014 associated with the acquisitions of the Inn at Key West, Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central and Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort during 2014. We had no acquisitions during the year ended December 31, 2013.

Corporate expenses. Corporate expenses principally consist of employee-related costs, including base payroll, bonus and restricted stock. Corporate expenses also include corporate operating costs, professional fees and directors' fees. Our corporate expenses decreased \$0.8 million, from \$23.1 million for the year December 31, 2013 to \$22.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The decrease in corporate expenses is due primarily to \$3.1 million in severance costs incurred in connection with the departure of our former President and Chief Operating Officer during 2013 and reimbursement of \$1.8 million of previously incurred legal fees and other costs from the proceeds of the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel litigation settlement in 2014. The decrease is partially offset by an increase in employee-related costs, which includes \$0.7 million of severance costs incurred during the year ended December 31, 2014.

Gain on insurance proceeds. In June 2013, an electrical fire caused the Lexington Hotel New York to lose power, which resulted in lost revenue and additional expenses due to the business interruption, as well as property damage. The gain on insurance proceeds of \$1.8 million for the year ended December 31, 2014 stems from proceeds received to recover property damage losses under our property insurance policy.

Gain on litigation settlement, net. In May 2014, we settled a legal action alleging certain issues related to the original construction of the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel with the contractors and their insurers for \$14.0 million in full and complete satisfaction of our claims against the contractors. The settlement resulted in a net gain of \$11.0 million. We recorded the settlement net of a \$1.2 million contingency fee paid to our legal counsel and \$1.8 million of legal fees and other costs incurred over the course of the legal proceedings, which were previously recorded as corporate expenses.

Interest income. Interest income decreased \$3.3 million from \$6.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2013 to \$3.0 million for the year ended December 31, 2014. The decrease is primarily due to the repayment of the Allerton loan in May 2014.

Interest expense. Our interest expense was \$58.3 million and \$57.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2014 and December 31, 2013, respectively, and is comprised of the following (in millions):

	<u>Year Ended</u> <u>December 31,</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Mortgage debt interest	\$55.7	\$54.9
Credit facility interest and unused fees	0.9	1.0
Amortization of deferred financing costs and debt premium	2.6	2.7
Capitalized interest	(0.9)	(1.4)
Interest rate cap fair value adjustment	0.0	0.1
	<u>\$58.3</u>	<u>\$57.3</u>

Gain on repayments of notes receivable. We received \$58.5 million from the prepayment of the senior mortgage loan secured by the Allerton Hotel in May 2014. As a result of the prepayment, we recorded a gain of \$13.6 million.

Gain on sales of hotel properties, net. On April 14, 2014, we sold the Oak Brook Hills Resort for approximately \$30.1 million and recognized a gain of \$1.3 million. On December 18, 2014, we sold the Los Angeles Airport Marriott for total proceeds of approximately \$160 million and recognized a gain of \$49.7 million.

Gain on hotel property acquisition. We recorded a gain of \$23.9 million related to our purchase of the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central in New York. The gain was a result of the fair value of the hotel increasing from our contractual purchase price at the time we entered into the purchase and sale agreement in 2011 to the fair value at the closing date of August 29, 2014.

Loss on early extinguishment of debt. We prepaid the \$82.6 million mortgage loan previously secured by the Los Angeles Airport Marriott in connection with the sale of the hotel in December 2014 and recognized a loss on early extinguishment of debt of approximately \$1.6 million. In October 2013, we prepaid the \$27.3 million mortgage loan previously secured by the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown and recognized a loss on early extinguishment of debt of approximately \$1.5 million.

Income taxes. We recorded income tax expense of \$5.6 million in 2014 and income tax benefit of \$1.1 million in 2013. The 2014 income tax expense includes \$5.3 million of income tax expense incurred on the \$11.9 million pre-tax income of our taxable REIT subsidiary, or TRS, and foreign income tax expense of \$0.3 million incurred on the \$5.5 million pre-tax income of the TRS that owns Frenchman’s Reef. The 2013 income tax benefit includes a \$1.5 million income tax benefit incurred on the \$4.6 million pre-tax loss from continuing operation of our TRS, partially offset by foreign income tax expense of \$0.4 million related to the TRS that owns Frenchman’s Reef.

Discontinued operations. Income from discontinued operations represents the operating results of the Torrance Marriott South Bay, which was sold in 2013. Effective January 1, 2014, we adopted Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*. Neither the sale of the Oak Brook Hills Resort nor the sale of the Los Angeles Airport Marriott represent a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on our operations and financial results. Accordingly, the financial results of these two hotels are presented within continuing operations for all periods presented on the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Our short-term liquidity requirements consist primarily of funds necessary to fund distributions to our stockholders to maintain our REIT status as well as to pay for operating expenses and capital expenditures directly associated with our hotels, funding of share repurchases, if any, under our share repurchase program, debt repayments upon maturity and scheduled debt payments of interest and principal. We currently expect that our available cash flows, which are generally provided through net cash from hotel operations, existing cash balances, equity issuances, proceeds from new financings and refinancings of maturing debt and, if necessary, short-term borrowings under our senior unsecured credit facility, will be sufficient to meet our short-term liquidity requirements.

Our long-term liquidity requirements consist primarily of funds necessary to pay for the costs of acquiring additional hotels, renovations, and other capital expenditures that need to be made periodically to our hotels, scheduled debt payments, debt maturities and making distributions to our stockholders. We expect to meet our long-term liquidity requirements through various sources of capital, including cash provided by operations, borrowings, issuances of additional equity and/or debt securities and proceeds from property dispositions. Our ability to incur additional debt is dependent upon a number of factors, including the state of the credit markets, our degree of leverage, the value of our unencumbered assets and borrowing restrictions imposed by existing lenders. Our ability to raise capital through the issuance of additional equity and/or debt securities is also dependent on a number of factors including the current state of the capital markets, investor sentiment and intended use of proceeds. We may need to raise additional capital if we identify acquisition opportunities that meet our investment objectives and require liquidity in excess of existing cash balances. Our ability to raise funds through the issuance of equity securities depends on, among other things, general market conditions for hotel companies and REITs and market perceptions about us.

Our Financing Strategy

Since our formation in 2004, we have been committed to a conservative capital structure with prudent leverage. The majority of our outstanding debt is fixed interest rate mortgage debt. We have a preference to maintain a significant portion of our portfolio as unencumbered assets in order to provide balance sheet flexibility. In addition, to the extent that we incur additional debt, our preference is non-recourse secured mortgage debt. We expect that our strategy will enable us to maintain a balance sheet with an appropriate amount of debt throughout all phases of the lodging cycle. We believe that it is not prudent to increase the inherent risk of highly cyclical lodging fundamentals through the use of a highly leveraged capital structure.

We prefer a relatively simple but efficient capital structure. We have not invested in joint ventures and have not issued any operating partnership units or preferred stock. We structure our hotel acquisitions to be straightforward and to fit within our capital structure; however, we will consider a more complex transaction if we believe that the projected returns to our stockholders will significantly exceed the returns that would otherwise be available.

We believe that we maintain a reasonable amount of debt. As of February 29, 2016, we have \$1.0 billion of debt outstanding with a weighted average interest rate of 4.08% and a weighted average maturity date of approximately 6.0 years. We maintain one of the most durable and lowest levered balance sheets among our lodging REIT peers. We maintain balance sheet flexibility with limited near term debt maturities, capacity on our \$200 million senior unsecured credit facility and 18 of our 29 hotels unencumbered by mortgage debt. We remain committed to our core strategy of maintaining a simple capital structure with conservative leverage.

Information about our refinancing and new financing activities is available in Note 9 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Short-Term Borrowings

Other than borrowings under our senior unsecured credit facility, we do not utilize short-term borrowings to meet liquidity requirements. As of December 31, 2015, we had no borrowings outstanding under our senior unsecured credit facility.

Senior Unsecured Credit Facility

We are party to a five-year, \$200 million unsecured credit facility expiring in January 2017. Information about our senior unsecured credit facility is found in Note 9 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Sources and Uses of Cash

Our principal sources of cash are net cash flow from hotel operations and borrowings under mortgage debt and our senior unsecured credit facility. Our principal uses of cash are acquisitions of hotel properties, debt service, debt maturities, capital expenditures, operating costs, corporate expenses and dividends. As of December 31, 2015, we had \$213.6 million of unrestricted corporate cash, \$59.3 million of restricted cash, and borrowing capacity under our credit facility.

Our net cash provided by operations was \$227.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2015. Our cash from operations generally consists of the net cash flow from hotel operations offset by cash paid for corporate expenses and other working capital changes.

Our net cash used in investing activities was \$203.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 which consisted of \$150.4 million paid for the acquisitions of the Shorebreak Hotel and the Sheraton Suites Key West and capital expenditures at our hotels of \$63.0 million, partially offset by \$3.9 million for the repayment of our loan extended to the buyer of the Oak Brook Hills Resort, the receipt of \$3.0 million of key money with respect to The Gwen Chicago, and the net return of \$2.8 million from lender reserves.

Our net cash provided by financing activities was \$45.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2015 and consisted primarily of \$355.0 million of proceeds from new mortgage debt and \$7.8 million in net proceeds from our ATM program, partially offset by \$202.1 million of repayments of mortgage debt, \$96.1 million of dividend payments, \$2.9 million of deferred financing costs paid in refinancing and financing mortgage loans, \$2.7 million paid to repurchase shares upon the vesting of restricted stock for the payment of tax withholding obligations and \$13.3 million of scheduled mortgage debt principal payments.

We currently anticipate our significant sources of cash for the remainder of the year ending December 31, 2016 will be the net cash flow from hotel operations and potential proceeds from the disposition of non-core hotels. We expect our estimated uses of cash for the year ending December 31, 2016 will be the repayment of the mortgage loan secured by the Chicago Marriott (which we prepaid on January 11, 2016), repayment of the mortgage loan secured by the Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue, potential share repurchases, regularly scheduled debt service payments, capital expenditures, dividends, and corporate expenses.

Dividend Policy

We intend to distribute to our stockholders dividends at least equal to our REIT taxable income and not to have to pay corporate income tax and excise tax on our earnings (other than the earnings of our TRS), which are all subject to tax at regular corporate rates) in order to qualify for the tax benefits

afforded to REITs under the Code. In order to qualify as a REIT under the Code, we generally must make distributions to our stockholders each year in an amount equal to at least:

- 90% of our REIT taxable income determined without regard to the dividends paid deduction and excluding net capital gains, plus
- 90% of the excess of our net income from foreclosure property over the tax imposed on such income by the Code, minus
- any excess non-cash income.

The timing and frequency of distributions will be authorized by our board of directors and declared by us based upon a variety of factors, including our financial performance, restrictions under applicable law and our current and future loan agreements, our debt service requirements, our capital expenditure requirements, the requirements for qualification as a REIT under the Code and other factors that our board of directors may deem relevant from time to time.

The following table sets forth the dividends on our common shares for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Dividend per Share</u>
April 10, 2014	March 31, 2014	\$0.1025
July 10, 2014	June 30, 2014	\$0.1025
October 10, 2014	September 30, 2014	\$0.1025
January 12, 2015	December 31, 2014	\$0.1025
April 10, 2015	March 31, 2015	\$0.1250
July 14, 2015	June 30, 2015	\$0.1250
October 13, 2015	September 30, 2015	\$0.1250
January 12, 2016	December 31, 2015	\$0.1250

Capital Expenditures

The management and franchise agreements for each of our hotels provide for the establishment of separate property improvement funds to cover, among other things, the cost of replacing and repairing furniture, fixtures and equipment at our hotels. Contributions to the property improvement fund are calculated as a percentage of hotel revenues. In addition, we may be required to pay for the cost of certain additional improvements that are not permitted to be funded from the property improvement fund under the applicable management or franchise agreement. As of December 31, 2015, we have \$39.7 million for capital projects in property improvement funds, which are included in restricted cash.

We spent approximately \$63.0 million on capital improvements on our hotels in 2015, which included the following significant projects:

- **Hilton Boston Downtown:** We completed a return on investment project at the hotel to create an incremental 41 guest rooms and upgrade additional guest rooms, which created over 90 premium rooms.
- **Chicago Marriott Downtown:** We commenced a multi-year guest room renovation at the hotel. Marriott is contributing to the cost of the renovation through an amendment to the hotel's management agreement to reduce management fees for the remaining term of the agreement. The first phase of the guest room renovation, which consisted of 140 rooms, including all 25 suites, was completed during the first quarter of 2015. We also added Marriott's new prototype F&B grab-and-go outlet in the hotel's lobby.

We expect to spend approximately \$150 million on capital improvements at our hotels in 2016, which includes carryover from 2015 projects. Significant projects in 2016 include:

- **The Gwen, a Luxury Collection:** We rebranded the Conrad Chicago to Starwood's Luxury Collection on September 1, 2015. The renovation work associated with the brand conversion, which is expected to cost approximately \$25 million, will be completed in two phases. The first phase, consisting of the lobby and other public space, commenced in January 2016, and is expected to be completed by May 2016. The second phase of the renovation, consisting of the guest rooms, is expected to be completed during the seasonally slow winter season beginning in late 2016.
- **Chicago Marriott Downtown:** The second phase of the renovation, which consists of approximately 460 rooms and the hotel's fitness center, commenced in late 2015 and is expected to be completed early in the second quarter of 2016. The remaining guest rooms will be renovated during the seasonally slow winter months over the next two years and is not expected to result in material disruption.
- **The Lodge at Sonoma:** We expect to renovate the guest rooms at the hotel during the seasonally slow months of late 2016 and early 2017.
- **Charleston Renaissance:** We expect to renovate the guest rooms at the hotel during the fourth quarter of 2016.
- **Worthington Renaissance:** We expect to renovate the guest rooms at the hotel during the seasonally slow summer of 2016.

Contractual Obligations

The following table outlines the timing of payment requirements related to our debt and other commitments of our operating partnership as of December 31, 2015.

	Payments Due by Period				
	Total	Less Than 1 Year	1 to 3 Years (In thousands)	4 to 5 Years	After 5 Years
Long-Term Debt Obligations Including Interest(1)	\$1,438,251	\$305,517	\$269,864	\$147,027	\$ 715,843
Operating Lease Obligations—Ground Leases and Office Space	661,745	11,095	22,512	6,732	621,406
Purchase Commitments(2) Purchase Orders and Letters of Commitment	30,778	30,778	—	—	—
Total	<u>\$2,130,774</u>	<u>\$347,390</u>	<u>\$292,376</u>	<u>\$153,759</u>	<u>\$1,337,249</u>

(1) The interest expense for our variable rate loan is calculated based on the rate as of December 31, 2015.

