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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, 2003 Commission file number 1-12792

SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Maryland	56-1857807
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

309 East Morehead Street  
Suite 200  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28202  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(704) 334-3000  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share	New York Stock Exchange
Preferred Stock Purchase Rights	New York Stock Exchange
(Title of each class)	(Name of each exchange on which registered)

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

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 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 an accelerated filer (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Act).

Yes  No 

The aggregate market value of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, held by nonaffiliates of the Registrant, as of June 30, 2003 was \$519,212,449.

The number of shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, outstanding as of March 9, 2004 was 31,382,366.

#### DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Proxy Statement for the Registrant's 2004 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the year covered by this Form 10-K, are incorporated by reference herein as portions of Part III of this Form 10-K.

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## PART I

This Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Our actual results could differ materially from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Certain factors that might cause such a difference are discussed in this report on Form 10-K, including the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements" on page 35. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to "we," "our" or "us" in this report refer collectively to Summit Properties Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Summit"), and its subsidiaries, including Summit Properties Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), considered as a single enterprise. Summit is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership.

## Item 1. Business

## Our Company

Summit is a real estate investment trust ("REIT") that focuses on the development, construction, acquisition and operation of luxury apartment communities. As of December 31, 2003, we owned 46 completed communities comprised of 14,098 apartment homes with an additional 1,687 apartment homes under construction in five new communities. We also own a 25% interest in a joint venture comprised of four completed communities with 1,203 apartment homes. We are a fully integrated organization with multi-family development, construction, acquisition, operation portfolio management and capital markets expertise. As of December 31, 2003, we had approximately 450 employees.

We operate throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states and have chosen to focus on five markets consisting of Washington, D.C., Southeast Florida, Atlanta, Raleigh and Charlotte. We have established city operating offices in all of our markets. These city offices have direct responsibility for development, construction and management of the communities in their geographic markets. We believe that this decentralized structure provides us with superior local knowledge and experience in each market.

We conduct our business principally through the Operating Partnership of which Summit is the sole general partner and a 90.2% economic owner as of December 31, 2003. Our property management, certain construction and other businesses are conducted through our subsidiaries, Summit Management Company, a Maryland corporation, and Summit Apartment Builders, Inc., a Florida corporation. Throughout this report, we refer to Summit Management Company as the "Management Company" and to Summit Apartment Builders, Inc. as the "Construction Company."

### Company History

We were formed in 1993 to continue and expand the multi-family businesses of the predecessor entities through which we historically conducted operations prior to our initial public offering.

The predecessor entities were founded by one of our Co-Chairmen of the Board, William B. McGuire, Jr., in 1972. In 1981, William F. Paulsen joined the predecessor entity as Chief Executive Officer, shepherded the growth of its multifamily development and management activities and now serves as a Co-Chairmen of our Board of Directors. We have elected to be treated as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. We completed our initial public offering of common stock on February 8, 1994.

We are a Maryland corporation and a self-administered and self-managed REIT. Our common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol "SMT." Our executive offices are located at 309 East Morehead Street, Suite 200, Charlotte, North Carolina 28202. Our telephone number is (704) 334-3000 and our facsimile number is (704) 333-8340. We also maintain offices in McLean, Virginia, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida, Atlanta, Georgia and Raleigh, North Carolina.

### The Operating Partnership

The Operating Partnership was formed on January 14, 1994, and is the entity through which principally all of our business is conducted. We control the Operating Partnership as the sole general partner and as the holder of 90.2% of the common units of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership as of December 31, 2003. As of December 31, 2003, the Operating Partnership also had outstanding 2.2 million Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units. As the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, we have the exclusive power to manage and conduct the business of the Operating Partnership, subject to certain voting rights of holders of units of limited partnership interest. Subject to the rights and preferences of the outstanding preferred units, our general and limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership as of December 31, 2003, entitled us to share in 90.2% of the cash distributions from, and in the profits and losses of, the Operating Partnership.

Each common unit may be redeemed by the holder for cash equal to the fair market value of a share of our common stock or, at the election of the Operating Partnership, one share of our common stock, subject to adjustment. The Operating Partnership presently determines on a case-by-case basis whether to cause us to issue shares of common stock in connection with a redemption of common units rather than paying cash. With each redemption of common units for common stock, our percentage ownership interest in the Operating Partnership will increase. Similarly, when

we acquire a share of common stock under our common stock repurchase program or otherwise, we simultaneously dispose of one common unit of the Operating Partnership. In addition, whenever we issue shares of common stock for cash, we will contribute any resulting net proceeds to the Operating Partnership and the Operating Partnership will issue an equivalent number of common units to us.

The Operating Partnership cannot be terminated, except in connection with a sale of all or substantially all of our assets, for a period of 99 years from the date of formation without a vote of the limited partners of the Operating Partnership.

#### Competition

Within each market, our communities compete directly with other rental apartments, condominiums, townhomes and detached single-family homes that are available for rent or sale. These housing alternatives could adversely affect our ability to increase or maintain our rents and occupancy. In addition, various entities, including insurance companies, pension and investment funds, partnerships, investment companies and other multifamily REITs, compete with us for the acquisition of existing communities and the development of new communities, some of which may have greater resources than us. We compete against these firms and other housing alternatives by stressing customer service as well as excellence in product location, design and quality.

#### Environmental Matters

Under various federal, state and local environmental laws, ordinances and regulations, a current or previous owner or operator of real estate may be required, in many instances regardless of knowledge or responsibility, to investigate and remediate the effects of hazardous or toxic substances or petroleum product releases at that property. The owner or operator of real estate may be held liable to a governmental entity or to third parties for property damage and for investigation and remediation costs incurred by those parties in connection with the contamination, which may be substantial. The presence of these substances, or the failure to properly remediate the contamination, may adversely affect the owner's ability to borrow against, sell or rent that property. In addition, some environmental laws create a lien on the contaminated site in favor of the government for damages and costs it incurs in connection with the contamination. In connection with the ownership, operation, management and development of our communities and other real properties, we may be potentially liable for these damages and costs.

Certain federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations govern the removal, encapsulation and disturbance of asbestos-containing materials ("ACMs") when these materials are in poor condition or in the event of construction, remodeling, renovation or demolition of a building. These laws, ordinances and regulations may impose liability for release of ACMs and may provide for third parties to seek recovery from owners or operators of real properties for personal injury associated with ACMs. In connection with the ownership, operation, management and development of our communities and other real properties, we may be potentially liable for these costs.

Finally, when moisture accumulates in buildings or on building materials, mold growth may occur, particularly if the moisture problem remains undiscovered or is not addressed. Concern about indoor exposure to mold has been increasing as exposure to mold may cause a variety of health effects and symptoms, including severe allergic or other reactions. As a result, the presence of mold at any of our communities could require us to undertake a costly remediation program to contain or remove the mold from the affected community. Such a remediation program could necessitate the temporary relocation of some or all of the community's residents or the complete rehabilitation of the community. In addition, the presence of significant mold could expose us to liability from residents and others if property damage or health concerns arise.

Assessments of our communities have not revealed any environmental liability that we believe would have a material adverse effect on our business, assets, financial condition or results of operations, nor are we aware of any other environmental conditions which would have a material adverse effect. It is possible, however, that our assessments do not reveal all environmental liabilities or that there are material environmental liabilities of which we are unaware. Moreover, there can be no assurance that future laws, ordinances or regulations will not impose any material environmental liability, or that the current environmental condition of our communities will not be affected by residents, the condition of land or operations in the vicinity of the communities, such as the presence of underground storage tanks, or third parties unrelated to us. In addition, environmental liabilities could develop at communities sold for which we may have liability.

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We maintain a website at [www.summitproperties.com](http://www.summitproperties.com). We make available, free of charge, on our website our annual report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and exhibits 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, as soon as reasonably practicable after such reports are electronically filed with, or furnished to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Our reports filed with, or furnished to, the SEC are also available on the SEC's website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov).

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## Item 2. Properties

### Our Communities

As of December 31, 2003, we owned, and operated through the Operating Partnership, 46 completed communities with 14,098 apartment homes. The average age of our completed communities is approximately six years. All of our communities target middle to upper income apartment residents as customers and have amenities consistent with the desires of this resident population. We have an additional 1,687 apartment homes under construction in five communities. As of December 31, 2003, we also held a 25% ownership interest in four completed communities with 1,203 apartment homes through a joint venture. The following is a summary of the 46 completed communities by market (the table below does not include joint venture communities):

	Number of Communities	Number of Apartment Homes	% of Total Revenues
Washington, D.C.	10	3,294	25.1%
Atlanta, Georgia	11	3,579	23.1%
Raleigh, North Carolina	8	2,582	18.9%
Charlotte, North Carolina	9	1,901	15.3%
Southeast Florida	6	2,120	12.9%
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	1	352	2.8%
Orlando, Florida	1	270	1.9%
	<u>46</u>	<u>14,098</u>	<u>100.0%</u>

The following table highlights information regarding these 46 completed communities:

Market Area/Community	Location	Number of Apartments	Year Completed	Average Apartment Size (sq. ft.)	Average Physical Occupancy (%) 2003 (a)	Average Physical Occupancy (%) 2002 (a)	Average Rent per Occupied Apartment Home 2003 (b)	Average Rent per Occupied Apartment Home 2002 (b)	Mortgage Notes Payable at December 31, 2003 (000's)
<b>SAME-PROPERTY COMMUNITIES</b>									
<b>(c)</b>									
<b>ATLANTA</b>									
Summit Club at Dunwoody	Atlanta, GA	324	1997	1,007	93.2	91.7	\$ 804	\$ 889	(d)
Summit Deer Creek	Atlanta, GA	292	2000	1,187	88.0	90.1	829	912	-
Summit Glen	Atlanta, GA	242	1992	983	92.0	93.6	781	899	(d)
Summit on the River	Atlanta, GA	352	1997	1,103	92.6	94.3	789	837	(d)
Summit St. Clair	Atlanta, GA	336	1997	969	92.2	93.1	915	984	(d)
Summit Sweetwater	Atlanta, GA	308	2000	1,151	93.6	93.6	717	784	(e)
<b>Total / weighted average</b>		<b>1,854</b>	<b>1997</b>	<b>1,067</b>	<b>92.0</b>	<b>92.8</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>883</b>	
<b>CHARLOTTE</b>									
Summit Ballantyne	Charlotte, NC	400	1998	1,053	92.9	90.9	754	795	(d)
Summit Crossing	Charlotte, NC	128	1985	978	94.7	92.6	587	631	-
Summit Fairview	Charlotte, NC	135	1983	1,036	94.2	93.3	673	707	-
Summit Foxcroft (f)	Charlotte, NC	156	1979	940	94.5	93.6	608	637	\$ 6,900
Summit Grandview	Charlotte, NC	266	2000	1,145	93.6	90.6	1,127	1,174	(e)
<b>(g)</b>									
Summit Norcroft	Charlotte, NC	216	1997	1,126	94.1	94.8	696	741	-
Summit Sedgebrook	Charlotte, NC	368	1999	1,017	96.2	94.0	669	692	(e)
Summit Simsbury	Charlotte, NC	100	1985	874	94.4	94.6	670	706	(h)
Summit Touchstone	Charlotte, NC	132	1986	899	97.7	95.5	625	671	(h)
<b>Total / weighted average</b>		<b>1,901</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>1,032</b>	<b>94.5</b>	<b>92.9</b>	<b>741</b>	<b>778</b>	
<b>ORLANDO</b>									
Summit Hunter's Creek	Orlando, FL	270	2000	1,082	96.1	94.7	784	811	-