(2) As of December 31, 2015, purchase orders and letters of commitment totaling approximately \$30.8 million had been issued for renovations at the properties. We have committed to these projects and anticipate making similar arrangements in the future with the existing properties or any future properties that we may acquire.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements that have or are reasonably likely to have a current or future effect on our financial condition, changes in financial condition, revenues or expenses, results of operations, liquidity, capital expenditures or capital resources that is material to investors.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

We use the following non-GAAP financial measures that we believe are useful to investors as key measures of our operating performance: EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, FFO and Adjusted FFO. These measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for measures of performance in accordance with GAAP. EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, FFO and Adjusted FFO, as calculated by us, may not be comparable to other companies that do not define such terms exactly as the Company.

EBITDA and FFO

EBITDA represents net income excluding: (1) interest expense; (2) provision for income taxes, including income taxes applicable to sale of assets; and (3) depreciation and amortization. We believe EBITDA is useful to an investor in evaluating our operating performance because it helps investors evaluate and compare the results of our operations from period to period by removing the impact of our capital structure (primarily interest expense) and our asset base (primarily depreciation and amortization) from our operating results. In addition, covenants included in our debt agreements use EBITDA as a measure of financial compliance. We also use EBITDA as one measure in determining the value of hotel acquisitions and dispositions.

The Company computes FFO in accordance with standards established by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts (“NAREIT”), which defines FFO as net income determined in accordance with GAAP, excluding gains or losses from sales of properties and impairment losses, plus depreciation and amortization. The Company believes that the presentation of FFO provides useful information to investors regarding its operating performance because it is a measure of the Company’s operations without regard to specified non-cash items, such as real estate depreciation and amortization and gains or losses on the sale of assets. The Company also uses FFO as one measure in assessing its results.

Adjustments to EBITDA and FFO

We adjust EBITDA and FFO when evaluating our performance because we believe that the exclusion of certain additional recurring and non-recurring items described below provides useful supplemental information to investors regarding our ongoing operating performance and that the presentation of Adjusted EBITDA and Adjusted FFO, when combined with GAAP net income, EBITDA and FFO, is beneficial to an investor’s complete understanding of our operating performance. We adjust EBITDA and FFO for the following items:

- *Non-Cash Ground Rent:* We exclude the non-cash expense incurred from the straight line recognition of rent from our ground lease obligations and the non-cash amortization of our favorable lease assets.
- *Non-Cash Amortization of Favorable and Unfavorable Contracts:* We exclude the non-cash amortization of the favorable and unfavorable contract assets recorded in conjunction with certain acquisitions. The amortization of the favorable and unfavorable contracts does not reflect the underlying operating performance of our hotels.
- *Cumulative Effect of a Change in Accounting Principle:* Infrequently, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) promulgates new accounting standards that require the consolidated statement of operations to reflect the cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle. We exclude the effect of these one-time adjustments because they do not reflect our actual performance for that period.

- *Gains or Losses from Early Extinguishment of Debt:* We exclude the effect of gains or losses recorded on the early extinguishment of debt because we believe they do not accurately reflect the underlying performance of the Company.
- *Acquisition Costs:* We exclude acquisition transaction costs expensed during the period because we believe they do not reflect the underlying performance of the Company.
- *Allerton Hotel and Oak Brook Hills Resort Loans:* We excluded the gains from the repayments of the Allerton loan in 2014 and the Oak Brook Hills Resort loan in 2015 because we believe that they do not reflect the underlying performance of the Company.
- *Other Non-Cash and/or Unusual Items:* From time to time we incur costs or realize gains that we do not believe reflect the underlying performance of the Company. Such items include, but are not limited to, hotel pre-opening costs, hotel manager transition costs, lease preparation costs, contract termination fees, severance costs, gains or losses from legal settlements, bargain purchase gains and gains from insurance proceeds.

In addition, to derive Adjusted EBITDA we exclude gains or losses on dispositions and impairment losses because we believe that including them in EBITDA does not reflect the ongoing performance of our hotels. Additionally, the gain or loss on dispositions and impairment losses represent either accelerated depreciation or excess depreciation in previous periods, and depreciation is excluded from EBITDA.

In addition, to derive Adjusted FFO we exclude any fair value adjustments to debt instruments. Furthermore, the gain on repayment of note receivable in 2015, which is related to the Oak Brook Hills Resort loan, is reported net of income tax expense.

The following table is a reconciliation of our GAAP net income to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
	(in thousands)		
Net income	\$ 85,630	\$163,377	\$ 49,065
Interest expense	52,684	58,278	57,279
Income tax expense (benefit)(1)	11,575	5,636	(16)
Real estate related depreciation(2)	101,143	99,650	105,655
EBITDA	251,032	326,941	211,983
Non-cash ground rent	5,915	6,453	6,787
Non-cash amortization of favorable and unfavorable contracts, net	(1,651)	(1,410)	(1,487)
Gain on sale of hotel properties, net(3)	—	(50,969)	(22,733)
Gain on hotel property acquisition	—	(23,894)	—
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	1,616	1,492
Gain on insurance proceeds	—	(1,825)	—
Gain on litigation settlement(4)	—	(10,999)	—
Gain on repayments of notes receivable	(3,927)	(13,550)	—
Hotel acquisition costs	949	2,177	—
Hotel manager transition and pre-opening costs	1,708	953	—
Reversal of previously recognized Allerton income	—	(453)	(1,163)
Severance costs	328	736	3,065
Write-off of key money	—	—	(1,082)
Impairment losses	10,461	—	—
Lease preparation costs(5)	1,061	—	—
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$265,876</u>	<u>\$235,776</u>	<u>\$196,862</u>

- (1) Income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 includes \$1.1 million reported in discontinued operations.
- (2) Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 includes \$1.8 million reported in discontinued operations.
- (3) Gain on sale of hotel properties, net for the year ended December 31, 2013 is reported in discontinued operations.
- (4) Includes \$14.0 million of settlement proceeds, net of a \$1.2 million contingency fee paid to our legal counsel and \$1.8 million of legal fees and other costs incurred over the course of the legal proceedings for the year ended December 31, 2014. The \$1.8 million of legal fees and other costs were previously recorded as corporate expenses and the repayment of those costs through the settlement proceeds is recorded as a reduction of corporate expenses.
- (5) Represents costs incurred to remove tenant improvements from a recently vacated retail space at the Lexington Hotel.

The following table is a reconciliation of our GAAP net income to FFO and Adjusted FFO (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
	(in thousands)		
Net income	\$ 85,630	\$163,377	\$ 49,065
Real estate related depreciation(1)	101,143	99,650	105,655
Impairment losses	10,461	—	—
Gain on sale of hotel properties, net(2)	—	(50,969)	(22,733)
FFO	197,234	212,058	131,987
Non-cash ground rent	5,915	6,453	6,787
Non-cash amortization of favorable and unfavorable contracts, net	(1,651)	(1,410)	(1,487)
Gain on hotel property acquisition	—	(23,894)	—
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	1,616	1,492
Gain on insurance proceeds	—	(1,825)	—
Gain on litigation settlement(3)	—	(10,999)	—
Gain on repayments of notes receivable(4)	(2,317)	(13,550)	—
Hotel acquisition costs	949	2,177	—
Hotel manager transition and pre-opening costs	1,708	953	—
Reversal of previously recognized Allerton income	—	(453)	(1,163)
Severance costs	328	736	3,065
Write-off of key money	—	—	(1,082)
Lease preparation costs(5)	1,061	—	—
Fair value adjustments to debt instruments	125	(355)	(298)
Adjusted FFO	<u>\$203,352</u>	<u>\$171,507</u>	<u>\$139,301</u>

- (1) Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 includes \$1.8 million reported in discontinued operations.
- (2) Gain on sale of hotel properties, net for the year ended December 31, 2013 is reported in discontinued operations.
- (3) Includes \$14.0 million of settlement proceeds, net of a \$1.2 million contingency fee paid to our legal counsel and \$1.8 million of legal fees and other costs incurred over the course of the legal proceedings for the year ended December 31, 2014. The \$1.8 million of legal fees and other costs were previously recorded as corporate expenses and the repayment of those costs through the settlement proceeds is recorded as a reduction of corporate expenses.
- (4) Gain on repayment of note receivable in 2015 is related to the repayment of the Oak Brook Hills Resort loan, is reported net of income tax expense.
- (5) Represents costs incurred to remove tenant improvements from a recently vacated retail space at the Lexington Hotel.

Use and Limitations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures

Our management and board of directors use EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, FFO and Adjusted FFO to evaluate the performance of our hotels and to facilitate comparisons between us and other lodging REITs, hotel owners who are not REITs and other capital intensive companies. The use of these non-GAAP financial measures has certain limitations. These non-GAAP financial measures as presented by us, may not be comparable to non-GAAP financial measures as calculated by other real

estate companies. These measures do not reflect certain expenses or expenditures that we incurred and will incur, such as depreciation, interest and capital expenditures. We compensate for these limitations by separately considering the impact of these excluded items to the extent they are material to operating decisions or assessments of our operating performance. Our reconciliations to the most comparable GAAP financial measures, and our consolidated statements of operations and cash flows, include interest expense, capital expenditures, and other excluded items, all of which should be considered when evaluating our performance, as well as the usefulness of our non-GAAP financial measures.

These non-GAAP financial measures are used in addition to and in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP. They should not be considered as alternatives to operating profit, cash flow from operations, or any other operating performance measure prescribed by GAAP. These non-GAAP financial measures reflect additional ways of viewing our operations that we believe, when viewed with our GAAP results and the reconciliations to the corresponding GAAP financial measures, provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business than could be obtained absent this disclosure. We strongly encourage investors to review our financial information in its entirety and not to rely on a single financial measure.

Critical Accounting Policies

Our consolidated financial statements include the accounts of DiamondRock Hospitality Company and all consolidated subsidiaries. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of our financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. While we do not believe the reported amounts would be materially different, application of these policies involves the exercise of judgment and the use of assumptions as to future uncertainties and, as a result, actual results could differ materially from these estimates. We evaluate our estimates and judgments, including those related to the impairment of long-lived assets, on an ongoing basis. We base our estimates on experience and on various assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. All of our significant accounting policies are disclosed in the notes to our consolidated financial statements. The following represent certain critical accounting policies that require us to exercise our business judgment or make significant estimates:

Investment in Hotels. Acquired hotels, land improvements, building and furniture, fixtures and equipment and identifiable intangible assets are initially recorded at fair value. Additions to property and equipment, including current buildings, improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment are recorded at cost. Property and equipment are depreciated using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of 15 to 40 years for buildings and land improvements and one to ten years for furniture and equipment. Identifiable intangible assets are typically related to contracts, including ground lease agreements and hotel management agreements, which are recorded at fair value. Above-market and below-market contract values are based on the present value of the difference between contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the contracts acquired and our estimate of the fair market contract rates for corresponding contracts. Contracts acquired that are at market do not have significant value. We enter into a hotel management agreement at the time of acquisition and such agreements are generally based on market terms. Intangible assets are amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining non-cancelable term of the related agreements. In making estimates of fair values for purposes of allocating purchase price, we may utilize a number of sources that may be obtained in connection with the acquisition or financing of a property and other market data. Management also considers information obtained about each property as a result of its pre-acquisition due diligence in estimating the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired.

We review our investments in hotels for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of our investments in hotels may not be recoverable. Events or

circumstances that may cause us to perform a review include, but are not limited to, adverse changes in the demand for lodging at our properties due to declining national or local economic conditions and/or new hotel construction in markets where our hotels are located. When such conditions exist, management performs an analysis to determine if the estimated undiscounted future cash flows from operations and the proceeds from the ultimate disposition of an investment in a hotel exceed the hotel's carrying value. If the estimated undiscounted future cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, an adjustment to reduce the carrying value to the estimated fair market value is recorded and an impairment loss is recognized. Fair market value is estimated based on market data, estimated cash flows discounted at an appropriate rate, comparable sales information and other considerations requiring management to use its judgment in determining the assumptions used.

While our hotels have experienced improvement in certain key operating measures as the general economic conditions improve, the operating performance at certain of our hotels has not achieved our expected levels. As part of our overall capital allocation strategy, we assess underperforming hotels for possible disposition, which could result in a reduction in the carrying values of these properties.

Income Taxes. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities from a change in tax rates is recognized in earnings in the period when the new rate is enacted.

We have elected to be treated as a REIT under the provisions of the Code and, as such, are not subject to federal income tax, provided we distribute all of our taxable income annually to our stockholders and comply with certain other requirements. In addition to paying federal and state income tax on any retained income, we are subject to taxes on "built-in-gains" on sales of certain assets. Additionally, our taxable REIT subsidiaries are subject to federal, state and foreign income tax.

Inflation

Operators of hotels, in general, possess the ability to adjust room rates daily to reflect the effects of inflation. However, competitive pressures may limit the ability of our management companies to raise room rates.

Seasonality

The operations of hotels historically have been seasonal depending on location, and accordingly, we expect some seasonality in our business. Volatility in our financial performance from the seasonality of the lodging industry could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations.

New Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Implemented

See Note 2 to the accompanying consolidated financial statements for additional information relating to recently issued accounting pronouncements.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

Market risk includes risks that arise from changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, equity prices and other market changes that affect market sensitive instruments. In pursuing our business strategies, the primary market risk to which we are currently exposed, and to which we expect to be exposed in the future, is interest rate risk. The face amount of our outstanding debt as of December 31, 2015 was \$1.2 billion, of which \$170.4 million was variable rate. If market rates of interest on our variable rate debt fluctuate by 25 basis points, interest expense

would increase or decrease, depending on rate movement, future earnings and cash flows, by approximately \$0.4 million annually.

Item 8. *Financial Statements and Supplementary Data*

See Index to the Financial Statements on page F-1.

Item 9. *Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure*

None.

Item 9A. *Controls and Procedures*

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company's management has evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")), as required by paragraph (b) of Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act, and has concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to give reasonable assurances that information we disclose in reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (i) is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms and (ii) is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding disclosure.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There was no change in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation required by paragraph (d) of Rules 13a-15 and 15d-15 under the Exchange Act during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

Management Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

The report of our management regarding internal control over financial reporting is set forth on page F-2 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Management Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting" and incorporated herein by reference.

Attestation Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The report of our independent registered public accounting firm regarding our internal control over financial reporting is set forth on page F-3 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm" and incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9B. *Other Information*

None.

PART III

The information required by Items 10-14 is incorporated by reference to our proxy statement for the 2016 annual meeting of stockholders (to be filed with the SEC not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this report).

Item 10. *Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance*

Information regarding our directors, executive officers and corporate governance is incorporated by reference to our 2016 proxy statement.

Item 11. *Executive Compensation*

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our 2016 proxy statement.

Item 12. *Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters*

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our 2016 proxy statement. Information regarding our 2004 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, as amended, set forth in Item 5 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 12.

Item 13. *Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence*

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our 2016 proxy statement.

Item 14. *Principal Accounting Fees and Services*

The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our 2016 proxy statement.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

1. *Financial Statements*

Included herein at pages F-1 through F-34.

2. *Financial Statement Schedules*

The following financial statement schedule is included herein on pages F-35 and F-36:

Schedule III—Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation

All other schedules for which provision is made in Regulation S-X are either not required to be included herein under the related instructions or are inapplicable or the related information is included in the footnotes to the applicable financial statement and, therefore, have been omitted.

3. *Exhibits*

The exhibits required to be filed by Item 601 of Regulation S-K are listed in the Exhibit Index on pages 56 and 57 of this report, which is incorporated by reference herein.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bethesda, State of Maryland, on February 29, 2016.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY

By: /s/ WILLIAM J. TENNIS

Name: William J. Tennis

Title: *Executive Vice President, General
Counsel and Corporate Secretary*

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ MARK W. BRUGGER</u> Mark W. Brugger	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	February 29, 2016
<u>/s/ SEAN M. MAHONEY</u> Sean M. Mahoney	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 29, 2016
<u>/s/ BRIONY R. QUINN</u> Briony R. Quinn	Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller (Principal Accounting Officer)	February 29, 2016
<u>/s/ WILLIAM W. MCCARTEN</u> William W. McCarten	Chairman	February 29, 2016
<u>/s/ DANIEL J. ALTOBELLO</u> Daniel J. Altobello	Director	February 29, 2016
<u>/s/ TIMOTHY CHI</u> Timothy Chi	Director	February 29, 2016
<u>/s/ W. ROBERT GRAFTON</u> W. Robert Grafton	Director	February 29, 2016

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/s/ MAUREEN L. MCAVEY</u> Maureen L. McAvey	Director	February 29, 2016
<u>/s/ GILBERT T. RAY</u> Gilbert T. Ray	Director	February 29, 2016
<u>/s/ BRUCE D. WARDINSKI</u> Bruce D. Wardinski	Director	February 29, 2016

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit Number</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
3.1.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of DiamondRock Hospitality Company (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-11 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2005 (File no. 333-123065)</i>)
3.1.2	Amendment to the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of DiamondRock Hospitality Company (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 10, 2007</i>)
3.1.3	Amendment to the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation of DiamondRock Hospitality Company (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 9, 2012</i>)
3.1.4	Articles Supplementary Prohibiting DiamondRock Hospitality Company From Electing to be Subject to Section 3-803 of the Maryland General Corporation Law Absent Stockholder Approval (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2014</i>).
3.2.1	Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of DiamondRock Hospitality Company (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 17, 2009</i>)
3.2.2	Amendment to the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of DiamondRock Hospitality Company (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 3, 2014</i>).
4.1	Form of Certificate for Common Stock for DiamondRock Hospitality Company (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 5, 2010</i>)
10.1	Agreement of Limited Partnership of DiamondRock Hospitality Limited Partnership, dated as of June 4, 2004 (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q/A filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 7, 2009</i>)
10.2	Agreement of Purchase and Sale among the Sellers named therein and DiamondRock Hospitality Company, dated as of July 9, 2012 (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 25, 2012</i>)
10.3*	Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated on April 28, 2010 (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 5, 2010</i>)
10.4*	Amendment to DiamondRock Hospitality Company Amended and Restated 2004 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, approved by the Board of Directors on July 20, 2011 (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 19, 2011</i>)
10.5*	DiamondRock Hospitality Company Deferred Compensation Plan (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 8, 2014</i>)

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
10.6*	First Amendment to DiamondRock Hospitality Company Deferred Compensation Plan, approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on December 15, 2014 (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 27, 2015</i>)
10.7*	Form of Restricted Stock Award Agreement (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 5, 2010</i>)
10.8*	Form of Market Stock Unit Agreement (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 9, 2010</i>)
10.9*	Relative TSR Performance Stock Unit Agreement (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 25, 2014</i>)
10.10*	Form of Deferred Stock Unit Award Agreement (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 5, 2010</i>)
10.11*	Form of Director Election Form (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 5, 2010</i>)
10.12*	Form of Incentive Stock Option Agreement (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-11 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (File no. 333-123065)</i>)
10.13	Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-11 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (File no. 333-123065)</i>)
10.14*	Third Amended and Restated Credit Agreement, dated as of November 20, 2012, by and among DiamondRock Hospitality Company, DiamondRock Hospitality Limited Partnership, Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as Administrative Agent, Bank of America, N.A., as Syndication Agent, Citibank, N.A., as Documentation Agent, and each of Wells Fargo Securities, LLC and Merrill Lynch, Pierce Fenner and Smith Incorporated, as Joint Lead Arrangers and Joint Lead Bookrunners (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 26, 2012</i>)
10.15*	Form of Severance Agreement (and schedule of material differences thereto) (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 30, 2012</i>)
10.16*	Form of Stock Appreciation Right (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 6, 2008</i>)
10.17*	Form of Dividend Equivalent Right (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 6, 2008</i>)
10.18	Form of Amendment No. 1 to Dividend Equivalent Rights Agreement under the DiamondRock Hospitality Company 2004 Stock Option and Incentive Plan (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 30, 2008</i>)

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
10.19*	Purchase and Sale Agreement between Lexington Hotel LLC and DiamondRock NY Lex Owner, LLC, dated as of May 12, 2011 (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report of Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 17, 2011</i>)
10.20*	Form of Indemnification Agreement (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 16, 2009</i>)
10.21*	Severance Agreement between DiamondRock Hospitality Company and William J. Tennis, dated as of December 16, 2009 (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 30, 2012</i>)
10.22*	Letter Agreement, dated as of December 9, 2009, by and between DiamondRock Hospitality Company and William J. Tennis (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 26, 2010</i>)
10.23*	Letter Agreement between DiamondRock Hospitality Company and Robert D. Tanenbaum, dated as of February 22, 2013, as supplemented on February 26, 2013 (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 1, 2013</i>)
10.24*	Severance Agreement between DiamondRock Hospitality Company and Troy G. Furbay, dated as of April 9, 2014 (<i>incorporated by reference to the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 12, 2014</i>)
12.1†	Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends
21.1†	List of DiamondRock Hospitality Company Subsidiaries
23.1†	Consent of KPMG LLP
31.1†	Certification of Chief Executive Officer Required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
31.2†	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Required by Rule 13a-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.
32.1**	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Required by Rule 13a-14(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Attached as Exhibit 101 to this report are the following materials from DiamondRock Hospitality Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2015 formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations, (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity, (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows, and (v) the related notes to these consolidated financial statements.

* Exhibit is a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

† Filed herewith

** Furnished herewith

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Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting for the Company. Internal control over financial reporting refers to the process designed by, or under the supervision of, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, and effected by our board of directors, management and other personnel, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and includes those policies and procedures that:

- (1) Pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company;
- (2) Provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and
- (3) Provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Internal control over financial reporting cannot provide absolute assurance of achieving financial reporting objectives because of its inherent limitations. Internal control over financial reporting is a process that involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Because of such limitations, there is a risk that material misstatements may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis by internal control over financial reporting. However, these inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process. Therefore, it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk.

Management has used the framework set forth in the report entitled *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* published by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission to evaluate the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Management has concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2015. KPMG LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, has audited the Company's financial statements and issued an attestation report on the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015.

/s/ MARK W. BRUGGER

*Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)*

/s/ SEAN M. MAHONEY

*Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)*

/s/ BRIONY R. QUINN

*Chief Accounting Officer and Corporate Controller
(Principal Accounting Officer)*

February 29, 2016

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
DiamondRock Hospitality Company:

We have audited DiamondRock Hospitality Company's (the Company) internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audit also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of DiamondRock Hospitality Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, and our report dated February 29, 2016, expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. Our report refers to a change in the method of accounting for discontinued operations.

/s/ KPMG LLP
McLean, Virginia
February 29, 2016

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Stockholders
DiamondRock Hospitality Company:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of DiamondRock Hospitality Company and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we also have audited the financial statement schedule III. These consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of DiamondRock Hospitality Company and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2015, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule III, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

Effective January 1, 2014, the Company adopted Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-08, *Presentation of Financial Statements (Topic 205) and Property, Plant, and Equipment (Topic 360): Reporting Discontinued Operations and Disclosures of Disposals of Components of an Entity*.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), DiamondRock Hospitality Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2015, based on criteria established in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated February 29, 2016, expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of DiamondRock Hospitality Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/s/ KPMG LLP
McLean, Virginia
February 29, 2016

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS
As of December 31, 2015 and 2014
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Property and equipment, net	\$2,882,176	\$2,764,393
Restricted cash	59,339	74,730
Due from hotel managers	86,698	79,827
Favorable lease assets, net	23,955	34,274
Prepaid and other assets	46,078	52,739
Deferred financing costs, net	8,627	8,023
Cash and cash equivalents	213,584	144,365
Total assets	\$3,320,457	\$3,158,351
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Mortgage debt	\$1,177,696	\$1,038,330
Senior unsecured credit facility	—	—
Total debt	1,177,696	1,038,330
Deferred income related to key money, net	23,568	21,561
Unfavorable contract liabilities, net	74,657	76,220
Due to hotel managers	65,350	59,169
Dividends declared and unpaid	25,599	20,922
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	128,982	113,162
Total liabilities	1,495,852	1,329,364
Stockholders' Equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized; no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, \$0.01 par value; 400,000,000 shares authorized; 200,741,777 and 199,964,041 shares issued and outstanding at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively	2,007	2,000
Additional paid-in capital	2,056,878	2,045,755
Accumulated deficit	(234,280)	(218,768)
Total stockholders' equity	1,824,605	1,828,987
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$3,320,457	\$3,158,351

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

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS
Years Ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	2015	2014	2013
Revenues:			
Rooms	\$ 673,578	\$ 628,870	\$ 558,751
Food and beverage	208,173	195,077	193,043
Other	49,239	48,915	47,894
Total revenues	<u>930,990</u>	<u>872,862</u>	<u>799,688</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Rooms	163,549	162,870	151,040
Food and beverage	137,297	135,402	136,454
Management fees	30,633	30,027	25,546
Other hotel expenses	317,623	295,826	284,523
Depreciation and amortization	101,143	99,650	103,895
Impairment losses	10,461	—	—
Hotel acquisition costs	949	2,177	—
Corporate expenses	24,061	22,267	23,072
Gain on insurance proceeds	—	(1,825)	—
Gain on litigation settlement, net	—	(10,999)	—
Total operating expenses, net	<u>785,716</u>	<u>735,395</u>	<u>724,530</u>
Operating income	<u>145,274</u>	<u>137,467</u>	<u>75,158</u>
Interest income	(359)	(3,027)	(6,328)
Interest expense	52,684	58,278	57,279
Other income, net	(329)	—	—
Gain on repayments of notes receivable	(3,927)	(13,550)	—
Gain on sales of hotel properties, net	—	(50,969)	—
Gain on hotel property acquisition	—	(23,894)	—
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	1,616	1,492
Total other expenses (income), net	<u>48,069</u>	<u>(31,546)</u>	<u>52,443</u>
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	97,205	169,013	22,715
Income tax (expense) benefit	(11,575)	(5,636)	1,113
Income from continuing operations	85,630	163,377	23,828
Income from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	—	—	25,237
Net income	<u>\$ 85,630</u>	<u>\$ 163,377</u>	<u>\$ 49,065</u>
Basic and diluted earnings per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.12
Discontinued operations	—	—	0.13
Total	<u>\$ 0.43</u>	<u>\$ 0.83</u>	<u>\$ 0.25</u>
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding:			
Basic	<u>200,796,678</u>	<u>195,943,813</u>	<u>195,478,353</u>
Diluted	<u>201,459,934</u>	<u>196,682,981</u>	<u>195,862,506</u>

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

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY
Years Ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013
(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total
	Shares	Par Value			
Balance at December 31, 2012	195,145,707	\$1,951	\$1,976,200	\$(283,038)	\$1,695,113
Dividends of \$0.34 per common share . .	—	—	151	(66,904)	(66,753)
Issuance and vesting of common stock grants, net	325,084	4	3,262	—	3,266
Net income	—	—	—	49,065	49,065
Balance at December 31, 2013	195,470,791	\$1,955	\$1,979,613	\$(300,877)	\$1,680,691
Dividends of \$0.41 per common share . .	—	—	227	(81,268)	(81,041)
Issuance and vesting of common stock grants, net	275,690	3	2,895	—	2,898
Sale of common stock in secondary offerings, net of placement fees and expenses of \$719	4,217,560	42	63,020	—	63,062
Net income	—	—	—	163,377	163,377
Balance at December 31, 2014	199,964,041	\$2,000	\$2,045,755	\$(218,768)	\$1,828,987
Dividends of \$0.50 per common share . .	—	—	353	(101,142)	(100,789)
Issuance and vesting of common stock grants, net	253,130	2	2,985	—	2,987
Sale of common stock in secondary offerings, net of placement fees and expenses of \$179	524,606	5	7,785	—	7,790
Net income	—	—	—	85,630	85,630
Balance at December 31, 2015	<u>200,741,777</u>	<u>\$2,007</u>	<u>\$2,056,878</u>	<u>\$(234,280)</u>	<u>\$1,824,605</u>

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

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS
Years Ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013
(in thousands)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 85,630	\$ 163,377	\$ 49,065
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Real estate depreciation	101,143	99,650	105,655
Corporate asset depreciation as corporate expenses	80	105	99
Gain on sale of hotel properties, net	—	(50,969)	(22,733)
Gain on repayments of notes receivable	(3,927)	(13,550)	—
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	—	1,616	1,492
Gain on hotel property acquisition	—	(23,894)	—
Non-cash ground rent	5,915	6,453	6,787
Non-cash financing costs, debt premium, and interest rate cap as interest	2,353	2,564	2,803
Amortization of note receivable discount as interest income	—	(1,075)	(2,602)
Impairment losses	10,461	—	—
Amortization of favorable and unfavorable contracts, net	(1,651)	(1,410)	(1,487)
Amortization of deferred income	(993)	(1,090)	(2,150)
Termination fee paid to hotel manager	—	—	(737)
Stock-based compensation	5,723	5,316	5,217
Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	10,292	5,159	(343)
Changes in assets and liabilities:			
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(3,144)	(305)	(1,615)
Restricted cash	12,606	(8,409)	1,024
Due to/from hotel managers	106	(5,711)	899
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	2,963	2,005	2,360
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>227,557</u>	<u>179,832</u>	<u>143,734</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Hotel capital expenditures	(62,950)	(62,571)	(107,307)
Hotel acquisitions	(150,400)	(297,388)	—
Net proceeds from sale of properties	—	182,117	76,437
Notes receivable repayments	3,927	64,500	6,574
Change in restricted cash	2,785	10,623	(17,279)
Purchase deposits	—	(2,850)	(5,000)
Receipt of deferred key money	3,000	—	4,568
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(203,638)</u>	<u>(105,569)</u>	<u>(42,007)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Scheduled mortgage debt principal payments	(13,322)	(15,254)	(14,249)
Repurchase of common stock and other	(2,735)	(2,418)	(1,952)
Proceeds from sale of common stock, net	7,790	63,062	—
Proceeds from mortgage debt	355,000	86,000	165,000
Repayments of mortgage debt	(202,130)	(125,444)	(28,779)
Draws on senior unsecured credit facility	195,000	156,320	25,000
Repayments of senior unsecured credit facility	(195,000)	(156,320)	(45,000)
Payment of financing costs	(2,866)	(3,328)	(1,101)
Purchase of interest rate cap	(325)	—	—
Payment of cash dividends	(96,112)	(77,100)	(65,685)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	<u>45,300</u>	<u>(74,482)</u>	<u>33,234</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	69,219	(219)	134,961
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	144,365	144,584	9,623
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 213,584</u>	<u>\$ 144,365</u>	<u>\$ 144,584</u>