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Total / weighted average		270	2000	1,082	96.1	94.7	784	811	
<b>RALEIGH</b>									
Reunion Park by Summit	Raleigh, NC	248	2000	941	92.4	95.1	617	650	-
Summit Governor's Village	Raleigh, NC	242	1999	1,134	93.0	94.3	796	834	(e)
Summit Highland	Raleigh, NC	172	1987	986	96.2	95.5	601	650	-
Summit Lake	Raleigh, NC	446	1999	1,075	94.0	93.5	709	772	(e)
Summit Square	Raleigh, NC	362	1990	925	93.1	91.8	630	703	-
Summit Westwood	Raleigh, NC	354	1999	1,112	95.3	89.6	682	752	(d)
Total / weighted average		1,824	1996	1,034	93.9	92.9	677	735	
<b>S O U T H E A S T FLORIDA</b>									
Summit Aventura	Aventura, FL	379	1995	1,106	95.2	94.4	1,164	1,155	39,480
Summit Del Ray	Delray Beach, FL	252	1993	968	93.1	92.7	852	877	(d)
Summit Doral	Miami, FL	260	1999	1,172	96.0	96.5	1,259	1,258	30,963
Summit Plantation	Plantation, FL	502	1997	1,152	95.4	94.4	1,075	1,067	(d)
Summit Portofino	Broward County, FL	322	1995	1,307	96.1	94.7	1,036	1,088	(e)
Total / weighted average		1,715	1996	1,147	95.2	94.6	1,079	1,092	
<b>WASHINGTON, D.C.</b>									
Summit Ashburn Farm	Loudon County, VA	162	2000	1,061	96.5	96.0	1,101	1,139	-
Summit Belmont	Fredericksburg, VA	300	1987	881	96.6	97.8	848	821	(i)
Summit Fair Lakes	Fairfax, VA	530	1999	996	93.3	93.5	1,257	1,293	48,340
Summit Fair Oaks	Fairfax, VA	246	1990	938	95.4	93.9	1,093	1,109	(e)
Summit Largo	Largo, MD	219	2000	1,042	95.9	95.6	1,285	1,250	(d)
Summit Reston	Reston, VA	418	1987	854	95.8	93.6	1,068	1,082	-
Summit Russett	Laurel, MD	426	2000	1,025	94.6	92.3	1,144	1,126	50,000
Total / weighted average		2,301	1995	963	95.1	94.3	1,123	1,128	
Total / weighted average of same-property communities		9,865	1996	1,044	94.2	93.5	891	927	



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M a r k e t Location Area/Community	Number of Apartments	Year Completed	Average Apartment Size (sq. ft.)	Average	Average	Average	Average	Mortgage	
				Physical Occupancy (%) 2003 (a)	Physical Occupancy (%) 2002 (a)	Rent per Occupied Apartment Home 2003 (b)	Rent per Occupied Apartment Home 2002 (b)	Notes Payable at December, 2003 (000 s)	
<b>S T A B I L I Z E D D E V E L O P M E N T COMMUNITIES (j)</b>									
Summit at Lenox (k)	Atlanta, GA	431	1965	963	90.0	94.7	896	986	-
Summit Peachtree City	Atlanta, GA	399	2001	1,026	93.5	70.1	734	759	(e)
Summit Shiloh	Atlanta, GA	232	2002	1,151	95.6	91.9	799	769	(e)
Summit Crest	Raleigh, NC	438	2001	1,129	92.4	84.3	753	797	-
Summit Overlook	Raleigh, NC	320	2001	1,056	93.5	84.2	809	823	22,889
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Total / weighted average		1,820	1992	1,057	92.7	84.6	799	834	
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<b>ACQUISITION COMMUNITIES (l)</b>									
Summit Brickell (m)	Miami, FL	405	2003	937	80.3	-	1,214	-	-
S u m m i t Lansdowne (n)	Loudon County, VA	690	2002	1,006	-	-	-	-	-
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Total / weighted average		1,095	2003	981	80.3	-	1,214	-	
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Total / weighted average of stabilized communities		12,780	1996	1,041	93.5	89.3	887	882	
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<b>COMMUNITIES IN LEASE -UP (o)</b>									
S u m m i t Brookwood	Atlanta, GA	359	2002	906	79.8	22.9	-	-	-
S u m m i t Stockbridge	Atlanta, GA	304	2003	1,009	54.8	5.4	-	-	-
S u m m i t Valleybrook	Philadelphia, PA	352	2002	992	79.5	31.1	-	-	-

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Summit Grandview, Washington, D.C.	105	2002	904	54.3	-	-	-	-
Summit Roosevelt, Washington, D.C.	198	2003	856	55.0	-	-	-	-
Total / weighted average	1,318	2002	945					
<b>T O T A L COMMUNITIES</b>	14,098	1997	1,032					

- (a) Average physical occupancy is defined as the number of apartment homes occupied divided by the total number of apartment homes contained in the communities, expressed as a percentage. Average physical occupancy has been calculated using the average occupancy that existed on Sunday during each week of the period.
- (b) Represents the average monthly net rental revenue per occupied home. Average rental revenue is not shown for the periods during which a community was not stabilized.
- (c) Communities that reached stabilization (93% physical occupancy) at least one year prior to the beginning of the current year.
- (d) Collateral for fixed rate mortgage which had a balance of \$133.0 million as of December 31, 2003.
- (e) Collateral for variable rate secured credit facility which had a balance of \$119.0 million as of December 31, 2003.
- (f) Summit Foxcroft is held by a partnership in which we are the 75% managing general partner.
- (g) The information in the table for Summit Grandview represents data for the apartment homes only. The 75,203 square feet of commercial space at Summit Grandview was 86.1% leased and 75.6% occupied (including the 19,725 square feet occupied by Summit's corporate and leasing offices) as of December 31, 2003.
- (h) Collateral for a fixed rate mortgage which had a balance of \$7.9 million as of December 31, 2003.
- (i) Collateral for letters of credit in an aggregate amount of \$10.6 million which serve as collateral for \$10.3 million in tax-exempt bonds as of December 31, 2003.
- (j) Communities that were stabilized in 2003 but did not stabilize at least one year prior to the beginning of the current year.
- (k) Summit Lenox has recently been undergoing major renovations of both the interior of apartment homes and the exterior of the buildings.
- (l) A community which we have acquired is not considered fully stabilized until owned for one year or more as of the beginning of the current year.

- (m) Summit Brickell was purchased on May 6, 2003. The information in the table represents data for the apartment homes only. The approximately 18,000 square feet of commercial space at Summit Brickell was 56.6% leased and 51.2% occupied as of December 31, 2003.
- (n) Summit Lansdowne was purchased on December 31, 2003. As a result, average physical occupancy and average monthly rental revenue information is not applicable.
- (o) Communities that were in lease-up during 2003. As with any community in lease-up, there are uncertainties and risks. While we have estimated stabilization target dates and rental rates based on what we believe are reasonable assumptions in light of current conditions, there can be no assurance that actual rental rates will not be less than current budgets or that we will not experience delays in reaching stabilization of these communities.
- (p) Summit Grand Parc was completed during the fourth quarter of 2002. The information in the table represents data for the apartment homes only. The 12,500 square feet of commercial space at Summit Grand Parc was 85.6% leased and occupied as of December 31, 2003.

### Item 3. Legal Proceedings

On May 25, 2001, through our joint venture SZF, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, in which we owned 29.78% until July 3, 2003, on which date we purchased our joint venture partner's 70.22% interest, we entered into an agreement with Brickell View, L.C. ("Brickell View"), a Florida limited liability company, and certain of its affiliates relating to the formation of Coral Way, LLC ("Coral Way"), a Delaware limited liability company, to develop a new community in Miami, Florida. Brickell View agreed to be the developer of that community and certain of its affiliates signed guarantees obligating them to pay certain costs relating to the development (see Note 4 to our audited consolidated financial statements, which accompany this report). On August 12, 2003, we received notice of a suit filed by Brickell View and certain of its affiliates against SZF, LLC and certain Summit entities, including us, the Operating Partnership and the Management Company. The suit relates to the business agreement among the parties in connection with the development and construction of the community by Coral Way. Brickell View and its affiliates allege breach of contract, breach of implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing, breach of fiduciary duties and constructive fraud on the part of SZF, LLC and constructive fraud on the part of the Summit entities. Brickell View seeks both a declaratory judgment that the guarantee agreements have been constructively terminated and unspecified monetary damages. We intend to enforce our rights under the joint venture agreements. Although we may determine to terminate the development agreement based on Brickell View's failure to perform its obligations in accordance with the development agreement, we do not believe that there is any basis for allowing Brickell View or its affiliates to be released from their obligations under the development agreement or the guarantees. We believe that the allegations made by Brickell View and its affiliates are not supported by the facts and we intend to vigorously defend against this suit. On December 19, 2003, we received notice of a demand for arbitration asserted by Bermello, Ajamil & Partners, Inc. against Coral Way, LLC for unpaid architectural fees. In this demand, Bermello, Ajamil & Partners alleges that it is entitled to an increased architectural fee as a result of an increase in the cost of the project. We believe that the allegations made by Bermello, Ajamil & Partners are not supported by the facts, and we will vigorously defend against this claim. Additionally, we intend to assert a cross-claim against Bermello, Ajamil & Partners for damages related to the cost to correct certain structural design defects.