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

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued)
Years Ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013
(in thousands)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information:			
Cash paid for interest	\$ 48,916	\$ 56,575	\$ 55,605
Cash paid for income taxes	<u>\$ 1,099</u>	<u>\$ 478</u>	<u>\$ 795</u>
Capitalized interest	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 914</u>	<u>\$ 1,516</u>
Non-cash Financing Activities:			
Unpaid dividends	<u>\$ 25,599</u>	<u>\$ 20,922</u>	<u>\$ 16,981</u>

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DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements

1. Organization

DiamondRock Hospitality Company (the “Company” or “we”) is a lodging-focused real estate company that owns a portfolio of premium hotels and resorts. Our hotels are concentrated in key gateway cities and in destination resort locations and the majority of our hotels are operated under a brand owned by one of the leading global lodging brand companies (Marriott International, Inc. (“Marriott”), Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide, Inc. (“Starwood”) or Hilton Worldwide (“Hilton”). We are an owner, as opposed to an operator, of the hotels in our portfolio. As an owner, we receive all of the operating profits or losses generated by our hotels after we pay fees to the hotel managers, which are based on the revenues and profitability of the hotels.

As of December 31, 2015, we owned 29 hotels with 10,928 rooms, located in the following markets: Atlanta, Georgia; Boston, Massachusetts (2); Burlington, Vermont; Charleston, South Carolina; Chicago, Illinois (2); Denver, Colorado (2); Fort Lauderdale, Florida; Fort Worth, Texas; Huntington Beach, California; Key West, Florida (2); Minneapolis, Minnesota; New York, New York (5); Orlando, Florida; Salt Lake City, Utah; San Diego, California; San Francisco, California; Sonoma, California; Washington D.C. (2); St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands; and Vail, Colorado.

We conduct our business through a traditional umbrella partnership real estate investment trust, or UPREIT, in which our hotel properties are owned by our operating partnership, DiamondRock Hospitality Limited Partnership, or subsidiaries of our operating partnership. The Company is the sole general partner of our operating partnership and currently owns, either directly or indirectly, all of the limited partnership units of our operating partnership.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation

Our financial statements include all of the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries in accordance with GAAP. All intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. If the Company determines that it has an interest in a variable interest entity within the meaning of the FASB ASC 810, *Consolidation*, the Company will consolidate the entity when it is determined to be the primary beneficiary of the entity.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Risks and Uncertainties

The state of the overall economy can significantly impact hotel operational performance and thus, impact our financial position. Should any of our hotels experience a significant decline in operational performance, it may affect our ability to make distributions to our stockholders and service debt or meet other financial obligations.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fair Value Measurements

In evaluating fair value, GAAP outlines a valuation framework and creates a fair value hierarchy that distinguishes between market assumptions based on market data (observable inputs) and a reporting entity's own assumptions about market data (unobservable inputs). The hierarchy ranks the quality and reliability of inputs used to determine fair value, which are then classified and disclosed in one of the three categories. The three levels are as follows:

- Level 1—Inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities
- Level 2—Inputs include quoted prices in active markets for similar assets and liabilities, quoted prices for identical
or similar assets in markets that are not active and model-derived valuations whose inputs are observable
- Level 3—Model-derived valuations with unobservable inputs

Property and Equipment

Investments in hotel properties, land, land improvements, building and furniture, fixtures and equipment and identifiable intangible assets are recorded at fair value upon acquisition. Property and equipment purchased after the hotel acquisition date is recorded at cost. Replacements and improvements are capitalized, while repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Upon the sale or retirement of a fixed asset, the cost and related accumulated depreciation is removed from the Company's accounts and any resulting gain or loss is included in the statements of operations.

Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, generally 15 to 40 years for buildings, land improvements and building improvements and 1 to 10 years for furniture, fixtures and equipment. Leasehold improvements are amortized over the shorter of the lease term or the useful lives of the related assets.

We review our investments in hotel properties for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the hotel properties may not be recoverable. Events or circumstances that may cause a review include, but are not limited to, adverse changes in the demand for lodging at the properties due to declining national or local economic conditions and/or new hotel construction in markets where the hotels are located. When such conditions exist, management performs an analysis to determine if the estimated undiscounted future cash flows from operations and the proceeds from the ultimate disposition of a hotel exceed its carrying value. If the estimated undiscounted future cash flows are less than the carrying amount of the asset, an adjustment to reduce the carrying amount to the related hotel's estimated fair market value is recorded and an impairment loss is recognized.

We will classify a hotel as held for sale in the period that we have made the decision to dispose of the hotel, a binding agreement to purchase the property has been signed under which the buyer has committed a significant amount of nonrefundable cash and no significant financing or other contingencies exist which could cause the transaction to not be completed in a timely manner. If these criteria are met, we will record an impairment loss if the fair value less costs to sell is lower than the carrying amount of the hotel and related assets and will cease recording depreciation expense. We will classify the assets and related liabilities as held for sale on the balance sheet.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Revenue Recognition

Revenues from operations of the hotels are recognized when the services are provided. Revenues consist of room sales, food and beverage sales and other hotel department revenues, such as telephone, parking, gift shop sales and resort fees.

Income Taxes

We account for income taxes using the asset and liability method. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the estimated future tax consequences attributable to the differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities from a change in tax rates is recognized in earnings during the period in which the new rate is enacted.

We have elected to be treated as a REIT under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, which requires that we distribute at least 90% of our taxable income annually to our stockholders and comply with certain other requirements. In addition to paying federal and state taxes on any retained income, we may be subject to taxes on “built in gains” on sales of certain assets. Our taxable REIT subsidiaries will generally be subject to federal, state, local and/or foreign income taxes.

In order for the income from our hotel property investments to constitute “rents from real properties” for purposes of the gross income tests required for REIT qualification, the income we earn cannot be derived from the operation of any of our hotels. Therefore, we lease each of our hotel properties to a wholly owned subsidiary of Bloodstone TRS, Inc., our existing taxable REIT subsidiary, or TRS, except for the Frenchman’s Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort, which is owned by a Virgin Islands corporation, which we have elected to be treated as a TRS.

We had no accruals for tax uncertainties as of December 31, 2015 and 2014.

Intangible Assets and Liabilities

Intangible assets or liabilities are recorded on non-market contracts assumed as part of the acquisition of certain hotels. We review the terms of agreements assumed in conjunction with the purchase of a hotel to determine if the terms are favorable or unfavorable compared to an estimated market agreement at the acquisition date. Favorable lease assets or unfavorable contract liabilities are recorded at the acquisition date and amortized using the straight-line method over the term of the agreement. We do not amortize intangible assets with indefinite useful lives, but we review these assets for impairment annually or at interim periods if events or circumstances indicate that the asset may be impaired. We recognized impairment losses totaling \$10.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2015. See Note 4 in these consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period plus other potentially dilutive securities such as stock grants or shares issuable in the event of conversion of operating partnership units. No adjustment is made for shares that are anti-dilutive during a period.

Stock-based Compensation

We account for stock-based employee compensation using the fair value based method of accounting. We record the cost of awards with service or market conditions based on the grant-date fair value of the award. That cost is recognized over the period during which an employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award. No compensation cost is recognized for equity instruments for which employees do not render the requisite service.

Comprehensive Income (Loss)

We do not have any comprehensive income (loss) other than net income (loss). If we have any comprehensive income (loss) in future periods, such that a statement of comprehensive income would be necessary, such statement will be reported as one statement with the consolidated statement of operations.

Restricted Cash

Restricted cash primarily consists of reserves for replacement of furniture and fixtures held by our hotel managers and cash held in escrow pursuant to lender requirements.

Deferred Financing Costs

Financing costs are recorded at cost and consist of loan fees and other costs incurred in connection with the issuance of debt. Amortization of deferred financing costs is computed using a method that approximates the effective interest method over the remaining life of the debt and is included in interest expense in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Hotel Working Capital

The due from hotel managers consists of hotel level accounts receivable, periodic hotel operating distributions due to owner and prepaid and other assets held by the hotel managers on our behalf. The due to hotel managers represents liabilities incurred by the hotel on behalf of us in conjunction with the operation of our hotels which are legal obligations of the Company.

Key Money

Key money received in conjunction with entering into hotel management or franchise agreements or completing specific capital projects is deferred and amortized over the term of the hotel management agreement, the term of the franchise agreement, or other systematic and rational period, if appropriate. Deferred key money is classified as deferred income in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and amortized as an offset to base management fees or franchise fees.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Straight-Line Rental Income and Expense

We record rental income and expense on leases that provide for minimum rental payments that increase in pre-established amounts over the remaining term of the lease on a straight-line basis.

Concentration of Credit Risk

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist principally of our notes receivable and cash and cash equivalents. See further discussion of our notes receivable in Note 5. We maintain cash and cash equivalents with various financial institutions. We perform periodic evaluations of the relative credit standing of these financial institutions and limit the amount of credit exposure with any one institution.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (“FASB”) issued Accounting Standards Update (“ASU”) No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)*, which primarily changes the lessee’s accounting for operating leases by requiring recognition of lease right-of-use assets and lease liabilities. This standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with early adoption permitted. We are evaluating the effect of the ASU on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-16, *Business Combinations (Topic 805): Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments*, which eliminates the requirement for an acquirer in a business combination to account for measurement-period adjustments retrospectively. Instead, acquirers must recognize measurement-period adjustments during the period in which they determine the amounts, including the effect on earnings of any amounts they would have recorded in previous periods if the accounting had been completed at the acquisition date. This standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. We are evaluating the effect of the ASU on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures, but we do not believe it will have a material impact on the Company’s financial statements.

In April 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-03, *Interest-Imputation of Interest (Subtopic 835-30): Simplifying the Presentation of Debt Issuance Costs*, which requires that debt issuance costs related to a recognized debt liability be presented in the balance sheet as a direct deduction from the carrying amount of that debt liability. This standard is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. Adoption of this standard will only affect the presentation of our balance sheet. Upon adoption we will reclassify deferred financing costs, net from total assets to be shown net of debt in the liabilities section of our balance sheet.

In February 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-02, *Consolidation (Topic 810): Amendments to the Consolidation Analysis*, which changes the way reporting enterprises evaluate the consolidation of limited partnerships, variable interests and similar entities. This standard is effective for interim and annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015, with early adoption permitted. We are evaluating the effect of the ASU on our consolidated financial statements and related disclosures, but we do not believe it will have a material impact on the Company’s financial statements.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606)*, which affects virtually all aspects of an entity's revenue recognition. The new standard sets forth five prescribed steps to determine the timing and amount of revenue to be recognized to appropriately depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU No. 2015-14, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date*, which deferred the effectiveness of ASU No. 2014-09 to reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2017 and permitted early application for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016. We do not believe it will have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

3. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 consists of the following (in thousands):

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Land	\$ 578,338	\$ 508,838
Land improvements	7,994	7,994
Buildings	2,538,719	2,427,274
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	458,577	430,873
CIP	25,016	13,784
	<u>3,608,644</u>	<u>3,388,763</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(726,468)</u>	<u>(624,370)</u>
	<u>\$2,882,176</u>	<u>\$2,764,393</u>

As of December 31, 2015 and 2014 we had accrued capital expenditures of \$11.6 million and \$6.2 million, respectively.

4. Favorable Lease Assets

In connection with the acquisition of certain hotels, we have recognized intangible assets for favorable ground leases and tenant leases. Our favorable lease assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$2.6 million and \$3.0 million as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, consist of the following (in thousands):

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel Ground Lease	\$18,076	\$18,293
Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel Lease Right	—	9,045
Hilton Minneapolis Ground Lease	5,685	5,760
Lexington Hotel New York Tenant Leases	186	1,031
Hilton Boston Downtown Tenant Leases	8	145
	<u>\$23,955</u>	<u>\$34,274</u>

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

4. Favorable Lease Assets (Continued)

The favorable lease assets are recorded at the acquisition date and are generally amortized using the straight-line method over the remaining non-cancelable term of the lease agreement. Amortization expense for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, was \$0.5 million, \$0.7 million, and \$1.0 million, respectively. Amortization expense is expected to total \$0.3 million annually for 2016 through 2020.

We own a favorable lease asset related to the right to acquire a leasehold interest in a parcel of land adjacent to the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel for the development of a 320 to 350 room hotel (the “lease right”). The fair value of the lease right is a Level 3 measurement under the fair value hierarchy (see Note 2) and is derived from a discounted cash flow model using the favorable difference between the estimated participating rents or actual rents in accordance with the lease terms and the estimated market rents. For the lease right, the discount rate is estimated using a risk adjusted rate of return, the estimated participating rents are estimated based on a hypothetical hotel comparable to our Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel, and market rents are based on comparable long-term ground leases in the City of Boston. During the second quarter of 2015, we decided not to exercise the option to acquire the leasehold interest and recorded an impairment loss of \$9.6 million, which includes the write-off of \$0.6 million of other assets related to the lease right included within prepaid and other assets on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

During the first quarter of 2015, we evaluated the Lexington Hotel New York favorable tenant leases for recoverability of the carrying value. The lease with one of the retail tenants at the Lexington Hotel New York was expected to terminate prior to the end of the lease term. We reviewed the favorable lease asset for impairment and concluded that the asset was not realizable and recorded an impairment loss of \$0.8 million during the first quarter of 2015. The lease terminated in June 2015.