On May 6, 2003, the Operating Partnership purchased certain assets of Brickell Grand, Inc. ("Brickell Grand"), including the community known as Summit Brickell and a note receivable from the developer (see Note 8 to our audited consolidated financial statements, which accompany this report). At the time of purchase, Summit Brickell was subject to a \$4.1 million claim of construction lien filed by the general contractor, Bovis Land Lease, Inc. ("Bovis"), due to Brickell Grand's alleged failure to pay the full amount of the construction costs. Bovis sought to

enforce this claim of lien against Brickell Grand in a suit filed on October 18, 2002 in Miami-Dade County Court, Florida. We have met with Bovis to discuss the validity of its claim and have requested access to its backup documentation. However, Bovis, to date, has failed to honor this request. In mid-2003, litigation with Bovis was temporarily stayed pending mediation. In September 2003, Bovis filed an amended complaint seeking to enforce an increased claim of lien of \$4.6 million. Mediation with Bovis ended unsuccessfully in November 2003. As a result, the litigation is proceeding. As the current owner of Summit Brickell, we are vigorously defending against these

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claims of lien and related litigation. As a result of several items claimed by Bovis in their amended claim of lien, we are asserting a counterclaim for a fraudulent mechanic's lien, as well as counterclaims for breach of contract and breach of warranties. In mid-2003, two subcontractors of Bovis, Commercial Interior Contractors Corp. ("Commercial Interior") and RC Aluminum Industries, Inc. ("RC Aluminum"), also filed separate suits against Brickell Grand and Bovis, among other named parties, to enforce claims of construction lien in the aggregate amount of approximately \$300,000 due to the defendants' alleged failure to pay the full amount of the construction costs. Commercial Interior and RC Aluminum have both resolved their claims with Bovis. As a result, RC Aluminum voluntarily dismissed its suit pursuant to the contractor's bond, and Commercial Interior has reached settlement of its full claim with Bovis.

#### Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to a vote of our security holders during the fourth quarter of 2003.

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## PART II

#### Item 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters

##### Market Information and Stockholders

Our common stock began trading on the NYSE on February 8, 1994 under the symbol "SMT." The following table sets forth the quarterly high and low sales prices per share reported on the NYSE during 2003 and 2002:

Quarter	2003		2002	
	Low	High	Low	High
January 1 through March 31	\$ 17.00	\$ 18.75	\$ 21.65	\$ 25.23
April 1 through June 30	18.02	21.15	22.23	25.85
July 1 through September 30	20.00	22.98	19.08	23.13
October 1 through December 31	22.01	24.68	16.72	19.38

On March 9 2004, the last reported sale price of our common stock on the NYSE was \$23.12 and there were 1,186 holders of record of 31,382,366 shares of our common stock.

##### Dividends

We declared a dividend of \$0.3375 per share of common stock for each of the four quarters in 2003, which were paid on May 15, 2003 for the first quarter, August 15, 2003 for the second quarter, November 14, 2003 for the third quarter and February 16, 2004 for the fourth quarter.

We declared a dividend of \$0.4750 per share of common stock for each of the first through third quarters in 2002, which were paid on May 15, 2002 for the first quarter, August 15, 2002 for the second quarter and November 15, 2002 for the third quarter. We declared a dividend of \$0.3375 per share of common stock for the fourth quarter of 2002, which was paid on February 14, 2003.

Future dividends will be declared at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on our actual cash flow, our financial condition, our capital requirements, the annual distribution requirements under the REIT provisions of the Internal Revenue Code and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant. Our Board of Directors may modify our dividend policy from time to time.

#### Dividend Reinvestment and Direct Stock Purchase Plan

We have a dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plan ("DRIP"). On May 1, 2003, we filed a registration statement under which we registered an additional 4.0 million shares of our common stock that may be issued under the DRIP. On July 11, 2003, we re-activated the stock purchase component of the DRIP, and on August 15, 2003, we re-activated the dividend reinvestment component of the DRIP. Direct stock purchases under the DRIP had been suspended effective October 31, 2002 and dividend reinvestment under the DRIP had been suspended effective November 15, 2002. The DRIP provides both new investors and existing stockholders of our stock with a method to purchase shares of common stock and/or the ability for those stockholders to designate all, a portion or none of the cash dividends on shares of our common stock owned for reinvestment in more shares of our common stock.

#### Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In 1996, we established a non-qualified employee stock purchase plan ("ESPP") which allowed our employees to purchase up to \$25,000 of common stock per year. The price of the shares of the common stock purchased was the lesser of 85% of the closing price of such shares either on (a) the first day of each six month purchase period, or (b) the last day of each six month purchase period. Transactions under the ESPP were suspended effective July 2, 2002.

#### Employee Loan Program

Our Board of Directors believes that ownership of our common stock by our executive officers and certain other qualified employees aligns the interests of these officers and employees with the interests of our stockholders. To this end, our Board of Directors approved, and we instituted, a loan program. As a result of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we are no longer permitted to make loans to our executive officers and, therefore, new issuances to our executive officers under the loan program have been terminated. Under the terms of the loan program, we lent amounts to certain of our executive officers and other qualified employees to (a) finance the purchase of our common stock on the open market at then-current market prices, (b) finance the payment of the exercise price of one or more stock options to purchase shares of our common stock, or (c) finance the annual tax liability or other expenses of an executive officer related to the vesting of shares of common stock which constitute a portion of a restricted stock award granted to the executive officer. The relevant officer or employee has executed a promissory note and security agreement related to each loan extended. Each outstanding note bears interest at a rate established on the date of the note, is full recourse to the officers and employees and is collateralized by the shares of our common stock which are the subject of the loans. If the market price of Summit's common stock falls materially below the price at which the

shares of stock were purchased, the proceeds of the sale of the common stock may not be sufficient to repay the loan. As of December 31, 2003, we had loans receivable in the amount of \$17.4 million which were collateralized by 812,292 shares of our common stock valued at \$19.5 million. We had loans receivable in the amount of \$19.5 million as of December 31, 2002.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following table sets forth selected consolidated financial and other information on a consolidated historical basis as of and for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2003. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," which we adopted on January 1, 2002, income statement data for all years presented reflects the reclassification of the results of operations of all communities sold during 2003 and seven of the eight communities sold during 2002 to income from discontinued operations. The eighth community sold during 2002 was properly classified as held for sale prior to January 1, 2002 and its operations have remained in income from continuing operations. This table should be read in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and related notes which accompany this report, as well as the "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" section of this report (amounts in thousands except per share and property information).

### SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
<b>OPERATING INFORMATION:</b>					
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Rental	\$ 130,658	\$ 120,199	\$ 131,220	\$ 126,581	\$ 119,172
Interest and other	13,477	12,103	13,412	14,143	12,142
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>144,135</b>	<b>132,302</b>	<b>144,632</b>	<b>140,724</b>	<b>131,314</b>
<b>Expenses:</b>					
<b>Property operating and maintenance expenses (before depreciation and amortization)</b>					
Depreciation and amortization	48,303	41,442	41,407	38,927	38,274
Interest and deferred financing cost amortization	36,645	30,553	28,971	26,956	25,330
General and administrative expense	29,804	29,319	34,291	32,413	30,954
	6,941	5,937	6,940	4,752	3,876

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Property management expenses	5,912	4,822	5,534	5,426	4,876
Liability adjustment and expense on compensation plans	581	(101)	(359)	664	597
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Total expenses	128,186	111,972	116,784	109,138	103,907
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Income from continuing operations before (loss) gain on unconsolidated real estate joint ventures, gain on sale of real estate assets, loss from early extinguishment of debt, impairment loss on technology investments, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership and excess of redemption amount over carrying amount of preferred units	15,949	20,330	27,848	31,586	27,407
(Loss) gain on unconsolidated real estate joint ventures	(326)	(49)	(171)	(399)	104
Gain on sale of real estate assets	73	13,831	34,435	38,718	17,427
Gain on sale of real estate assets- joint ventures	-	4,955	271	-	-
Loss from early extinguishment of debt	-	(103)	-	-	-
Impairment loss on technology investments	-	-	(1,217)	-	-
Minority interest of common unitholders	(344)	(3,032)	(6,279)	(8,128)	(5,273)
Dividends to preferred unitholders	(10,306)	(12,420)	(12,420)	(12,420)	(6,697)
Excess of redemption amount over carrying amount of preferred units	(2,963)	-	-	-	-
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Income from continuing operations	2,083	23,512	42,467	49,357	32,968
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Total discontinued operations	14,248	68,176	14,070	14,517	12,777
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Net income	\$ 16,331	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537	\$ 63,874	\$ 45,745
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Year Ended December 31,

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Per share data - basic					
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.86	\$ 1.59	\$ 1.87	\$ 1.19
Income from discontinued operations	0.52	2.49	0.53	0.55	0.46
Net income	\$ 0.59	\$ 3.35	\$ 2.11	\$ 2.42	\$ 1.65
Per share data - diluted					
Income from continuing operations	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.57	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.19
Income from discontinued operations	0.51	2.47	0.52	0.55	0.46
Net income	\$ 0.59	\$ 3.33	\$ 2.09	\$ 2.41	\$ 1.65
Dividends per share	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.76	\$ 1.85	\$ 1.75	\$ 1.67
Weighted average shares outstanding basic	27,622	27,385	26,789	26,341	27,698
Weighted average shares outstanding diluted	27,771	27,556	27,099	26,542	27,769
Weighted average shares and units outstanding basic	31,119	30,937	30,796	30,697	32,135
Weighted average shares and units outstanding diluted	31,268	31,107	31,106	30,897	32,206

BALANCE SHEET INFORMATION:

	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Real estate, before accumulated depreciation	1,493,670	1,410,195	1,407,979	1,425,367	1,286,869
Total assets	1,350,264	1,349,249	1,310,590	1,358,417	1,236,828
Total long-term debt	726,152	702,456	719,345	764,384	650,077
Stockholders' equity	462,523	396,878	349,600	338,677	327,335

OTHER INFORMATION:

Cash flow provided by (used in):

Operating activities	\$ 49,557	\$ 60,898	\$ 65,472	\$ 74,184	\$ 55,955
Investing activities	(28,943)	(8,075)	5,845	(121,305)	(36,841)
Financing activities	(20,511)	(52,483)	(74,057)	46,238	(17,977)
Funds from Operations (1)	\$ 46,004	\$ 60,426	\$ 70,167	\$ 73,342	\$ 70,707
Total completed communities (at end of period) (2)	46	51	54	59	65
Total apartment homes developed (3)	958	866	1,157	1,696	1,650
Total apartment homes acquired	1,095	222	-	490	-
Total apartment homes (at end of period) (2)	14,098	15,428	16,739	17,273	16,765



- (1) Funds from Operations ("FFO"), as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT"), represents net income (loss) excluding gains from sales of property and extraordinary items, plus depreciation of real estate assets, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures, all determined on a consistent basis in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). Effective January 1, 2003, we no longer add back impairment losses when calculating FFO pursuant to NAREIT's clarified FFO definition. Debt extinguishment costs which are recorded in discontinued operations because they were incurred directly as a result of the sale of a community are not specifically addressed by the NAREIT definition. Because of the limitations of the NAREIT FFO definition, we have made an interpretation in applying the definition to maintain consistent treatment with previous years' results. We include such debt extinguishment costs as a component of the community's total gain and, therefore, exclude them in the calculation of FFO. These costs were \$6.5 million, for the year ended December 31, 2003. We believe that this interpretation is consistent with NAREIT's definition. Pursuant to new accounting literature, FFO for 2002 has been adjusted to include debt extinguishment costs related to the loss from early extinguishment of debt that was not associated with an asset sale. Our methodology for computing FFO may differ from the methodologies utilized by other real estate companies and, accordingly, may not be comparable to other real estate companies. FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indication of financial performance, nor is it indicative of funds available to fund our cash needs, including our ability to make dividend or distribution payments. We believe that FFO is helpful to investors as a measure of the performance of an equity REIT because, along with cash flows from operating activities, financing activities and investing activities, it provides investors with an understanding of our ability to incur and service debt and to make capital expenditures.

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Below is a reconciliation of net income to FFO for each of the years in the five-year period ended December 31, 2003.

	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Net income	\$ 16,331	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537	\$ 63,874	\$ 45,745
Minority interest of Unitholders	2,056	11,823	8,359	10,520	7,317
Gain on sale of real estate assets	(18,893)	(78,738)	(34,435)	(38,510)	(17,427)
Gain on sale of real estate assets - joint ventures	-	(4,955)	(271)	-	-
Gain on sale of real estate assets - Management Company	-	-	-	(238)	-
Loss from early extinguishment of debt associated with asset sales	6,522	208	-	-	-
Depreciation:					
Real estate assets	39,225	39,281	38,746	36,413	34,324

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Real estate joint venture	763	1,119	1,231	1,283	748
Funds from Operations	\$ 46,004	\$ 60,426	\$ 70,167	\$ 73,342	\$ 70,707

- (2) Represents the total number of completed communities and apartment homes in those completed communities owned at the end of the period (excludes joint venture communities).
- (3) Represents the total number of apartment homes in communities completed during the period and owned at the end of the period (excludes joint venture communities).

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Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to "we," "our" or "us" in this report refer collectively to Summit Properties Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Summit"), and its subsidiaries, including Summit Properties Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), considered as a single enterprise. Summit is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership.

Executive Summary

Summit is a self-administered real estate investment trust that focuses on the operation, development and acquisition of luxury apartment communities in select neighborhoods throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic United States. We focus our efforts in five markets which consist of Washington, D.C., Southeast Florida, Atlanta, Raleigh and Charlotte. As of December 31, 2003, our portfolio consisted of 46 completed communities comprising 14,098 apartment homes; four communities owned in a joint venture, comprised of 1,203 apartment homes; and five apartment communities with 1,687 apartment homes in various stages of development.

Our income from continuing operations is generated primarily from operations of our apartment communities. The changes in operating results from period to period reflect changes in existing community performance and changes in the number of apartment homes due to development, acquisition, or disposition of communities. To better understand our overall operating performance, our communities have been categorized in five "status" groups. A community that we have acquired is deemed "same-property" when we have owned it for one year or more as of the beginning of the current year. We consider a community to be "stabilized" when it has attained a physical occupancy level of at least 93%. A community that we have developed is deemed "same-property" when stabilized for at least one year as of the beginning of the current year. A community is deemed to be a "stabilized development" community when stabilized as of the beginning of the current year but not the entire prior year. A "lease-up" community is defined as one that has commenced rental operations but was not stabilized as of the beginning of the current year. As of December 31, 2003, we had 9,865 same-property apartment homes in 34 communities, 1,095 acquisition apartment homes in two communities, 1,820 stabilized development apartment homes in five communities and 1,774 lease-up apartment homes in seven communities.

In 2001, we began experiencing weakening apartment fundamentals due to the downturn of the national economy as well as declining economic conditions in our markets. As a result, local demand for apartment homes has declined due to lower job growth and/or job losses, primary drivers of apartment demand, which has led to lower rental rates in order to achieve increased occupancy rates. Additionally, the low interest rate environment has produced record home

sales which, when combined with the slowing economy, has reduced the number of prospective residents. The low interest rate environment has also provided the opportunity for developers to continue to add to the supply of apartments in our markets.

During 2003, we developed and implemented a rent optimization software program. This program will help us manage revenue by allowing us to set daily rents on apartment homes as they become available for rental. Automating the balance between vacancy and rents provides a more efficient method to pricing and will be a valuable tool to ensure that our properties are being managed to their greatest rental revenue producing potential.

Looking forward, we view the primary risk to our business as continued economic malaise in our markets. However, we believe that fundamentals in our markets have stabilized. Our markets produced 102,000 new jobs during the twelve months ended January 2004 which we expect will drive future demand. Among our five markets, the fundamentals in our Washington, DC and South Florida markets are the strongest, and we expect pricing power to return to these markets first. Fundamentals are not as strong in the Atlanta, Charlotte and Raleigh markets, and, accordingly, we expect it will take longer for pricing power to gain momentum in these markets. Additionally, permit issuance in 2003 was at a six-year low and we expect that this will result in a decreased supply of competitive apartment homes. We will continue to closely monitor and act upon key market dynamics by making disciplined strategic investments, sound operating decisions, and prudent financial measures.

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#### Critical Accounting Policies

We prepare our financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). A summary of our significant accounting policies is disclosed in Note 3 to our consolidated financial statements, which are included in this annual report. The preparation of 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. We consider critical accounting policies to be those policies that have the most impact on the reporting of our financial condition and those requiring significant judgments and estimates. Our critical accounting policies relate to cost capitalization and asset impairment evaluation.

#### Cost Capitalization

Expenditures directly related to the acquisition, development and improvement of real estate assets are capitalized at cost as land, buildings and improvements or furniture, fixtures and equipment in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 67, "Accounting for Costs and Initial Rental Operations of Real Estate Projects." These amounts are depreciated over estimated useful lives determined by management. Determining whether expenditures meet the criteria for capitalization and the assignment of depreciable lives requires our management to exercise significant judgment. Improvements are categorized as either non-recurring or recurring capitalized expenditures. Non-recurring capitalized expenditures primarily consist of major renovations and upgrades of apartment homes. Recurring capitalized expenditures consist primarily of exterior painting, new appliances, vinyl flooring, blinds, tile, wallpaper and carpet. Repairs and maintenance, such as landscaping maintenance, interior painting and cleaning and supplies used in such activities, are expensed as incurred and we do not accrue for such costs in advance. In addition, we have a group of employees responsible for the supervision of our capital expenditure projects and capitalize a portion of their direct costs. The amounts capitalized depend on the level of such activities.

During the development and construction of a new community, we capitalize all direct and indirect costs, including interest related to apartment construction and certain operational costs for communities under construction and in

lease-up. Included in these costs is management's estimate of the portion of internal costs that are incremental and considered related to such development activities. The amounts capitalized depend on the timing of such activities. Interest costs are capitalized in accordance with SFAS No. 34, "Capitalization of Interest Cost," based on the ratio of those units available for rental to the total number of units in the community and depreciated over the lives of the constructed assets. We capitalize the cost of our development department efforts to projects currently under construction, currently at a rate of 3.0% of such construction assets. Such costs are then depreciated over the lives of the constructed assets upon their completion. We treat each unit in an apartment community separately for capitalization and expense recognition purposes, resulting in a proration of interest and operational costs in a development community between costs that are capitalized or expensed. As units become available for their intended use, we cease capitalization of interest and operational costs on those units based on the ratio of those units available for rental to the total number of units in the community.

#### Asset Impairment Evaluation

We record our real estate assets to be held and used at cost, less accumulated depreciation, unless considered impaired. If events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a community may be impaired, we will assess its recoverability by estimating the undiscounted future cash flows of the community. If our recoverability assessment results in an indication of impairment for communities to be held and used, or if a community is considered to be held for sale, then we determine the community's fair value. Applying capitalization rates to a community's property operating income is a widely used measure of fair value. Determining appropriate capitalization rates requires significant judgment and is generally based on the prevailing rate for the submarket in which the community is located. Capitalization rates can fluctuate due to changes in the general economy or within specific submarkets. If the actual capitalization rate for a community varies significantly from management's estimate, the impairment evaluation may be significantly affected. For assets to be held and used, if the carrying amount exceeds the undiscounted future cash flows, we would recognize an impairment loss to the extent the carrying amount exceeds the estimated fair value of the community and such loss would be included in income from

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continuing operations. Assets to be disposed of are recorded at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. An impairment loss will be recognized for any write-down to fair value less cost to sell and reported in the discontinued operations section of the consolidated statements of earnings.

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, we present operating results of communities we consider held for sale, as well as those sold, in discontinued operations in our consolidated statements of earnings prospectively from the date of adoption, which was January 1, 2002. Although the adoption of SFAS No. 144 did not have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003, it did have a significant effect on the comparability of amounts presented from year to year on the consolidated statements of earnings.

#### Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001

Net income decreased to \$16.3 million in 2003 from \$91.7 million in 2002 primarily due to a decrease of \$13.8 million in gain on sale of real estate assets in continuing operations, a decrease of \$5.0 million in gain on sale of real estate assets - joint ventures and a decrease of \$46.1 million in gain on disposition of discontinued operations. Net income increased to \$91.7 million in 2002 from \$56.5 million in 2001 primarily due to an increase in gain on disposition of discontinued operations of \$64.9 million and an increase in gain on sale of real estate assets - joint ventures of \$4.7 million offset by a decrease in gain on sale of real estate assets in continuing operations of \$20.6 million.

Income from continuing operations before loss on unconsolidated real estate joint ventures, gain on sale of real estate assets, loss from early extinguishment of debt, impairment loss on technology investments, minority interest of common unitholders in the Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in the Operating Partnership and excess of redemption amount over carrying amount of preferred units decreased to \$15.9 million in 2003 from \$20.3 million in 2002. The primary factors causing this decrease are a \$6.1 million increase in depreciation expense, a \$1.0 million increase in general and administrative expenses, a \$1.0 million increase in Management Company expenses and a \$938,000 increase in amortization of deferred financing costs, all offset by a \$4.5 million increase in property operating income from our communities in continuing operations. See the four sections entitled, "Operating Performance of our Same-Property, Acquisition, Stabilized Development and Lease Up Communities" on pages 21 through 23 and the section entitled, "Other Income and Expenses" on page 26 of this report for an explanation of these changes.

The same measure decreased to \$20.3 million in 2002 from \$27.8 million in 2001. The primary factors causing this decrease are a \$12.3 million decrease in property operating income from continuing operations and an increase in depreciation expense of \$1.6 million due to depreciation on development and acquisition communities, offset by a decrease of \$4.9 million in interest expense due to a decrease in average indebtedness outstanding and a decrease in our average interest rate.

We evaluate community performance based on growth of property operating income, which is defined as rental and other property revenues less property operating and maintenance expense. We believe that property operating income is a meaningful measure for an investor's analysis of community performance as it represents the most consistent, comparable operating performance among our communities. Depreciation is a fixed cost not controllable by our property management staff and not all communities are encumbered by financing instruments. Therefore, all property operating and maintenance expense amounts in this Management's Discussion and Analysis section are presented before depreciation, interest and amortization. Property operating income does not include any allocation of corporate overhead. You should not consider property operating income as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indication of our financial performance or as an alternative to cash flows from operating activities (determined in accordance with GAAP), as a measure of our liquidity. Our calculation of property operating income may differ from the methodology and definition used by other apartment companies, and accordingly, may not be comparable to similarly entitled measures used by other apartment companies.