5. Notes Receivable

On May 21, 2014, we received \$58.5 million for the prepayment of the senior mortgage loan secured by the 443-room Allerton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois (the “Allerton Loan”). As a result of the prepayment, we recorded a gain of \$13.6 million. The Allerton Loan had an original principal balance of \$66.0 million, which had a four-year term (plus a one-year extension option) and a fixed interest rate of 5.5%. Principal payments were based on a 30-year amortization schedule, but were only due to the extent there was available cash flow from operations.

We recorded the following amounts of interest income on the Allerton Loan (in thousands):

	<u>Year Ended December 31, 2014</u>	<u>Year Ended December 31, 2013</u>
Contractual interest income	\$1,317	\$3,456
Amortization of discount	<u>1,075</u>	<u>2,602</u>
Total interest income	<u>\$2,392</u>	<u>\$6,058</u>

In connection with the sale of the Oak Brook Hills Resort in 2014, we provided a \$4.0 million loan to the buyer of the hotel. During 2015, we recorded a \$3.9 million gain on repayment of the loan. Additional information on the loan is found in Note 10 to our consolidated financial statements.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

6. Capital Stock

Common Shares

We are authorized to issue up to 400 million shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Each outstanding share of common stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. Holders of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends out of assets legally available for the payment of dividends when authorized by our board of directors.

We have an “at-the-market” equity offering program (the “ATM program”), pursuant to which we may issue and sell shares of our common stock from time to time, having an aggregate offering price of up to \$200 million. During the year ended December 31, 2014, we sold 4,217,560 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$15.12 for net proceeds of \$63.1 million. In January 2015, we sold 524,606 shares of our common stock at an average price of \$15.18 for net proceeds of \$7.8 million. We have not sold any additional shares since January 2015 and there is \$128.3 million remaining under the ATM program. We do not expect to utilize the program in the near term, but believe it is appropriate to have the program in place.

Our board of directors approved a share repurchase program in November 2015 authorizing us to repurchase up to \$150 million in shares of our common stock. Repurchases under this program will be made in open market or privately negotiated transactions as permitted by federal securities laws and other legal requirements. This authority may be exercised from time to time and in such amounts as market conditions warrant, and subject to regulatory considerations. The timing, manner, price and actual number of shares repurchased will depend on a variety of factors including stock price, corporate and regulatory requirements, market conditions, and other corporate liquidity requirements and priorities. The share repurchase program may be suspended or terminated at any time without prior notice. We have not repurchased any shares of our common stock since the program started.

We have paid the following dividends to holders of our common stock for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014:

<u>Payment Date</u>	<u>Record Date</u>	<u>Dividend per Share</u>
April 10, 2014	March 31, 2014	\$0.1025
July 10, 2014	June 30, 2014	\$0.1025
October 10, 2014	September 30, 2014	\$0.1025
January 12, 2015	December 31, 2014	\$0.1025
April 10, 2015	March 31, 2015	\$0.1250
July 14, 2015	June 30, 2015	\$0.1250
October 13, 2015	September 30, 2015	\$0.1250
January 12, 2016	December 31, 2015	\$0.1250

Preferred Shares

We are authorized to issue up to 10 million shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share. Our board of directors is required to set for each class or series of preferred stock the terms, preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications, and terms or conditions of redemption. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no shares of preferred stock outstanding.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

6. Capital Stock (Continued)

Operating Partnership Units

Holders of operating partnership units have certain redemption rights, which enable them to cause our operating partnership to redeem their units in exchange for cash per unit equal to the market price of our common stock, at the time of redemption, or, at our option for shares of our common stock on a one-for-one basis. The number of shares issuable upon exercise of the redemption rights will be adjusted upon the occurrence of stock splits, mergers, consolidations or similar pro-rata share transactions, which otherwise would have the effect of diluting the ownership interests of the limited partners or our stockholders. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, there were no operating partnership units held by unaffiliated third parties.

7. Stock Incentive Plans

We are authorized to issue up to 8,000,000 shares of our common stock under our 2004 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Incentive Plan"), of which we have issued or committed to issue 3,924,735 shares as of December 31, 2015. In addition to these shares, additional shares of common stock could be issued in connection with the performance stock unit awards as further described below.

Restricted Stock Awards

Restricted stock awards issued to our officers and employees generally vest over a 3-year period from the date of the grant based on continued employment. We measure compensation expense for the restricted stock awards based upon the fair market value of our common stock at the date of grant. Compensation expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the vesting period and is included in corporate expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. A summary of our restricted stock awards from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 is as follows:

	<u>Number of Shares</u>	<u>Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value</u>
Unvested balance at January 1, 2013	676,111	\$10.10
Granted	323,526	9.33
Additional shares from dividends	1,040	9.30
Forfeited	(16,934)	9.65
Vested	<u>(400,722)</u>	<u>9.94</u>
Unvested balance at December 31, 2013	583,021	9.80
Granted	249,311	12.39
Forfeited	(537)	9.32
Vested	<u>(317,376)</u>	<u>10.19</u>
Unvested balance at December 31, 2014	514,419	10.82
Granted	216,159	14.48
Forfeited	(183)	9.08
Vested	<u>(255,828)</u>	<u>10.39</u>
Unvested balance at December 31, 2015	<u>474,567</u>	<u>\$12.72</u>

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

7. Stock Incentive Plans (Continued)

The remaining share awards are expected to vest as follows: 241,698 during 2016, 153,578 during 2017, and 79,291 during 2018. As of December 31, 2015, the unrecognized compensation cost related to restricted stock awards was \$3.7 million and the weighted-average period over which the unrecognized compensation expense will be recorded is approximately 22 months. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, we recorded \$2.8 million, \$3.2 million and \$3.4 million, respectively, of compensation expense related to restricted stock awards. The compensation expense for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013 include \$0.3 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, related to the accelerated vesting of awards in connection with employee separations.

Market Stock Units

From 2010 to 2012, we awarded our executive officers market stock units (“MSUs”). MSUs are restricted stock units that vest three years from the date of grant. The actual number of shares issued to each executive officer at the vesting date is based on the Company’s total shareholder return over a three-year period. In March 2015, the remaining 99,047 outstanding MSUs vested, resulting in the issuance of 148,572 shares of common stock, before income tax withholding. There are no MSUs remaining following this vesting. For the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded less than \$0.1 million of compensation expense related to MSUs. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, we recorded approximately \$0.3 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, of compensation expense related to MSUs. The compensation expense for the year ended December 31, 2013 includes \$0.2 million related to the accelerated vesting of awards in connection with the departure of our former President and Chief Operating Officer on May 1, 2013.

Performance Stock Units

Performance stock units (“PSUs”) are restricted stock units that vest three years from the date of grant. Each executive officer is granted a target number of PSUs (the “PSU Target Award”). The actual number of shares of common stock issued to each executive officer is subject to the achievement of certain levels of total stockholder return relative to the total stockholder return of a peer group of publicly-traded lodging REITs over a three-year performance period. There will be no payout of shares of our common stock if our total stockholder return falls below the 30th percentile of the total stockholder returns of the peer group. The maximum number of shares of common stock issued to an executive officer is equal to 150% of the PSU Target Award and is earned if our total stockholder return is equal to or greater than the 75th percentile of the total stockholder returns of the peer group.

The fair values of the PSU awards are determined using a Monte Carlo simulation performed by a third-party valuation firm. The determination of the grant-date fair values of the awards granted included the following assumptions:

<u>Award Grant Date</u>	<u>Volatility</u>	<u>Risk-Free Rate</u>	<u>Fair Value at Grant Date</u>
March 3, 2013	39.2%	0.36%	\$ 9.55
May 15, 2013	37.9%	0.40%	\$10.41
March 3, 2014	33.5%	0.66%	\$12.77
May 15, 2014	33.1%	0.80%	\$ 9.88
February 27, 2015	22.9%	1.01%	\$12.13

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

7. Stock Incentive Plans (Continued)

A summary of our PSUs from January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2015 is as follows:

	Number of Units	Weighted- Average Grant Date Fair Value
Unvested balance at January 1, 2013	—	\$ —
Granted	217,949	9.64
Additional units from dividends	5,227	10.37
Unvested balance at December 31, 2013	223,176	9.66
Granted	200,685	12.33
Additional units from dividends	12,309	12.01
Unvested balance at December 31, 2014	436,170	10.95
Granted	218,467	12.13
Additional units from dividends	21,722	13.51
Unvested balance at December 31, 2015	676,359	\$11.41

The unvested units are expected to vest as follows: 238,779 during 2016, 212,879 during 2017 and 224,701 during 2018. As of December 31, 2015, the unrecognized compensation cost related to the PSUs was \$3.0 million and is expected to be recognized on a straight-line basis over a period of 21 months. For the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, we recorded approximately \$2.3 million, \$1.4 million, and \$0.6 million, respectively, of compensation expense related to the PSUs.

8. Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income available to common stockholders that has been adjusted for dilutive securities, by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding including dilutive securities.

DIAMONDROCK HOSPITALITY COMPANY
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8. Earnings Per Share (Continued)

The following is a reconciliation of the calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share (in thousands, except share and per-share data):

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Numerator:			
Income from continuing operations	\$ 85,630	\$ 163,377	\$ 23,828
Income from discontinued operations	—	—	25,237
Net income	<u>\$ 85,630</u>	<u>\$ 163,377</u>	<u>\$ 49,065</u>
Denominator:			
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding—basic	200,796,678	195,943,813	195,478,353
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Unvested restricted common stock	129,640	181,310	177,314
Shares related to unvested PSUs and MSUs	533,092	556,763	206,839
Unexercised stock appreciation rights	524	1,095	—
Weighted-average number of common shares outstanding—diluted	<u>201,459,934</u>	<u>196,682,981</u>	<u>195,862,506</u>
Basic earnings per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.12
Discontinued operations	—	—	0.13
Total	<u>\$ 0.43</u>	<u>\$ 0.83</u>	<u>\$ 0.25</u>
Diluted earnings earnings per share:			
Continuing operations	\$ 0.43	\$ 0.83	\$ 0.12
Discontinued operations	—	—	0.13
Total	<u>\$ 0.43</u>	<u>\$ 0.83</u>	<u>\$ 0.25</u>

We did not include the unexercised stock appreciation rights of 262,461 for the year ended December 31, 2013 as they would be anti-dilutive.

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9. Debt

The following table sets forth information regarding the Company's debt as of December 31, 2015 (dollars in thousands):

<u>Property</u>	<u>Principal Balance</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Amortization Provisions</u>
Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile(1)	\$ 201,713	5.98%	April 2016	30 years
Courtyard Manhattan / Fifth Avenue	48,308	6.48%	June 2016	30 years
Lexington Hotel New York	170,368	LIBOR + 2.25%(2)	October 2017(3)	Interest Only
Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown	59,992	4.25%	November 2020	25 years
Hilton Minneapolis	90,653	5.46%	May 2021	25 years
Westin Washington D.C. City Center	68,776	3.99%	January 2023	25 years
The Lodge at Sonoma, a Renaissance Resort & Spa	29,534	3.96%	April 2023	30 years
Westin San Diego	67,629	3.94%	April 2023	30 years
Courtyard Manhattan / Midtown East	86,000	4.40%	August 2024	30 years
Renaissance Worthington	85,000	3.66%	May 2025	30 years
JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek	65,000	4.33%	July 2025	30 years
Boston Westin	204,723	4.36%	November 2025	30 years
Total mortgage debt	<u>1,177,696</u>			
Senior unsecured credit facility	—	LIBOR + 1.75%(4)	January 2017(5)	Interest Only
Total debt	<u>\$1,177,696</u>			
Weighted-Average Interest Rate		<u>4.49%</u>		

- (1) The loan was prepaid on January 11, 2016, three months prior to the scheduled maturity date.
- (2) The interest rate at December 31, 2015 is 2.49%.
- (3) The loan may be extended for two additional one-year terms subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions and the payment of an extension fee.
- (4) The interest rate at December 31, 2015 is 2.19%.
- (5) The credit facility may be extended for an additional year upon the payment of applicable fees and the satisfaction of certain customary conditions.

The aggregate debt maturities as of December 31, 2015 are as follows (in thousands):

2016	\$ 262,129
2017(1)	185,475
2018	16,327
2019	17,063
2020	69,353
Thereafter	<u>627,349</u>
	<u>\$1,177,696</u>

- (1) The Lexington Hotel New York mortgage loan matures in 2017. The loan may be extended for two additional one-year terms subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions and the payment of an extension fee.

Mortgage Debt

We have incurred limited recourse, property specific mortgage debt secured by certain of our hotels. In the event of default, the lender may only foreclose on the pledged assets; however, in the

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event of fraud, misapplication of funds or other customary recourse provisions, the lender may seek payment from us. As of December 31, 2015, 12 of our 29 hotel properties were secured by mortgage debt. Our mortgage debt contains certain property specific covenants and restrictions, including minimum debt service coverage ratios that trigger “cash trap” provisions as well as restrictions on incurring additional debt without lender consent. As of December 31, 2015, we were in compliance with the financial covenants of our mortgage debt.

On April 10, 2015, we repaid the \$52.6 million mortgage loan secured by the Renaissance Worthington three months prior to the scheduled maturity date. On April 14, 2015, we entered into a new \$85.0 million mortgage loan secured by the Renaissance Worthington. The new loan matures in 2025 and bears interest at a fixed rate of 3.66%. The new loan is interest-only for the first two years, after which principal will amortize on a 30-year schedule.

On May 11, 2015, we repaid the mortgage loan secured by the Frenchman’s Reef & Morning Star Beach Resort three months prior to the scheduled maturity date. The loan had an outstanding principal balance of \$56.2 million and incurred interest at a fixed rate of 5.44%.

On July 1, 2015, we repaid the \$38.1 million mortgage loan secured by the JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek and entered into a new \$65.0 million mortgage loan. The new loan matures in 2025 and bears interest at a fixed rate of 4.33%. The new loan is interest-only for the first year, after which principal will amortize on a 30-year schedule.

On October 9, 2015, we repaid the mortgage loan secured by the Orlando Airport Marriott three months prior to the scheduled maturity date. The loan had an outstanding principal balance of \$55.3 million and incurred interest at a fixed rate of 5.68%.

On October 27, 2015, we entered into a new \$205.0 million mortgage loan secured by the Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel. The new loan matures in 2025, bears interest at a fixed interest rate of 4.36% and amortizes principal on a 30-year schedule.

On January 11, 2016, we repaid the mortgage loan secured by the Chicago Marriott Downtown Magnificent Mile three months prior to the scheduled maturity date.