A community's average physical occupancy is defined as the number of apartment homes occupied divided by the total number of apartment homes contained in the community, expressed as a percentage. Average physical occupancy has been calculated using the average of the occupancy that existed on Sunday during each week of the period. Average rent per occupied apartment home represents collected rent per occupied apartment home. Our methodology for calculating average physical occupancy and average rent per occupied apartment home may differ from the methodology used by other apartment companies and, accordingly, may not be comparable to other apartment companies.

A summary of our apartment homes (excluding joint ventures) for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 is as follows:

	2003	2002	2001
Apartment homes at the beginning of the year	15,428	16,739	18,928
Acquisitions	1,095	222	-
Developments which were completed during the year	958	866	-

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Sale of apartment homes	(2,927)	(2,399)	(2,189)
Apartment homes at the end of the year	14,554	15,428	16,739

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The operating performance of our communities (excluding joint venture communities) is summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	% Change	2002	2001	% Change
Property revenues:						
Same-property communities	\$ 106,047	\$ 109,226	-2.9%	\$ 127,201	\$ 133,824	-4.9%
Acquisition communities	3,991	-	100.0%	1,111	-	100.0%
Stabilized development communities	16,947	16,477	2.9%	10,672	10,349	3.1%
Lease-up communities	13,307	2,436	446.3%	15,983	8,217	94.5%
Disposition communities	20,033	45,340	-55.8%	18,512	38,726	-52.2%
Total property revenues	160,325	173,479	-7.6%	173,479	191,116	-9.2%
Property operating and maintenance expenses:						
Same-property communities	35,131	34,358	2.2%	42,048	40,656	3.4%
Acquisition communities	1,866	-	100.0%	488	-	100.0%
Stabilized development communities	6,229	5,839	6.7%	3,345	2,989	11.9%
Lease-up communities	5,076	980	418.0%	5,844	2,415	142.0%
Disposition communities	8,447	16,384	-48.4%	5,836	11,750	-50.3%
Total property operating and maintenance expenses	56,749	57,561	-1.4%	57,561	57,810	-0.4%
Property operating income:						
Same-property communities	70,916	74,868	-5.3%	85,153	93,168	-8.6%

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Acquisition communities	2,125	-	100.0%	623	-	100.0%
Stabilized development communities	10,718	10,638	0.8%	7,327	7,360	-0.4%
Lease-up communities	8,231	1,456	465.3%	10,139	5,802	74.8%
Disposition communities	11,586	28,956	-60.0%	12,676	26,976	-53.0%
Property operating income	103,576	115,918	-10.6%	115,918	133,306	-13.0%
Interest and other income	2,642	2,716	-2.7%	2,716	2,922	-7.0%
Management fees - third party communities	618	787	-21.5%	787	913	-13.8%
Depreciation and amortization expense (continuing and discontinued operations)	(40,319)	(40,234)	0.2%	(40,234)	(39,382)	2.2%
Interest and amortization of deferred financing costs (continuing and discontinued operations)	(33,294)	(35,830)	-7.1%	(35,830)	(41,283)	-13.2%
General and administrative expense	(6,941)	(5,937)	16.9%	(5,937)	(6,944)	-14.5%
Property management - owned communities	(5,271)	(4,297)	22.7%	(4,297)	(4,931)	-12.9%
Property management - third party communities	(641)	(525)	22.1%	(525)	(603)	-12.9%
Loss on real estate joint ventures	(326)	(49)	565.3%	(49)	(171)	-71.3%
Gain on sale of real estate assets (continuing and discontinued operations)	18,893	78,738	-76.0%	78,738	34,435	128.7%
Gain on sale of real estate assets - joint ventures	-	4,955	-100.0%	4,955	271	1728.4%
Loss from early extinguishment of debt associated with asset sales	(6,522)	(311)	1997.1%	(311)	-	-100.0%
Impairment loss on technology investments	-	-	0.0%	-	(1,217)	100.0%
Impairment loss on discontinued operations	(759)	-	-100.0%	-	-	0.0%
Minority interest of common unitholders						

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Operating Partnership Dividends to preferred unitholders in	(2,056)	(11,823)	-82.6%	(11,823)	(8,359)	41.4%
Operating Partnership Excess of redemption amount over carrying amount of preferred units	(10,306)	(12,420)	17.0%	(12,420)	(12,420)	0.0%
	(2,963)	-	100%	-	-	100%
Net income	\$ 16,331	\$ 91,688	-82.2%	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537	62.2%

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Operating Performance of our Same-Property Communities

The operating performance of our same-property communities is summarized below (dollars in thousands, except average monthly rental revenue). The comparison of 2003 to 2002 includes those communities and apartment homes that were considered same-property as of December 31, 2003. The comparison of 2002 to 2001 includes those communities and apartment homes that were considered same-property as of December 31, 2002. The change in number of communities and apartment homes is the result of the disposition of communities during 2003 as well as the movement of a community which would have been stabilized development or lease-up in a prior year to the same-property category.

	Year Ended December 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	% Change	2002	2001	% Change
Property revenues:						
Rental	\$ 98,651	\$ 101,850	-3.1%	\$ 118,546	\$ 124,670	-4.9%
Other	7,396	7,376	0.3%	8,655	9,154	-5.5%
Total property revenues	106,047	109,226	-2.9%	127,201	133,824	-4.9%
Property operating expenses:						
Personnel	8,667	8,290	4.5%	9,679	9,024	7.3%
Advertising and promotion	1,276	1,244	2.6%	1,815	1,474	23.1%
Utilities	5,224	5,151	1.4%	5,860	6,145	-4.6%
Building repairs and maintenance	4,820	5,003	-3.7%	6,190	6,259	-1.1%
Real estate taxes and insurance	13,591	12,928	5.1%	16,543	15,600	6.0%
Other operating expense	1,553	1,742	-10.8%	1,961	2,154	-9.0%
Total property operating expenses	35,131	34,358	2.2%	42,048	40,656	3.4%



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Property operating income	\$ 70,916	\$ 74,868	-5.3%	\$ 85,153	\$ 93,168	-8.6%
Average physical occupancy	94.2%	93.5%	0.7%	93.4%	92.9%	0.5%
Average rent per occupied apartment home	\$ 889	\$ 926	-4.0%	\$ 895	\$ 946	-5.4%
Number of apartment homes	9,865	9,865		12,060	12,060	
Number of apartment communities	34	34		40	40	

Property revenues declined from 2002 to 2003 primarily due to continued weakening fundamentals in our markets, primarily driven by a decline in job growth and/or an increase in job losses, residents leaving our communities to purchase homes in the low interest rate environment and the new supply of apartment homes added to our markets by builders taking advantage of low interest rates. Concessions at our same-property communities increased by \$1.6 million, or 11.5%, during the year ended December 31, 2003 when compared to the same period in 2002. We believe 2004 is a transition year where we will not experience any significant increase in pricing power.

Personnel costs increased by \$377,000, or 4.5% from 2002 to 2003 due to an increase in staffing levels in 2003 as compared to 2002. Excluding personnel costs, property operating and maintenance expenses increased by 1.5% in 2003 over the same period in 2002. Insurance costs increased by \$448,000, or 29.2%, during 2003 when compared to 2002 due to an increase in insurance rates with our May 2003 renewal as well as obtaining terrorism insurance on certain of our communities. As a percentage of total property revenue, total property operating and maintenance expenses for our same-property communities increased to 33.1% in 2003 from 31.5% in 2002.

Property revenues decreased from 2001 to 2002 due to weakening fundamentals in our markets primarily driven by a decline in job growth and/or an increase in job losses, residents leaving our communities to purchase homes in the low interest rate environment and the new supply of apartment homes added to our markets by builders taking advantage of low interest rates. Concessions at our same-property communities increased by \$8.2 million, or 49.5% in 2002 when compared to 2001.

Property operating and maintenance expenses increased by 3.4% from 2001 to 2002 primarily due to an increase in advertising costs, personnel costs and insurance costs. The increase in advertising costs is primarily due to a 158% increase in fees paid to locator companies for assistance in referring residents to our communities. Personnel costs increased primarily due to an 11.7% increase in group insurance costs from 2001 to 2002. Insurance costs increased primarily due to an increase in property liability insurance costs of 64.8%. As a percentage of total property revenue, total property operating and maintenance expenses for our same-property communities increased to 33.0% in 2002 from 30.4% in 2001.

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On May 6, 2003, the Operating Partnership purchased certain assets of Brickell Grand, Inc., including the community known as Summit Brickell and a note receivable from the developer, located in Miami, Florida for \$59.4 million. Summit Brickell contains 405 apartment homes and approximately 18,000 square feet of retail space. On December 31, 2003, we purchased Summit Lansdowne, located in Loudon County, Virginia, for \$99.2 million. Summit Lansdowne contains 690 apartment homes.

On July 1, 2002, we acquired Summit San Raphael which has 222 apartment homes (Summit San Raphael was sold during 2003). There were no community acquisitions during 2001. The operating performance of our acquisition communities is summarized below (dollars in thousands except average monthly rental revenue):

	Year Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002	2002	2001
Property revenues:				
Rental	\$ 3,826	\$ -	\$ 1,062	\$ -
Other	165	-	49	-
Total property revenues	3,991	-	1,111	-
Property operating expenses	1,866	-	488	-
Property operating income	\$ 2,125	\$ -	\$ 623	\$ -
Average physical occupancy	80.3%	-	93.2%	-
Average rent per occupied apartment home	\$ 1,214	\$ -	\$ 890	\$ -
Number of apartment homes	1,095	-	222	-

Operating Performance of our Stabilized Development Communities

The comparison of the years ended December 2003 and 2002 represents five communities with a total of 1,820 apartment homes (Summit Crest, Summit at Lenox, Summit Overlook, Summit Peachtree City and Summit Shiloh) which were stabilized during the entire year ended December 31, 2003, but were stabilized subsequent to January 1, 2002. Summit Lenox is an existing community with 431 apartment homes that has recently been undergoing major renovations. Its operating results are included in results of stabilized development communities as it has not yet reached stabilization after renovation.

The comparison of the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 represents two communities with a total of 857 apartment homes (Summit Russett and Summit Lenox).

The operating performance of our stabilized development communities is summarized below (dollars in thousands except average monthly rental revenue):

Year Ended December 31, Year Ended December 31,

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	2003	2002	2002	2001
Property revenues:				
Rental	\$ 15,888	\$ 15,447	\$ 9,950	\$ 9,487
Other	1,059	1,030	722	862
Total property revenues	16,947	16,477	10,672	10,349
Property operating expenses	6,229	5,839	3,345	2,989
Property operating income	\$ 10,718	\$ 10,638	\$ 7,327	\$ 7,360
Average physical occupancy	92.7%	84.6%	93.5%	88.3%
Average rent per occupied apartment home	\$ 799	\$ 845	\$ 1,062	\$ 1,078
Number of apartment homes	1,820	1,820	857	857

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Operating Performance of our Communities in Lease-Up

We had seven communities in lease-up during the year ended December 31, 2003. The following is a summary of the communities in lease-up during 2003 (dollars in thousands):

Community	Number of Apartment Homes	Total Actual/Anticipated Cost	Actual/Anticipated Construction Completion	Actual/Anticipated Stabilization	Average Physical Occupancy 2003	% Leased as of December 31, 2003
Summit Grand Parc - Washington, D.C. (1)	105	\$ 43,511	Q4 2002	Q3 2003	54.3%	99.0%
Summit Valleybrook - Philadelphia, PA	352	37,839	Q4 2002	Q3 2003	79.5%	94.6%
Summit Brookwood - Atlanta, GA	359	45,504	Q4 2002	Q4 2003	79.8%	94.4%
Summit Roosevelt - Washington, D.C.	198	46,254	Q2 2003	Q3 2003	55.0%	100.0%
Summit Stockbridge - Atlanta, GA	304	23,365	Q3 2003	Q2 2004	54.8%	93.1%
Summit Reunion Park II - Raleigh, NC	172	10,800	Q1 2004	Q3 2004	3.3%	9.3%
Summit Silo Creek - Washington, D.C.	284	41,700	Q2 2004	Q4 2004	14.7%	32.7%
	1,774	\$ 248,973				

(1) Summit Grand Parc was completed during the fourth quarter of 2002. Stabilization, occupancy and percent leased information in the table above represents data for the apartment homes only. The 12,500 square feet of commercial space at Summit Grand Parc was 85.6% leased and occupied as of December 31, 2003.

The actual stabilization dates for our communities in lease-up may be later than anticipated. The rental rates that we charge also may be less than expected.

We had eight communities with 2,289 apartment homes in lease-up during the year ended December 31, 2002 (Summit Brookwood, Summit Crest, Summit Grand Parc, Summit Grandview, Summit Overlook, Summit Peachtree City, Summit Shiloh II and Summit Valleybrook).

The operating performance of our lease-up communities is summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002	2002	2001
Property revenues:				
Rental	\$ 12,292	\$ 2,191	\$ 15,069	\$ 7,698
Other	1,015	245	914	519
Total property revenues	13,307	2,436	15,983	8,217
Property operating expenses	5,076	980	5,844	2,415
Property operating income	\$ 8,231	\$ 1,456	\$ 10,139	\$ 5,802
Number of apartment homes	1,774	1,774	2,289	2,289

#### Operating Performance of our Disposition Communities

The 2003 disposition communities consist of the former Summit Fairways, Summit Turtle Rock, Summit Camino Real, Summit Buena Vista, Summit Belcourt, Summit Las Palmas, Summit Arboretum and Summit San Raphael (comprised of an aggregate of 2,927 apartment homes), all of which were sold during the year ended December 31, 2003. With the exception of Summit Fairways, all of the communities disposed of during 2003 are located in Texas and, therefore, their disposition completed our exit of the Texas market.

The 2002 disposition communities consist of the former Summit Breckenridge, Summit New Albany, Summit Pike Creek, Summit Stonefield, Summit Meadow, Summit Mayfaire, Summit Sand Lake and Summit Windsor (comprised of an aggregate of 2,399 apartment homes), all of which were sold during the year ended December 31, 2002. The disposition of three of these eight communities completed our exit of the Richmond, Virginia, Columbus, Ohio and Newark, Delaware markets.

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During the year ended December 31, 2002, a joint venture in which we held a 50% ownership interest sold an apartment community formerly known as The Heights at Cheshire Bridge located in Atlanta, Georgia.

The 2001 disposition communities consist of the former Summit Palm Lake, Summit Arbors, Summit Radbourne, Summit Lofts, Summit Stony Point, Summit Gateway, Summit Deerfield, Summit Waterford and Summit Walk (an aggregate of 2,189 apartment homes), all of which were sold during the year ended December 31, 2001.

The operating performance of the disposition communities (excluding The Heights at Cheshire Bridge) is summarized below (dollars in thousands):

	Year Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2003	2002	2002	2001
Property revenues:				
Rental	\$ 18,652	\$ 42,352	\$ 17,213	\$ 35,928
Other	1,381	2,988	1,299	2,798
Total property revenues	20,033	45,340	18,512	38,726
Property operating expenses	8,447	16,384	5,836	11,750
Property operating income	\$ 11,586	\$ 28,956	\$ 12,676	\$ 26,976
Number of apartment homes	2,927	5,326	2,399	4,588

#### Acquisitions and Dispositions

During the year ended December 31, 2003, we sold eight communities comprising 2,927 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$215.2 million, resulting in an aggregate gain on sale of \$18.8 million for seven of the communities and an impairment charge of \$0.8 million for one of the communities. The eight communities sold were the former Summit Fairways, Summit Turtle Rock, Summit Camino Real, Summit Buena Vista, Summit Arboretum, Summit Las Palmas, Summit San Raphael and Summit Belcourt. Net proceeds from four of the eight communities, equaling \$51.5 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations.

During the year ended December 31, 2003, we purchased two communities. On December 31, 2003, we purchased Summit Lansdowne, located in Loudon County, Virginia, for \$99.2 million. Summit Lansdowne contains 690 apartment homes and was approximately 89.0% leased as of December 31, 2003. On May 6, 2003, the Operating Partnership purchased certain assets of Brickell Grand, Inc., ("Brickell Grand") including the community known as Summit Brickell and a note receivable from the developer, for \$59.4 million. Summit Brickell is located in Miami, Florida and contains 405 apartment homes and approximately 18,000 square feet of retail space.

During the year ended December 31, 2002, we sold eight communities comprising 2,399 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$211.8 million, resulting in an aggregate net gain on sale of \$78.7 million. The eight communities sold were the former Summit Breckenridge, Summit New Albany, Summit Pike Creek, Summit Mayfaire, Summit Stonefield, Summit Meadow, Summit Sand Lake and Summit Windsor. Net proceeds from four of the eight communities, equaling \$107.4 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations.

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During the year ended December 31, 2002, a joint venture in which we held a 50% interest, sold a community known as The Heights at Cheshire Bridge (comprising 318 apartment homes) to an unrelated third party and the joint venture was dissolved. Upon dissolution, we recognized a gain of \$5.0 million on the sale of the joint venture's assets.

During the year ended December 31, 2002, we acquired a stabilized, luxury apartment community in the Galleria sub-market of Dallas, Texas (comprising 222 apartment homes) for \$17.7 million. The community, known as Summit San Raphael, was sold during 2003.

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During the year ended December 31, 2001, we sold one parcel of land and nine communities comprising 2,189 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$167.6 million, resulting in an aggregate net gain on sale of \$34.4 million. The parcel of land was located in Richmond, Virginia and the nine communities sold were the former Summit Palm Lake, Summit Arbors, Summit Radbourne, Summit Lofts, Summit Gateway, Summit Stony Point, Summit Deerfield, Summit Waterford and Summit Walk. Net proceeds from three of the nine communities, equaling \$31.7 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, a joint venture in which we hold a 25% interest, sold a community, the former Summit Station, for \$11.9 million. This sale resulted in the recognition by the joint venture of a gain of \$1.1 million, of which we recorded \$271,000 based on our equity interest.

We did not acquire any communities during the year ended December 31, 2001.

#### Communities Sold or Held for Sale

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, net income and gain on disposition of real estate for communities sold or considered held for sale after December 31, 2001 are reflected in our statements of operations as "discontinued operations" for all periods presented. Below is a summary of discontinued operations for all of the communities sold during 2003 and 2002, excluding Summit Breckenridge and joint venture communities, for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 (in thousands). Summit Breckenridge was properly classified as held for sale prior to January 1, 2002 and, therefore, its operations prior to disposal are included in income from continuing operations.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Property revenues:			
Rental revenues	\$ 18,651	\$ 41,640	\$ 46,563
Other property revenue	1,382	2,938	3,398
Total property revenues	20,033	44,578	49,961
Property operating expenses	8,447	16,119	16,405
Depreciation	3,675	9,681	10,413
Interest and amortization	3,490	6,510	6,993
Income from discontinued operations before gain (impairment loss) on disposition of discontinued operations, loss from			

early extinguishment of  
debt associated with assets sales and minority  
interest of

common unitholders in Operating Partnership	4,421	12,268	16,150
Net gain on disposition of discontinued operations	18,820	64,907	-
Impairment loss on discontinued operations	(759)	-	-
Loss from early extinguishment of debt associated with asset sales	(6,522)	(208)	-
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Income from discontinued operations before minority interest	15,960	76,967	16,150
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	(1,712)	(8,791)	(2,080)
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Total discontinued operations	\$ 14,248	\$ 68,176	\$ 14,070
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#### Development Activity

Development communities in process as of December 31, 2003 are summarized as follows (dollars in thousands):

Community	Apartment Homes	Total Estimated Costs	Cost To Date	Estimated Cost To Complete	Anticipated Construction Completion
Summit Reunion Park II - Raleigh, NC	172	\$ 10,800	\$ 9,354	\$ 1,446	Q1 2004
Summit Silo Creek - Washington, D.C.	284	41,700	36,233	5,467	Q2 2004
Summit Brickell View - Miami, FL	323	74,000	64,931	9,069	Q4 2004
Summit Las Olas - Ft. Lauderdale, FL	420	73,700	66,889	6,811	Q4 2004
Summit Fairfax Corner - Washington, D.C.	488	74,500	20,452	54,048	Q4 2006
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Total - communities under construction	1,687	274,700	197,859	76,841	
Other development and construction costs (1)	-	-	12,454	-	
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	1,687	\$ 274,700	\$ 210,313	\$ 76,841	
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(1) Consists primarily of land held for development and other pre-development costs.

The estimated cost to complete the development communities listed above of \$76.8 million, represents substantially all of our material commitments for capital expenditures as of December 31, 2003.

#### Factors Affecting the Performance of Our Development Communities

As with any development project, there are uncertainties and risks associated with the development of the communities described above. While we have prepared development budgets and have estimated completion and stabilization target dates based on what we believe are reasonable assumptions in light of current conditions, there can be no assurance that actual costs will not exceed current budgets or that we will not experience construction delays due to the unavailability of materials, weather conditions or other events. We also may be unable to obtain, or experience delays in obtaining, all necessary zoning, land-use, building, occupancy, and other required governmental permits and authorizations. Similarly, market conditions at the time these communities become available for leasing will affect rental rates and the period of time necessary to achieve stabilization.

Other development risks include the possibility of incurring additional costs or liabilities resulting from increased costs for materials or labor or other unexpected costs or defects in construction material, and the possibility that financing may not be available on favorable terms, or at all, to pursue or complete development activities.