Senior Unsecured Credit Facility

We are party to a \$200 million unsecured credit facility, which expires in January 2017. The maturity date of the facility may be extended for an additional year upon the payment of applicable fees and the satisfaction of certain other customary conditions. We also have the right to increase the amount of the facility up to \$400 million with lender approval. Interest is paid on the periodic advances

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under the facility at varying rates, based upon LIBOR, plus an agreed-upon additional margin amount. The applicable margin is based upon the Company's ratio of net indebtedness to EBITDA, as follows:

<u>Ratio of Net Indebtedness to EBITDA</u>	<u>Applicable Margin</u>
Less than 4.00 to 1.00	1.75%
Greater than or equal to 4.00 to 1.00 but less than 5.00 to 1.00	1.90%
Greater than or equal to 5.00 to 1.00 but less than 5.50 to 1.00	2.10%
Greater than or equal to 5.50 to 1.00 but less than 6.00 to 1.00	2.20%
Greater than or equal to 6.00 to 1.00 but less than 6.50 to 1.00	2.50%
Greater than or equal to 6.50 to 1.00	2.75%

In addition to the interest payable on amounts outstanding under the facility, we are required to pay an amount equal to 0.35% of the unused portion of the facility if the unused portion of the facility is greater than 50% or 0.25% if the unused portion of the facility is less than or equal to 50%.

The facility contains various corporate financial covenants. A summary of the most restrictive covenants is as follows:

	<u>Covenant</u>	<u>Actual at December 31, 2015</u>
Maximum leverage ratio(1)	60%	34.7%
Minimum fixed charge coverage ratio(2)	1.50x	3.72x
Minimum tangible net worth(3)	\$1.90 billion	\$2.55 billion
Secured recourse indebtedness	Less than 45% of Total Asset Value	34.7%

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- (1) Leverage ratio is total indebtedness, as defined in the credit agreement, divided by total asset value, defined in the credit agreement as a) total cash and cash equivalents and b) the value of our owned hotels based on hotel net operating income divided by a defined capitalization rate.
- (2) Fixed charge coverage ratio is Adjusted EBITDA, which is defined in the credit agreement as EBITDA less FF&E reserves, for the most recently ending 12 fiscal months, to fixed charges, which is defined in the credit agreement as interest expense, all regularly scheduled principal payments and payments on capitalized lease obligations, for the same most recently ending 12-month period.
- (3) Tangible net worth, as defined in the credit agreement, is (i) total gross book value of all assets, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, less intangible assets, total indebtedness, and all other liabilities, plus (ii) 75% of net proceeds from future equity issuances.

The facility requires us to maintain a specific pool of unencumbered borrowing base properties. The unencumbered borrowing base assets must include a minimum of five properties with an unencumbered borrowing base value, as defined in the credit agreement, of not less than \$250 million.

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9. Debt (Continued)

As of December 31, 2015, the unencumbered borrowing base included five properties with a borrowing base value of \$307.2 million. Subsequent to December 31, 2015, we borrowed an incremental \$60 million on the facility to partially fund the prepayment of the mortgage loan secured by the Chicago Marriott Downtown.

As of December 31, 2015, we had no borrowings outstanding under the facility and the Company's ratio of net indebtedness to EBITDA was 3.37x. Accordingly, interest on our borrowings under the facility will be based on LIBOR plus 175 basis points for the next fiscal quarter. We incurred interest and unused credit facility fees on the facility of \$1.1 million, \$0.9 million and \$0.9 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

10. Dispositions

We had no dispositions during the year ended December 31, 2015.

2014 Dispositions

On April 14, 2014, we sold the 386-room Oak Brook Hills Resort to an unaffiliated third party for \$30.1 million, including \$4.0 million of seller financing. The sale meets the requirements for accounting under the full accrual method. We recorded a gain on sale of the hotel of approximately \$1.3 million, net of a \$4.0 million valuation allowance on the loan receivable. The loan made to the buyer is unsecured and subordinate to the buyer's senior mortgage loan. The loan matures in August 2017 and has a one year interest-only period after which the loan will amortize based on a twenty-five year schedule. The interest rate on the loan for the first year is a floating rate of LIBOR plus 650 basis points. The interest rate margin increases by 100 basis points annually for the remainder of the loan term. The loan agreement provides for possible repayment options prior to the loan's maturity, including upon full repayment of the buyer's senior mortgage loan or the hotel achieving a certain operating profit threshold prior to loan maturity.

The loan receivable and the valuation allowance are included within prepaid and other assets on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2014. Based on our estimates of the hotel's future cash flows from operations and the fact that the note was unsecured and subordinate to the senior mortgage loan, we believed it was remote that we would collect all contractual amounts due under the loan. Accordingly, we recognized a full valuation allowance of \$4.0 million. In November 2015, the hotel achieved the profit thresholds set forth and the loan was repaid in full. We recorded a gain on repayment of the loan of approximately \$3.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2015.

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, our consolidated statements of operations include \$0.6 million pre-tax loss and \$1.4 million pre-tax income, respectively, related to our ownership of the Oak Brook Hills Resort.

On December 18, 2014, we sold the 1,004-room Los Angeles Airport Marriott to an unaffiliated third party for a contractual purchase price of \$147.5 million. We received net proceeds of approximately \$158.6 million from the transaction, which included credit for the hotel's capital replacement reserve. We recognized a gain on sale of the hotel of approximately \$49.7 million. In connection with the sale of the Los Angeles Airport Marriott, we executed a reverse 1031 exchange with the Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort, which was purchased on December 3, 2014. The reverse 1031 exchange has no effect on our GAAP financial reporting and does not have a material impact on our tax positions and expected tax expense.

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10. Dispositions (Continued)

For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, our consolidated statements of operations include \$54.9 million and \$1.8 million, respectively, of pre-tax income related to our ownership of the Los Angeles Airport Marriott.

2013 Disposition

On November 21, 2013, we sold the 487-room Torrance Marriott South Bay to an unaffiliated third party for a contractual sales price of \$74 million, recognizing a gain of \$22.7 million on the sale. The operating results, as well as the gain on sale, are reported in discontinued operations on the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

The following is a summary of the results of income from discontinued operations for the year ended December 31, 2013 (in thousands, except per-share data):

	Year Ended December 31, 2013
Hotel revenues	\$ 21,336
Hotel operating expenses	(15,977)
Operating income	5,359
Depreciation and amortization	(1,759)
Interest income	1
Interest expense	—
Impairment charge	—
Gain on sale of hotel property, net	22,733
Income tax expense	(1,097)
Income from discontinued operations	<u>\$ 25,237</u>
Basic and diluted income from discontinued operations per share . .	<u>\$ 0.13</u>

11. Acquisitions

2015 Acquisitions

On February 6, 2015, we acquired the 157-room Shorebreak Hotel located in Huntington Beach, California for a purchase price of \$58.8 million. Upon acquisition of the hotel, we entered into a 10-year management agreement with Kimpton Hotel and Restaurant Group, LLC. The management agreement provides for a base management fee of 1.25% of gross revenues during 2015 and 2.5% of gross revenues thereafter. The agreement also provides for an incentive management fee of 15% of hotel operating profit above an owner's priority determined in accordance with the terms of the management agreement.

We own a 95.5% undivided interest in the land underlying the hotel and lease the remaining 4.5% under a long-term ground lease, which expires in 2100, including extension options. In 2021 and at certain points thereafter, we have the option to purchase the 4.5% leasehold interest at the greater of the then current rent divided by 10% or fair market value. We reviewed the terms of the ground lease in conjunction with the hotel purchase accounting and concluded that the terms are unfavorable to us compared with a current market ground lease. As a result, we recorded a \$0.3 million unfavorable lease

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11. Acquisitions (Continued)

liability. We expect to exercise the leasehold purchase option in 2021. Accordingly, the unfavorable lease liability will be amortized over the remaining term through 2021.

On June 30, 2015, we acquired the 184-suite Sheraton Suites Key West located in Key West, Florida for a purchase price of \$94.4 million. The acquisition was funded with a combination of corporate cash on hand and a draw on our senior unsecured credit facility. We assumed the existing management agreement with Ocean Properties, which expires in July 2027 and provides for a base management fee of 3.0% of gross revenues and an incentive management fee of 10% of hotel operating profit above an owner's priority determined in accordance with the terms of the management agreement.

2014 Acquisitions

On August 15, 2014, we acquired the 106-room Inn at Key West located in Key West, Florida for a purchase price of \$47.8 million. The acquisition was funded with corporate cash on hand. We retained the existing hotel operator, Remington Management, LP, under an interim management agreement. In September 2015, we entered into a 10-year management agreement with Noble House Hotels & Resorts to operate the hotel.

On August 29, 2014, we completed the acquisition of the newly constructed, 282-room Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central in New York City. We had entered into the purchase and sale agreement to acquire this hotel upon its completion for a fixed purchase price of \$127.2 million in early 2011. We had previously funded total purchase deposits of \$26.9 million. The balance of the purchase price was funded with corporate cash on hand. The hotel opened on September 1, 2014 and is operated by Highgate Hotels, LP, subject to a franchise license agreement with Hilton Garden Inns Franchise LLC. The hotel meets the definition of a business and the acquisition was accounted for as a business combination. As such, the assets acquired were recorded at their fair values, which exceeded our contractual cost. During the three years between the date of the purchase and sale agreement and the date of acquisition, the real estate market for hotels located in Manhattan experienced an increase in valuations due to improved economic conditions in the market and the overall economy. This resulted in an increase in the fair value the hotel at the time of acquisition compared with our contractual purchase price, which resulted in a gain of approximately \$23.9 million upon acquisition.

On December 3, 2014, we acquired the 432-room Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort located in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for a purchase price of \$149.0 million. The acquisition was funded with a combination of corporate cash on hand and a draw on our senior unsecured credit facility. Upon acquisition of the hotel, we entered into a 10-year management agreement with HEI Hotels & Resorts and a 20-year franchise agreement with Starwood to license the hotel under the Westin brand.

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11. Acquisitions (Continued)

The following table summarizes the estimated fair values of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed in our acquisitions (in thousands):

	Shorebreak Hotel	Sheraton Suites Key West	Inn at Key West	Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central	Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort
Land	\$19,908	\$49,592	\$32,888	\$ 60,300	\$ 54,293
Building and improvements	37,525	42,958	13,371	88,896	83,227
Furnitures, fixtures and equipment	1,338	1,378	1,241	6,204	11,480
Total fixed assets	58,771	93,928	47,500	155,400	149,000
Unfavorable lease liability	(349)	—	—	—	—
Other assets and liabilities, net	401	500	326	370	12
Total	<u>\$58,823</u>	<u>\$94,428</u>	<u>\$47,826</u>	<u>\$155,770</u>	<u>\$149,012</u>

Acquired properties are included in our results of operations from the date of acquisition. The following pro forma financial information presents our results of operations (in thousands, except per share data) as if the hotels acquired in 2015 and 2014 were acquired on January 1, 2014 and January 1, 2013, respectively. The pro forma financial information does not include the pro forma adjustments for the Hilton Garden Inn Times Square Central because the hotel opened on September 1, 2014. The pro forma information is not necessarily indicative of the results that actually would have occurred nor does it indicate future operating results.

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2015	2014
	(unaudited)	
Revenues	\$942,547	\$949,110
Net income	\$ 89,184	\$175,638
Earnings per share:		
Basic earnings per share	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.90
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.89

For the year ended December 31, 2015, our consolidated statement of operations includes \$20.8 million of revenues and \$4.6 million of net income related to the operations of the hotels acquired in 2015.

For the year ended December 31, 2014, our consolidated statement of operations includes \$15.2 million of revenues and \$4.5 million of net income related to the operations of the hotels acquired in 2014.

12. Income Taxes

We have elected to be treated as a REIT under the provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, which requires that we distribute at least 90% of our taxable income annually to our stockholders and

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12. Income Taxes (Continued)

comply with certain other requirements. In addition to paying federal and state taxes on any retained income, we may be subject to taxes on “built in gains” on sales of certain assets. Our taxable REIT subsidiaries are subject to federal, state, local and/or foreign income taxes.

Our provision (benefit) for income taxes consists of the following (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Current—Federal	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
State	770	269	257
Foreign	515	208	70
	1,285	477	327
Deferred—Federal	8,249	3,933	(1,626)
State	2,315	1,105	(167)
Foreign	(274)	121	353
	10,290	5,159	(1,440)
Income tax provision (benefit) from continuing operations	<u>\$11,575</u>	<u>\$5,636</u>	<u>\$(1,113)</u>
Income tax provision from discontinued operations	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,097</u>

A reconciliation of the statutory federal tax provision to our income tax provision (benefit) is as follows (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Statutory federal tax provision (35)%	\$ 34,272	\$ 59,155	\$ 7,950
Tax impact of REIT election	(21,544)	(52,937)	(8,641)
State income tax provision, net of federal tax benefit	1,745	893	58
Foreign income tax benefit	(2,266)	(1,603)	(552)
Foreign tax rate adjustment	—	—	—
Other	(632)	128	72
Income tax provision (benefit) from continuing operations	<u>\$ 11,575</u>	<u>\$ 5,636</u>	<u>\$(1,113)</u>

We are required to pay franchise taxes in certain jurisdictions. We recorded approximately \$0.4 million of franchise taxes during each of the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, which are classified as corporate expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

Deferred income taxes are recognized for temporary differences between the financial reporting bases of assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases and for operating loss and tax credit carryforwards based on enacted tax rates expected to be in effect when such amounts are paid. However, deferred tax assets are recognized only to the extent that it is more likely than not that they will be realizable based on consideration of available evidence, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, projected future taxable income and tax planning strategies. Deferred tax assets are included in prepaid and other assets and deferred tax liabilities are included in accounts

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12. Income Taxes (Continued)

payable and accrued expenses on the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The total deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows (in thousands):

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Deferred income related to key money	\$ 8,844	\$ 8,636
Net operating loss carryforwards	25,210	31,178
Alternative minimum tax credit carryforwards	59	72
Other	335	601
	<u>34,448</u>	<u>40,487</u>
Deferred tax assets		
Less: Valuation allowance	(400)	—
	<u>34,048</u>	<u>40,487</u>
Subtotal		
Land basis difference recorded in purchase accounting	(4,260)	(4,260)
Depreciation and amortization	(16,784)	(12,947)
	<u>(21,044)</u>	<u>(17,207)</u>
Deferred tax liabilities		
Deferred tax asset, net	<u>\$ 13,004</u>	<u>\$ 23,280</u>

As of December 31, 2015, we had deferred tax assets of \$25.2 million consisting of federal and state net operating loss carryforwards. The federal loss carryforwards of \$21.5 million generally expire in 2028 through 2034 if not utilized by then. We believe that it is more likely than not that the results of future operations will generate sufficient taxable income to realize the deferred tax asset related to federal loss carryforwards prior to their expiration and have determined that no valuation allowance is required. The state loss carryforwards of \$3.7 million generally expire in 2020 through 2034 if not utilized by then. The Company analyzes state loss carryforwards on a state by state basis and records a valuation allowance when we deem it more likely than not that future results will not generate sufficient taxable income in the respective state to realize the deferred tax asset prior to the expiration of the loss carryforwards. During the year ended December 31, 2015, we recorded a \$0.4 million valuation allowance on the deferred tax asset related to the Illinois state loss carryforward. The remaining deferred tax assets of \$9.2 million are expected to be recovered against reversing existing taxable temporary differences.

The Frenchman’s Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort is owned by a subsidiary that has elected to be treated as a TRS, and is subject to U.S. Virgin Islands (“USVI”) income taxes. We were party to a tax agreement with the USVI that reduced the income tax rate to approximately 7%. This agreement expired on February 14, 2015, at which time the income tax rate increased to 37.4%. In October 2015, we were granted a 15-year extension of the tax agreement, which is retroactive to the expiration date of the prior agreement. Accordingly, the income tax expense for 2015, as well as deferred tax assets and liabilities, reflect the lower rate.

13. Relationships with Managers

We are party to hotel management agreements for each of our hotels owned. The following table sets forth the agreement date, initial term and number of renewal terms under the respective hotel management agreements for each of our hotels. Generally, the term of the hotel management agreements renew automatically for a negotiated number of consecutive periods upon the expiration of

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13. Relationships with Managers (Continued)

the initial term unless the property manager gives notice to us of its election not to renew the hotel management agreement.

<u>Property</u>	<u>Manager</u>	<u>Date of Agreement</u>	<u>Initial Term</u>	<u>Number of Renewal Terms</u>
Atlanta Alpharetta Marriott	Marriott	9/2000	30 years	Two ten-year periods
Bethesda Marriott Suites	Marriott	12/2004	21 years	Two ten-year periods
Boston Westin Waterfront	Starwood	5/2004	20 years	Four ten-year periods
Chicago Marriott Downtown	Marriott	3/2006	32 years	Two ten-year periods
Courtyard Denver Downtown	Sage Hospitality	7/2011	5 years	One five-year period
Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue	Marriott	12/2004	30 years	None
Courtyard Manhattan/Midtown East	Marriott	11/2004	30 years	Two ten-year periods
Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort	Marriott	9/2000	30 years	Two ten-year periods
The Gwen Chicago	Crescent Hotels & Resorts(1)	9/2015	10 years	None
Hilton Boston Downtown	Davidson Hotels & Resorts	11/2012	7 years	Two five-year periods
Hilton Burlington	Interstate Hotels & Resorts	12/2010	5 years	Month-to-month
Hilton Garden Inn Chelsea/New York City	HEI Hotels & Resorts(2)	9/2015	10 years	None
Hilton Garden Inn New York City/Times Square Central	Highgate Hotels	1/2011	10 years	One five-year period
Hilton Minneapolis	Hilton	3/2006	20¾ years	None
Hotel Rex	Joie de Vivre Hotels	9/2005	5 years	Month-to-month
Inn at Key West	Noble House Hotels & Resorts(3)	9/2015	10 years	Two five-year periods
JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek	Sage Hospitality	5/2011	5 years	One five-year period
Lexington Hotel New York	Highgate Hotels	6/2011	10 years	One five-year period
Orlando Airport Marriott	Marriott	11/2005	30 years	None
Renaissance Charleston	Marriott	1/2000	21 years	Two five-year periods
Renaissance Worthington	Marriott	9/2000	30 years	Two ten-year periods
Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown	Marriott	12/2001	30 years	Three fifteen-year periods
Sheraton Suites Key West	Ocean Properties	6/2015	12 years	None
Shorebreak Hotel	Kimpton Hotel & Restaurant Group	2/2015	10 years	None
The Lodge at Sonoma, a Renaissance Resort & Spa	Marriott	10/2004	20 years	One ten-year period
Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa	Vail Resorts	6/2005	15½ years	None
Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort	HEI Hotels & Resorts	12/2014	10 years	None
Westin San Diego	Interstate Hotels & Resorts	12/2010	5 years	Month-to-month
Westin Washington D.C. City Center	HEI Hotels & Resorts(4)	4/2015	10 years	None

- (1) Crescent Hotels & Resorts assumed management of the hotel in September 2015. The hotel was previously managed by Hilton.
- (2) HEI Hotels & Resorts assumed management of the hotel in September 2015. The hotel was previously managed by Alliance Hospitality Management.
- (3) Noble House Hotels & Resorts assumed management of the hotel in September 2015. The hotel was previously managed by Remington Hotels.
- (4) HEI Hotels & Resorts assumed management of the hotel in April 2015. The hotel was previously managed by Interstate Hotels & Resorts.

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13. Relationships with Managers (Continued)

Under our hotel management agreements, the hotel manager receives a base management fee and, if certain financial thresholds are met or exceeded, an incentive management fee. The base management fee is generally payable as a percentage of gross hotel revenues for each fiscal year. The incentive management fee is generally based on hotel operating profits, but the fee only applies to that portion of hotel operating profits above a negotiated return on our invested capital, which we refer to as the owner's priority. We refer to this excess of operating profits over the owner's priority as "available cash flow."

The following table sets forth the base management fee, incentive management fee and FF&E reserve contribution, generally due and payable each fiscal year, for each of our properties:

<u>Property</u>	<u>Base Management Fee(1)</u>	<u>Incentive Management Fee(2)</u>	<u>FF&E Reserve Contribution(1)</u>
Atlanta Alpharetta Marriott	3%	25%	5%
Bethesda Marriott Suites	3%	50%(3)	5%(4)
Boston Westin Waterfront	2.5%	20%	4%
Chicago Marriott Downtown	3%	18%(5)	5%
Courtyard Denver Downtown	2%(6)	10%	4%
Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue	6%	25%	4%
Courtyard Manhattan/Midtown East	5%	25%	4%
Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort	3%	15%	5.5%
The Gwen Chicago	1%(7)	15%	4%
Hilton Boston Downtown	2%	10%	4%
Hilton Burlington	1.5%(8)	10%	—
Hilton Garden Inn Chelsea/New York City	2.25%(9)	15%	4%
Hilton Garden Inn New York City/Times Square Central	3%(10)	15%	4%
Hilton Minneapolis	3%	15%	4%
Hotel Rex	3%	10%	4%
Inn at Key West	3%	15%	4%
JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek	2.25%(11)	10%	4%
Lexington Hotel New York	3%	20%	4%
Orlando Airport Marriott	3%	25%	5%
Renaissance Charleston	2.5%(12)	20%	5%
Renaissance Worthington	3%	25%	5%
Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown	3%	20%	5%
Sheraton Suites Key West	3%	10%	4%
Shorebreak Hotel	1.25%(13)	15%	4%
The Lodge at Sonoma, a Renaissance Resort & Spa	3%	20%	5%
Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa	3%	20%	4%
Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort	2.25%(14)	15%	4%
Westin San Diego	1.5%(8)	10%	4%
Westin Washington D.C. City Center	2%(15)	15%	4%

(1) As a percentage of gross revenues.

(2) Based on a percentage of hotel operating profits above a specified return on our invested capital or specified operating profit thresholds.

(3) The owner's priority expires in 2027.

(4) The contribution is reduced to 1% until operating profits exceed an owner's priority of \$3.9 million.

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13. Relationships with Managers (Continued)

- (5) Effective April 2015, calculated as 18% of net operating income. There is no owner's priority; however, the Company's contribution to the hotel's multi-year guest room renovation is treated as a deduction in calculating net operating income. Prior to April 2015, calculated as 20% of net operating income before base management fees.
- (6) The base management fee is 2.5% of gross revenues if the hotel achieves operating results in excess of 7% of our invested capital and 3% of gross revenues if the hotel achieves operating profits in excess of 8% of our invested capital.
- (7) The base management fee increases to 1.25% for 2017 and 1.5% for 2018 through the remainder of the term.
- (8) Total management fees are capped at 2.5% of gross revenues.
- (9) The base management fee increases to 2.5% beginning June 4, 2016 through the remainder of the term.
- (10) The base management fee increased to 3% from 2.5% beginning September 1, 2015.
- (11) The base management fee is 2.75% of gross revenues if the hotel achieves operating profits in excess of 7% of our invested capital and 3.25% of gross revenues if the hotel achieves operating profits in excess of 8% of our invested capital.
- (12) The base management fee decreased to 2.5% beginning September 2015 and will increase to 3.0% beginning September 2016 and 3.5% beginning September 2017 through the remainder of the term.
- (13) The base management fee increases to 2.5% beginning January 1, 2016.
- (14) The base management fee decreases to 2% beginning January 1, 2017.
- (15) The base management fee decreases to 2% beginning January 1, 2017. Between April 2015 and April 2016, the base fee may be reduced if the hotel does not meet a specified operating profit threshold, subject to a floor of 1% of gross revenues.

The following is a summary of management fees from continuing operations for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 (in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2015	2014	2013
Base management fees	\$23,228	\$21,473	\$19,324
Incentive management fees	7,405	8,554	6,222
Total management fees	\$30,633	\$30,027	\$25,546

Seven of our hotels earned incentive management fees for the year ended December 31, 2015. Ten of our hotels earned incentive management fees for the year ended December 31, 2014. Eight of our hotels earned incentive management fees for the year ended December 31, 2013.

Performance Termination Provisions

Our management agreements provide us with termination rights upon a manager's failure to meet certain financial performance criteria and manager's decision not to cure the failure by making a cure payment.

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13. Relationships with Managers (Continued)

Key Money

Our managers and franchisors have contributed to us certain amounts in exchange for the right to manage or franchise hotels we have acquired and in connection with the completion of certain brand enhancing capital projects. We refer to these amounts as “key money.” Key money is classified as deferred income in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and amortized against management fees or franchise fees on the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

During 2015, Starwood provided us with \$3.0 million of key money in connection with our renovation associated with the brand conversion of the hotel formerly known as the Conrad Chicago to The Gwen, a Luxury Collection Hotel. The key money will be amortized against franchise fees over the anticipated period of the renovation—January 2016 through April 2017.

We amortized \$1.0 million of key money during the year ended December 31, 2015, \$1.1 million during the year ended December 31, 2014, and \$2.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2013. The amortization for the year ended December 31, 2013 includes \$1.1 million of key money written off as a result of the change of hotel manager of the Oak Brook Hills Resort during 2013. This key money write-off is included within other hotel expenses on the accompanying consolidated statement of operations. In connection with the sale of the Los Angeles Airport Marriott on December 18, 2014, we wrote off \$1.1 million of unamortized key money. The key money write-off is included within the gain on sale of hotel properties, net on the accompanying consolidated statement of operations.

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13. Relationships with Managers (Continued)

Franchise Agreements

The following table sets forth the terms of the hotel franchise agreements for our thirteen franchised hotels:

	<u>Date of Agreement</u>	<u>Term</u>	<u>Franchise Fee</u>
Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa	6/2005	16 years	6% of gross room sales plus 3% of gross food and beverage sales
Hilton Garden Inn Chelsea/New York City	9/2010	17 years	5% of gross room sales and 4.3% of gross room sales
JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek	5/2011	15 years	6% of gross room sales and 3% of gross food and beverage sales
Lexington Hotel New York	3/2012	20 years	3% of gross room sales(1)
Courtyard Denver Downtown	7/2011	16 years	5.5% of gross room sales
Hilton Boston Downtown	7/2012	10 years	5% of gross room sales and 3% of gross food and beverage sales; program fee of 4% of gross room sales
Westin Washington D.C. City Center	12/2010	20 years	7% of gross room sales and 3% of gross food and beverage sales
Westin San Diego	12/2010	20 years	7% of gross room sales and 3% of gross food and beverage sales
Hilton Burlington	7/2012	10 years	5% of gross room sales and 3% of gross food and beverage sales; program fee of 4% of gross room sales
Hilton Garden Inn New York/Times Square Central	6/2011	22 years	3% of gross room sales(2); program fee of 4.3% of gross room sales
Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort	12/2014	20 years	6% of gross room sales and 2% of gross food and beverage sales
The Gwen Chicago	5/2015	20 years	4.5% of gross room sales
Sheraton Suites Key West	2/2006(3)	20 years	5% of gross room sales

(1) Increased to 4% on the first anniversary of the agreement and to 5% on the second anniversary of the agreement.

(2) Increased to 4% on the first anniversary of the opening date, which was September 1, 2014, and increases to 5% on the second anniversary of the opening date.

(3) We assumed the franchise agreement on June 30, 2015, the date of our purchase of the hotel.

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13. Relationships with Managers (Continued)

We recorded \$22.0 million, \$15.3 million and \$11.4 million of franchise fees during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively, which are included in other hotel expenses on the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

14. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

We are subject to various claims, lawsuits and legal proceedings, including routine litigation arising in the ordinary course of business, regarding the operation of our hotels and Company matters. While it is not possible to ascertain the ultimate outcome of such matters, management believes that the aggregate amount of such liabilities, if any, in excess of amounts covered by insurance will not have a material adverse impact on our financial condition or results of operations. The outcome of claims, lawsuits and legal proceedings brought against the Company, however, is subject to significant uncertainties.

Ground Leases

Six of our hotels are subject to ground lease agreements that cover all of the land underlying the respective hotel:

- The Bethesda Marriott Suites hotel is subject to a ground lease that runs until 2087. There are no renewal options.
- The Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue is subject to a ground lease that runs until 2085, inclusive of one 49-year renewal option.
- The Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown is subject to two ground leases: one ground lease covers the land under the hotel and the other ground lease covers the portion of the hotel that extends into the City Creek Project. The term of the ground lease covering the land under the hotel runs through 2056, inclusive of our renewal options, and the term of the ground lease covering the extension runs through 2017. We own a 21% interest in the land under the hotel.
- The Westin Boston Waterfront is subject to a ground lease that runs until 2099. There are no renewal options.
- The Hilton Minneapolis is subject to a ground lease that runs until 2091. There are no renewal options.
- The Shorebreak Hotel is subject to a ground lease that runs until 2100, inclusive of two renewal options of 25 years each and one 24-year renewal option. We own a 95.5% undivided interest in the land underlying the hotel and lease the remaining 4.5% under the ground lease.

In addition, a portion of the parking garage relating to the Renaissance Worthington is subject to three ground leases that cover, contiguously with each other, approximately one-fourth of the land on which the parking garage is constructed. Each of the ground leases has a term that runs through July 2067, inclusive of the three 15-year renewal options. The remainder of the land on which the parking garage is constructed is owned by us in fee simple. A portion of the JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek is subject to a ground lease that covers approximately 5,500 square feet. The term of the ground lease runs through December 2030, inclusive of the two 5-year renewal options. The lease may be

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14. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

indefinitely extended thereafter in one-year increments. The remainder of the land on which the hotel is constructed is owned by us in fee simple.