In addition, we are conducting feasibility and other pre-development work for five communities. We could abandon the development of any one or more of these potential communities in the event that we determine that market conditions do not support development, financing is not available on favorable terms or at all, or we are unable to obtain necessary permits and authorizations, or due to other circumstances which may prevent development. There can be no assurance that, if we do pursue one or more potential communities, that we will be able to complete construction within the currently estimated development budgets or that construction can be started at the time currently anticipated.

#### Other Income and Expenses

Interest income decreased by \$422,000 to \$1.9 million in 2003 compared to 2002, and increased by \$228,000 to \$2.3 million in 2002 compared to 2001, primarily due to a preferred return of \$375,000 earned in 2002 on an equity investment.

Other income increased by \$348,000 to \$790,000 in 2003 compared to 2002, primarily due to an increase in water billing administration fees and water meter installation fees of \$386,000. Other income decreased by \$434,000 to \$442,000 in 2002 compared to 2001 as a result of a \$325,000 credit enhancement fee received in 2001 in connection with a community that was being developed by a third party developer.

Depreciation and amortization for both continuing and discontinued operations remained stable at \$40.3 million in 2003 and \$40.2 million in 2002. Depreciation expense for both continuing and discontinued operations increased by \$852,000 to \$40.2 million in 2002 compared to 2001, primarily due to depreciation expense related to recently developed communities as well as depreciation on the community acquired during 2002.

Depreciation and amortization expense for continuing operations increased by \$6.1 million to \$36.6 million in 2003 compared to 2002 primarily due to depreciation recorded for recent development communities as well as for the community acquired in May of 2003. Depreciation and amortization expense for continuing operations increased by \$1.6 million to \$30.5 million in 2002 compared to 2001 primarily due to depreciation on development communities and one acquisition community during that year.

Interest expense for both continuing and discontinued operations decreased by \$3.5 million to \$31.0 million in 2003 when compared to 2002, primarily due to a \$5.9 million decrease in our average indebtedness outstanding and a decrease in our average effective interest rate of 0.38% in 2003. Interest expense for both continuing and discontinued



operations decreased by \$5.4 million to \$34.5 million in 2002 compared to 2001 primarily due to a \$20.8 million decrease in our average indebtedness outstanding and a decrease in the average effective interest rate of 0.39%.

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Deferred financing cost amortization increased by \$938,000 to \$2.3 million in 2003 compared to 2002 primarily due to a charge of \$827,000 related to unamortized financing costs related to the termination of our prior unsecured credit facility in 2003, with no similar charge in 2002.

General and administrative expenses increased by \$1.0 million to \$6.9 million in 2003 when compared to 2002 primarily due to an increase of \$1.0 million related to performance-based compensation. General and administrative expenses decreased by \$1.0 million to \$5.9 million in 2002 compared to 2001 primarily due to a 2001 charge of \$1.8 million related to an increase in the costs of abandoned pursuit projects and severance costs associated with senior staff reductions in our organization during that year, offset by an increase in professional fees of \$449,000 related to the increased cost of doing business as a public company and an increase in non-cash compensation of \$304,000. As a percentage of total revenues, general and administrative expenses were 4.2% in 2003, 3.4% in 2002 and 3.6% in 2001.

Property Management expenses for both owned and third-party communities increased by \$1.0 million to \$5.9 million in 2003 when compared to 2002 primarily due to a decrease in development activity at the Operating Partnership, causing a reduction of \$583,000 of the capitalization of costs related to the Management Company employee performance of development activities as well as an increase in legal and accounting professional fees of \$141,000. Property Management expenses for both owned and third-party communities decreased by \$712,000 in 2002 when compared to 2001 primarily due to a reduction in personnel expenses of \$769,000 resulting from staff reductions at the Management Company and Construction Company.

The \$18.8 million gain on disposition of discontinued operations in 2003 resulted from the disposition of seven communities. The seven communities sold were the former Summit Fairways, Summit Turtle Rock, Summit Camino Real, Summit Buena Vista, Summit Arboretum, Summit Las Palmas and Summit San Raphael.

The \$73,000 gain on sale of real estate assets in continuing operations resulted from the sale of a parcel of land which was located at one of our existing communities. The impairment loss on discontinued operations of \$759,000 was incurred upon the disposition of the former Summit Belcourt, located in Dallas, Texas.

The communities disposed of in 2003 were part of our plan to dispose of assets that no longer meet our growth objectives or to make desired changes in the number of apartment homes in each of our markets. The sale of the communities in Texas completed our previously announced intention to exit Texas.

The \$78.7 million gain on sale of assets in 2002 resulted from the disposition of eight communities. The \$34.4 million gain on sale of assets in 2001 resulted from the disposition of one parcel of land and nine communities.

## Liquidity and Capital Resources

### Liquidity

Net cash provided by operating activities decreased to \$49.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2003 from \$60.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2002, primarily due to a \$4.4 million decrease in income from continuing operations before gain on sale of real estate assets, loss from early extinguishment of debt, impairment loss on technology investments, minority interest of common unitholders in the Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in the Operating Partnership and the excess of the redemption amount over the carrying amount of preferred units and a decrease of \$7.2 million in cash used for accounts payable and accrued expenses.

Net cash used in investing activities increased to \$28.9 million for the year ended December 31, 2003 from \$8.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. The increase in cash used in investing activities is due to an increase of \$137.3 million in cash used for the acquisition of real estate assets in 2003 when compared to 2002 offset by an increase of \$110.1 million in proceeds from the sale of real estate assets and an increase of \$7.9 million in contributions received from our historic tax credit joint venture partner. Current year cash proceeds from the sale of real estate assets include current year expenditures from qualified like-kind exchange escrows that relate to prior year sales.

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Net cash used in financing activities decreased to \$20.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2003 from \$52.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2002. The decrease in cash used in financing activities during 2003 is primarily due to an increase in proceeds received from the issuance of mortgage debt of \$137.0 million and an increase in the proceeds received from the issuance of stock of \$100.2 million, all offset by an increase in cash used to redeem preferred units of \$85.0 million, an increase in the amount of cash used for net repayments of the credit facility of \$75.0 million and an increase in the amount of cash used to repay mortgages of \$44.0 million.

We have elected to be taxed as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. REITs are subject to a number of organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement that 90% of ordinary taxable income be distributed. As a REIT, we generally will not be subject to federal income tax on net income to the extent taxable income is distributed.

As of January 1, 2003, we had \$62.9 million of cash and cash equivalents (including restricted proceeds placed with a qualified intermediary in accordance with income tax rules and regulations) and \$81.0 million available under our prior unsecured credit facility. After considering the transactions listed below and our cash provided by operating activities of \$49.6 million during the year, as of December 31, 2003, we had \$2.7 million of cash and cash equivalents and \$70.0 million available under our secured credit facility. During the year ended December 31, 2003, we generated cash proceeds from various transactions, including:

- We sold eight communities and one parcel of land for an aggregate sales price of \$215.2 million, generating net cash proceeds of \$189.7 million;
- Issued \$144.0 million in fixed-rate mortgages secured by four communities; and
- Issued 4.3 million shares of our common stock for net proceeds of \$97.3 million.

The proceeds were used primarily to:

- Acquire two apartment communities for an aggregate purchase price of \$158.8 million;
- Construct development communities of \$92.5 million;
- Redeem all 3.4 million Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units of \$85.0 million;
- Repay two public unsecured notes in the aggregate amount of \$47.0 million which matured during the year;
- Repay \$26.8 million of mortgages associated with communities which were sold during the year;
- Repay \$25.0 million under our credit facility;
- Make investments of \$21.4 million in a consolidated joint venture which is developing a community;
- Repurchase \$15.2 million of common stock under our common stock repurchase program; and
- Fund capital expenditures and other corporate additions and tenant improvements of \$9.0 million.

Our outstanding indebtedness (excluding fair value adjustments of hedged debt instruments of \$4.0 million) as of December 31, 2003 totaled \$722.2 million. This amount includes \$332.7 million in fixed rate conventional mortgages,

\$10.3 million of variable rate tax-exempt bonds, \$220.0 million of unsecured notes, \$6.9 million of variable rate mortgages, \$33.3 million under a construction loan and \$119.0 million under our secured credit facility. See the table in the section entitled, "Market Risk" below for a summary of the aggregate annual maturities of our debt as of December 31, 2003.

We expect that our primary uses of cash in 2004 will be to fund development spending (refer to the section entitled "Development Activity" on page 25 of this report), to fund debt maturities (refer to the "Schedule of Debt" on page 30 of this report), acquisition opportunities and the possible redemption of the Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units (see the section entitled "Preferred Units" below). Other uses of cash in 2004 will be to fund principal amortization of debt, to fund capital expenditures relating to maintaining our existing communities and to fund dividend and distribution payments.

We expect that the primary source of funds for these uses, in addition to our cash provided operating activities, will be the proceeds from disposition of communities as we continue our capital recycling strategy of selling older communities and using those proceeds to fund development and/or acquisition investment opportunities. We also may issue fixed-rate mortgage debt or issue common or preferred equity. In addition, we have adequate borrowing capacity under our credit facility.

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#### Credit Facilities

On July 28, 2003, we obtained a secured credit facility with a total current commitment of \$200.0 million and current availability of \$189.0 million. We have the ability to increase this commitment and availability pursuant to the terms of the credit agreement. The secured credit facility replaced our \$225.0 million unsecured credit facility and provides funds for new development, acquisitions and general working capital purposes. This facility is secured by nine of our communities (Summit Fair Oaks, Summit Governor's Village, Summit Grandview, Summit Lake, Summit Peachtree City, Summit Portofino, Summit Sedgebrook, Summit Shiloh and Summit Sweetwater) and matures in July 2008. As described in the credit agreement, loans under the credit facility are limited subject to debt service coverage and loan to value ratios and bear interest at the Reference Bill Index Rate (defined as the money market yield for the Reference Bills as established by the most recent Reference Bill auction conducted by Freddie Mac) plus 58 to 91 basis points depending on the level of debt service coverage. The outstanding balance of the credit facility was \$119.0 million and the interest rate was 1.62% as of December 31, 2003.

On July 28, 2003, we obtained an unsecured letter of credit facility, which matures in July 2008 and has a total commitment of \$20.0 million. The letters of credit issued under this facility will serve as collateral for performance on contracts and as credit guarantees to banks and insurers. As of December 31, 2003, there were \$9.2 million of letters of credit outstanding under this facility.

#### Direct Placement of Common Stock

On December 29, 2003, we sold 2.0 million shares of our common stock to certain investment advisory clients of RREEF America L.L.C. at a price of \$23.61 per share. Net proceeds from the sale of \$47.2 million were used for general corporate purposes, including acquisition and development opportunities and repayment of outstanding indebtedness. On September 25, 2003, we sold 2.3 million shares of our common stock to certain advisory clients of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. at a price of \$21.81 per share. The net proceeds from the sale of \$50.1 million were used for general corporate purposes, including the redemption of preferred units, acquisition and development opportunities and debt reduction. These sales were made pursuant to our existing shelf registration statement previously filed with, and declared effective by, the SEC.