These ground leases generally require us to make rental payments (including a percentage of gross receipts as percentage rent with respect to the Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue and Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel ground leases) and payments for all (or in the case of the ground lease covering the Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown extension, our tenant's share of) charges, costs, expenses, assessments and liabilities, including real property taxes and utilities. Furthermore, these ground leases generally require us to obtain and maintain insurance covering the subject property.

Ground rent expense was \$15.1 million, \$15.0 million and \$15.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Cash paid for ground rent was \$9.4 million, \$8.9 million and \$8.5 million for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

The following table reflects the current and future annual rents under our ground leases:

	<u>Property</u>	<u>Term(1)</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>
<i>Ground leases under hotel:</i>	Bethesda Marriott Suites	Through 4/2087	\$665,442(2)
	Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue(3)(4)	10/2007 - 9/2017 10/2017 - 9/2027 10/2027 - 9/2037 10/2037 - 9/2047 10/2047 - 9/2057 10/2057 - 9/2067 10/2067 - 9/2077 10/2077 - 9/2085	\$906,000 \$1,132,812 \$1,416,015 \$1,770,019 \$2,212,524 \$2,765,655 \$3,457,069 \$4,321,336
	Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown (Ground lease for hotel)(5)	Through 12/2056	Greater of \$132,000 or 2.6% of annual gross room sales
	(Ground lease for extension)	1/2013 - 12/2017	\$11,305
	Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel(6) (Base rent)	1/2013 - 12/2015 1/2016 - 12/2020 1/2021 - 12/2025 1/2026 - 12/2030 1/2031 - 12/2035 1/2036 - 5/2099	\$500,000 \$750,000 \$1,000,000 \$1,500,000 \$1,750,000 No base rent
	Westin Boston Waterfront Hotel (Percentage rent) . .	Through 12/2015 1/2016 - 12/2025 1/2026 - 12/2035 1/2036 - 12/2045 1/2046 - 12/2055 1/2056 - 12/2065 1/2066 - 5/2099	0% of annual gross revenue 1.0% of annual gross revenue 1.5% of annual gross revenue 2.75% of annual gross revenue 3.0% of annual gross revenue 3.25% of annual gross revenue 3.5% of annual gross revenue
	Hilton Minneapolis(7)	1/2015 - 12/2015 1/2016 - 12/2016 1/2017 - 12/2017 1/2018 - 12/2018 1/2019 - 10/2091	\$6,629,000 \$6,960,000 \$7,308,000 \$7,673,000 Annual real estate taxes

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14. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

<u>Property</u>	<u>Term(1)</u>	<u>Annual Rent</u>
JW Marriott Denver at Cherry Creek	1/2015 - 12/2020	\$50,000
	1/2021 - 12/2025	\$55,000
	1/2026 - 12/2030(8)	\$60,000
Shorebreak Hotel	2/2015 - 4/2100	\$115,542(9)
<i>Ground leases under parking garage:</i>		
Renaissance Worthington	8/2013 - 7/2022	\$40,400
	8/2022 - 7/2037	\$46,081
	8/2037 - 7/2052	\$51,763
	8/2052 - 7/2067	\$57,444

- (1) These terms assume our exercise of all renewal options.
- (2) Represents rent for the year ended December 31, 2015. Rent increases annually by 5.5%.
- (3) The ground lease term is 49 years. We have the right to renew the ground lease for an additional 49 year term on the same terms then applicable to the ground lease.
- (4) The total annual rent includes the fixed rent noted in the table plus a percentage rent equal to 5% of gross receipts for each lease year, but only to the extent that 5% of gross receipts exceeds the minimum fixed rent in such lease year. There was no such percentage rent earned during the year ended December 31, 2015.
- (5) We own a 21% interest in the land underlying the hotel and, as a result, 21% of the annual rent under the ground lease is paid to us by the hotel.
- (6) Total annual rent under the ground lease is capped at 2.5% of hotel gross revenues during the initial 30 years of the ground lease.
- (7) The ground lease payment and related property tax liability were negotiated as a single payment in lieu of taxes. The single payments increase at a rate of 5% per year through 2018. Beginning in 2019, there will no longer be a stipulated single payment and the hotel will pay only the real property tax portion of the initial single payment based on the then assessed valuation and applicable tax rate.
- (8) Beginning January 2031, we have the right to renew the ground lease in one-year increments at the prior year's annual rent plus 3%.
- (9) Represents annualized rent for the year ended December 31, 2015. Rent increases on May 1, 2016 and every five years thereafter based on a Consumer Price Index calculation.

Future minimum annual rental commitments under all non-cancelable operating leases as of December 31, 2015 are as follows (in thousands):

2016	\$ 11,095
2017	11,132
2018	11,380
2019	3,360
2020	3,372
Thereafter	<u>621,406</u>
	<u>\$661,745</u>

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15. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The fair value of certain financial assets and liabilities and other financial instruments as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, in thousands, are as follows:

	December 31, 2015		December 31, 2014	
	Carrying Amount	Fair Value	Carrying Amount	Fair Value
Debt	\$1,177,696	\$1,152,351	\$1,038,330	\$1,059,988

The fair value of our mortgage debt is a Level 2 measurement under the fair value hierarchy (see Note 2). We estimate the fair value of our mortgage debt by discounting the future cash flows of each instrument at estimated market rates. The carrying value of our other financial instruments approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these financial instruments.

16. Segment Information

We aggregate our operating segments using the criteria established by GAAP, including the similarities of our product offering, types of customers and method of providing service.

The following table sets forth revenues from continuing operations and net hotel long-lived assets owned as of December 31, 2015 represented by the following geographical areas as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013:

	Revenues			Net Assets		
	2015	2014	2013	2015	2014	2013
	(In thousands)			(In thousands)		
Chicago	\$128,952	\$132,690	\$149,498	\$ 449,742	\$ 436,490	\$ 462,938
Los Angeles	—	64,923	58,608	—	—	99,258
Boston	130,791	116,861	102,482	394,502	397,807	399,162
US Virgin Islands	64,383	65,586	62,439	116,618	118,458	120,222
New York	150,567	134,841	95,798	644,243	660,609	516,555
Minneapolis	54,247	49,704	50,097	124,339	131,080	136,255
Denver	36,516	34,206	31,909	111,221	113,670	115,447
Other	365,534	274,051	248,857	1,041,364	905,876	714,004
Total	<u>\$930,990</u>	<u>\$872,862</u>	<u>\$799,688</u>	<u>\$2,882,029</u>	<u>\$2,763,990</u>	<u>\$2,563,841</u>

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17. Quarterly Operating Results (Unaudited)

	2015 Quarter Ended			
	<u>March 31</u>	<u>June 30</u>	<u>September 30</u>	<u>December 31</u>
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Total revenue	\$208,888	\$249,801	\$238,502	\$233,799
Total operating expenses	187,482	205,637	197,086	195,511
Operating income	<u>\$ 21,406</u>	<u>\$ 44,164</u>	<u>\$ 41,416</u>	<u>\$ 38,288</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 10,641</u>	<u>\$ 24,822</u>	<u>\$ 24,464</u>	<u>\$ 25,703</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.14</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.05</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.12</u>	<u>\$ 0.14</u>
	2014 Quarter Ended			
	<u>March 31</u>	<u>June 30</u>	<u>September 30</u>	<u>December 31</u>
	(In thousands, except per share data)			
Total revenue	\$190,084	\$229,934	\$229,217	\$223,627
Total operating expenses	180,022	174,897	191,045	189,431
Operating income	<u>\$ 10,062</u>	<u>\$ 55,037</u>	<u>\$ 38,172</u>	<u>\$ 34,196</u>
Net income	<u>\$ 4,037</u>	<u>\$ 51,916</u>	<u>\$ 43,808</u>	<u>\$ 63,616</u>
Basic earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.02</u>	<u>\$ 0.27</u>	<u>\$ 0.22</u>	<u>\$ 0.32</u>
Diluted earnings per share	<u>\$ 0.02</u>	<u>\$ 0.26</u>	<u>\$ 0.22</u>	<u>\$ 0.32</u>

DiamondRock Hospitality Company
Schedule III—Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation
As of December 31, 2015 (in thousands)

Description	Encumbrances	Initial Cost		Costs Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition	Gross Amount at End of Year			Accumulated Depreciation	Net Book Value	Year of Acquisition	Depreciation Life
		Land	Building and Improvements		Land	Building and Improvements	Total				
Atlanta Alpharetta Marriott	\$ —	\$ 3,623	\$ 33,503	\$ 948	\$ 3,623	\$ 34,451	\$ 38,074	\$ (9,024)	\$ 29,050	2005	40 Years
Bethesda Marriott Suites	—	—	45,656	1,764	—	47,420	47,420	(13,056)	34,364	2004	40 Years
Boston Westin Waterfront	(204,723)	—	273,696	22,530	—	296,226	296,226	(65,273)	230,953	2007	40 Years
Chicago Marriott Downtown	(201,713)	36,900	347,921	35,126	36,900	383,047	419,947	(89,257)	330,690	2006	40 Years
The Gwen Chicago	—	31,650	76,961	3,856	31,650	80,817	112,467	(18,052)	94,415	2006	40 Years
Courtyard Denver	—	9,400	36,180	1,500	9,400	37,680	47,080	(4,110)	42,970	2011	40 Years
Courtyard Manhattan/Fifth Avenue Courtyard Manhattan/Midtown East	(48,308)	—	34,685	2,827	—	37,512	37,512	(10,286)	27,226	2004	40 Years
Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Marriott Beach Resort	(86,000)	16,500	54,812	2,954	16,500	57,766	74,266	(15,722)	58,544	2004	40 Years
Hilton Boston Downtown	—	17,713	50,697	47,041	17,713	97,738	115,451	(18,401)	97,050	2005	40 Years
Hilton Burlington	—	23,262	128,628	9,290	23,262	137,918	161,180	(11,412)	149,768	2012	40 Years
Hilton Garden Inn Chelsea/New York City	—	9,197	40,644	1,820	9,197	42,464	51,661	(3,669)	47,992	2012	40 Years
Hilton Garden Inn/New York Times Square Central	—	14,800	51,458	386	14,800	51,844	66,644	(6,876)	59,768	2010	40 Years
Hilton Minneapolis	(90,653)	60,300	88,896	—	60,300	88,896	149,196	(2,963)	146,233	2014	40 Years
Hotel Rex	—	—	129,640	944	—	130,584	130,584	(18,060)	112,524	2010	40 Years
Inn at Key West	—	7,856	21,085	(63)	7,856	21,022	28,878	(1,647)	27,231	2012	40 Years
JW Marriott Denver	(65,000)	32,888	13,371	181	32,888	13,552	46,440	(581)	45,859	2014	40 Years
Lexington Hotel New York	(170,368)	9,200	63,183	1,283	9,200	64,466	73,666	(7,374)	66,292	2011	40 Years
Orlando Airport Marriott	—	92,000	229,368	7,911	92,000	237,279	329,279	(26,702)	302,577	2011	40 Years
Renaissance Charleston	—	9,769	57,803	3,845	9,769	61,648	71,417	(15,337)	56,080	2005	40 Years
Renaissance Worthington	(85,000)	—	5,900	763	5,900	33,274	39,174	(4,423)	34,751	2010	40 Years
Salt Lake City Marriott Downtown Sheraton Suites Key West	(59,992)	15,500	63,428	3,341	15,500	66,769	82,269	(17,182)	65,087	2005	40 Years
Shorebreak Hotel	—	49,592	42,958	54	49,592	43,012	92,604	(564)	92,040	2015	40 Years
The Lodge at Sonoma, a Renaissance Resort and Spa . . .	(29,534)	19,908	37,525	72	19,908	37,597	57,505	(864)	56,641	2015	40 Years
Westin Fort Lauderdale Beach Resort	—	3,951	22,720	1,028	3,951	23,748	27,699	(9,163)	18,536	2004	40 Years
Westin San Diego	(67,629)	54,293	83,227	(188)	54,293	83,039	137,332	(2,286)	135,046	2014	40 Years
Westin Washington, D.C City Center	(68,776)	22,902	95,617	6,691	22,902	102,308	125,210	(8,618)	116,592	2012	40 Years
Vail Marriott Mountain Resort & Spa	—	24,579	122,229	8,013	24,579	130,242	154,821	(10,933)	143,888	2012	40 Years
Total	<u>\$(1,177,696)</u>	<u>\$577,483</u>	<u>\$2,376,680</u>	<u>\$170,888</u>	<u>\$578,338</u>	<u>\$2,546,713</u>	<u>\$3,125,051</u>	<u>\$(419,309)</u>	<u>\$2,705,797</u>		

Notes:

A) The change in total cost of properties for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

Balance at December 31, 2012	\$2,770,840
Additions:	
Capital expenditures	15,089
Deductions:	
Dispositions and other	(61,312)
Balance at December 31, 2013	<u>\$2,724,617</u>
Additions:	
Acquisitions	\$ 332,975
Capital expenditures	26,831
Deductions:	
Dispositions and other	(140,320)
Balance at December 31, 2014	<u>\$2,944,103</u>
Additions:	
Acquisitions	149,983
Capital expenditures	30,965
Deductions:	
Dispositions and other	—
Balance at December 31, 2015	<u><u>\$3,125,051</u></u>

B) The change in accumulated depreciation of real estate assets for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015, 2014 and 2013 is as follows:

Balance at December 31, 2012	\$276,832
Depreciation and amortization	59,393
Dispositions and other	(11,312)
Balance at December 31, 2013	<u>324,913</u>
Depreciation and amortization	59,965
Dispositions and other	(29,416)
Balance at December 31, 2014	<u>355,462</u>
Depreciation and amortization	63,847
Dispositions and other	—
Balance at December 31, 2015	<u><u>\$419,309</u></u>

C) The aggregate cost of properties for Federal income tax purposes (in thousands) is approximately \$3,007,362 as of December 31, 2015.

CORPORATE INFORMATION



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ANNUAL MEETING

DiamondRock Hospitality Company will hold its
annual meeting of shareholders on May 3, 2016
at the Westin Washington, D.C. City Center,
1400 M Street NW, Washington, DC 20005. A
formal notice and proxy will be mailed before the
meeting to shareholders entitled to vote.

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OTHER SHAREHOLDER INFORMATION

For information about DiamondRock
Hospitality Company and its subsidiaries,
including copies of its annual report on
Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q
and current reports on Form 8-K, you may
call our corporate headquarters or submit a
written request to Investor Relations.

Our Chief Executive Officer and Chief
Financial Officer have furnished the
Sections 302 and 906 certifications
required by the U.S. Securities and
Exchange Commission in our Annual
Report on Form 10-K. In addition, our Chief
Executive Officer has certified to the NYSE
that he is not aware of any violations by us
of NYSE corporate governance standards.

INTERNET ACCESS

A corporate profile, recent press releases,
SEC filings, property locations and other
information about DiamondRock Hospitality
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