## Preferred Units

On September 18, 2003, we redeemed all 3.4 million of the Operating Partnership's preferred units of limited partnership interest designated as 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units for cash in the amount of \$25.20 per unit plus all unpaid distributions through the redemption date. These preferred units were redeemable by the Operating Partnership for cash, or at our option, shares of our 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, or a combination of cash and shares of our 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock. Holders of the Series B preferred units had the right to exchange these preferred units for shares of our Series B preferred stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment: (a) on or after April 29, 2009, (b) if full quarterly distributions were not made for six quarters, or (c) upon the occurrence of specified events related to the treatment of the Operating Partnership or the preferred units for federal income tax purposes. As a result of the redemption, the excess of the redemption amount over the carrying amount of the units, which totals approximately \$3.0 million in the aggregate, has reduced net income for the year ended December 31, 2003. This is consistent with the SEC's staff announcement on July 31, 2003 that provided clarification to Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Topic D-42, "The Effect on the Calculation of Earnings per Share for the Redemption or Induced Conversion of Preferred Stock." Distributions on the Series B preferred units were cumulative from the date of original issuance and were payable quarterly at the rate of 8.95% per year of the \$25.00 original capital contribution. We made distributions to the holders of the Series B preferred units in the aggregate amount of \$5.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2003 and \$7.6 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

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As of December 31, 2003, the Operating Partnership had outstanding 2.2 million preferred units of limited partnership interest designated as 8.75% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units. The preferred units are redeemable by the Operating Partnership on or after September 3, 2004 for cash at a redemption price equal to the holder's capital account. The holder of the Series C preferred units has the right to exchange these preferred units for shares of our Series C preferred stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment: (a) on or after September 3, 2009, (b) if full quarterly distributions are not made for six quarters, (c) upon the occurrence of specified events related to the treatment of the Operating Partnership or the preferred units for federal income tax purposes, or (d) if the holdings in the Operating Partnership of the Series C unitholder exceed 18% of the total profits of or capital interest in the Operating Partnership for a taxable year. Distributions on the Series C preferred units are cumulative from the date of original issuance and are payable quarterly at the rate of 8.75% per year of the \$25.00 original capital contribution. We made distributions to the holder of the Series C preferred units in the aggregate amount of \$4.8 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001.

## Impairment Loss on Technology Investments

Management considers events and circumstances that may indicate impairment of an investment, including operating performance and cash flow projections. In 2001, management determined that our investments in BroadbandNOW!, Inc. and YieldStar Technology LLC were impaired and that such impairment was other than temporary. As a result, we recorded an impairment loss in the aggregate amount of \$1.2 million, which represents our entire investment in these two technology companies. We have no other technology company investments.

## Schedule of Debt

The following table sets forth information regarding our debt financing (excluding fair value adjustments of hedged debt instruments) as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 (dollars in thousands):

### Interest

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Fixed Rate Debt	Rate as of	Maturity	Principal Outstanding	
	December		December 31,	2002
	31,	Date (1)	2003	2002
	2003			
Mortgage Loan (2)	6.76%	10/15/2008	\$ 132,989	\$ 133,909
Mortgage Loan (3)	8.00%	9/1/2005	7,909	8,040
Mortgage Notes:				
Summit Fair Lakes	7.82%	7/1/2010	48,340	48,340
Summit Doral	5.17%	4/1/2013	30,962	-
Summit Aventura	5.09%	7/1/2013	39,480	-
Summit Overlook	4.70%	8/1/2013	22,889	-
Summit Russett	4.17%	12/31/2009	50,000	-
Mortgage notes repaid in 2003			-	77,982
Total Mortgage Debt			332,569	268,271
Unsecured Notes:				
Medium Term Notes	8.04%	11/17/2005	25,000	25,000
Medium Term Notes	7.04%	5/9/2006	25,000	25,000
Medium Term Notes	7.59%	3/16/2009	25,000	25,000
Medium Term Notes	8.50%	7/19/2010	10,000	10,000
Medium Term Notes	7.70%	5/9/2011	35,000	35,000
Notes	6.95%	8/15/2004	50,000	50,000
Notes	7.20%	8/15/2007	50,000	50,000
Unsecured notes repaid in 2003			-	47,000
Total Unsecured Notes			220,000	267,000
Total Fixed Rate Debt			552,569	535,271
Variable Rate Debt				
	Ref Bill + 58			
Credit facility (4)	bps	7/27/2008	119,000	144,000
Construction loan (5)	LIBOR + 207.5 bps	5/1/2004	33,345	-
	LIBOR +			
Summit Foxcroft mortgage note	170 bps	7/1/2005	6,900	6,900
Tax Exempt Bonds:				
Summit Belmont (6)	2.75%	4/1/2007	10,345	10,565
Total Variable Rate Debt			169,590	161,465
Total Outstanding Indebtedness			\$ 722,159	\$ 696,736

(1) All of the secured debt can be prepaid at any time. Prepayment of all secured debt is generally subject to penalty or premium.

(2) Mortgage loan secured by the following communities:

Summit Ballantyne	Summit Glen	Summit Plantation
Summit Club at Dunwoody	Summit Largo	Summit St. Clair
Summit Del Ray	Summit on the River	Summit Westwood

(3) Mortgage loan secured by:

Summit Simsbury          Summit Touchstone

(4) On July 28, 2003, we obtained a secured credit facility which replaced our prior unsecured credit facility. The credit facility is secured by the following communities:

Summit Fair Oaks	Summit Lake	Summit Sedgebrook
Summit Governor Village	Summit Peachtree City	Summit Shiloh
Summit Grandview	Summit Portofino	Summit Sweetwater

(5) Concurrent with the purchase of our joint venture partner's equity interest in SZF, LLC in July 2003, we consolidated the construction loan related to the community that is being developed by such joint venture. We repaid the construction loan on January 30, 2004. The construction loan had a total commitment of \$45.0 million, bore interest at LIBOR plus 207.5 basis points and was to mature in June 2004.

(6) The tax exempt bond bears interest at various rates set by a remarketing agent at the demand note index plus 0.50%, set weekly, or the lowest percentage of prime which allows the resale at a price of par. The bond is enhanced by a letter of credit from a financial institution, which will terminate prior to the maturity date of the related bond. In the event the credit enhancement is not renewed or replaced upon termination, the related loan obligation will be accelerated.

The one-month LIBOR rate as of December 31, 2003 was 1.12%.

Our outstanding indebtedness (excluding the construction loan which was repaid on January 30, 2004 and excluding our credit facility which matures in 2008) had an average maturity of 5.5 years as of December 31, 2003. Refer to the table in the section entitled, "Market Risk" below for a summary of the aggregate annual maturities of all outstanding debt as of December 31, 2003.

#### Market Risk

Our capital structure includes the use of variable rate and fixed rate debt and, therefore, we are exposed to the impact of changes in interest rates. We generally refinance maturing debt instruments at then-existing market interest rates and terms which may be more or less favorable than the interest rates and terms of the maturing debt. While we have historically had limited involvement with derivative financial instruments, we may utilize such instruments in certain situations to hedge interest rate exposure by modifying the interest rate characteristics of related balance sheet instruments and prospective financing transactions. We generally do not utilize derivative financial instruments for

trading or speculative purposes.

On January 1, 2001, we adopted SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," as amended. SFAS No. 133 establishes accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts, and for hedging activities. It requires that entities recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet and measure those instruments at fair value. The cumulative effect of adopting SFAS No. 133 was not material to our financial statements.

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On June 14, 2002, we entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$50.0 million, relating to \$50.0 million of 7.20% fixed rate notes issued under our MTN program. Under the interest rate swap agreement, through the maturity date of August 15, 2007, (a) we have agreed to pay to the counterparty the interest on a \$50.0 million notional amount at a floating interest rate of three-month LIBOR plus 241.75 basis points, and (b) the counterparty has agreed to pay to us the interest on the same notional amount at the fixed rate of the underlying debt obligation. The floating rate as of December 31, 2003 was 3.5975%. The fair value of the interest rate swap was an asset of \$4.0 million as of December 31, 2003. The swap has been designated as a fair value hedge of the underlying fixed rate debt obligation and has been recorded in "Other assets" in the accompanying balance sheets. We assume no ineffectiveness as the interest rate swap meets the short-cut method conditions required under SFAS No. 133 for fair value hedges of debt instruments. Accordingly, no gains or losses were recorded in income relative to our underlying debt and interest rate swap.

The following table provides information about our interest rate swap and other financial instruments that are sensitive to changes in interest rates and should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and related notes. For debt, the table presents principal cash flows and related weighted average interest rates in effect as of December 31, 2003 by expected maturity dates. The weighted average interest rates presented in this table for the tax-exempt variable rate debt are inclusive of credit enhancement fees. For the interest rate swap, the table presents the notional amount and related weighted average pay rate by year of maturity (dollars in thousands):

	Expected Year of Maturity					Thereafter	2003 Total	2002 Total
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008			
<b>Fixed Rate Debt:</b>								
Conventional \$ fixed rate	\$ 1,479	\$ 9,691	\$ 2,026	\$ 2,180	\$ 135,261	\$ 181,932	\$ 332,569	\$ 268,271
Average interest rate	5.30%	7.36%	4.77%	4.78%	6.73%	5.54%	6.07%	6.99%
Unsecured fixed rate	50,000	25,000	25,000	50,000		70,000	220,000	267,000
Average interest rate	6.95 %	8.04 %	7.04 %	7.20 %		7.78 %	7.40 %	7.35 %
<b>Total fixed rate debt</b>	<b>51,479</b>	<b>34,691</b>	<b>27,026</b>	<b>52,180</b>	<b>135,261</b>	<b>251,932</b>	<b>552,569</b>	<b>535,271</b>
<b>Average interest rate</b>	<b>6.90 %</b>	<b>7.85 %</b>	<b>6.87 %</b>	<b>7.10 %</b>	<b>6.73 %</b>	<b>6.16 %</b>	<b>6.60 %</b>	<b>7.17 %</b>
<b>Variable Rate Debt:</b>								

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Tax-exempt variable rate	220	220	220	9,685	-	10,345	10,565
Average interest rate	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	2.75%	-	2.75%	3.05%
Variable rate mortgage note		6,900				6,900	6,900
Average interest rate		2.86%				2.86%	3.08%
Variable rate construction loan	33,345					33,345	
Average interest rate	3.23%					3.23%	
Variable rate credit facility				119,000		119,000	144,000
Average interest rate				1.62%		1.62%	2.69%
<b>Total variable rate debt</b>	<b>33,565</b>	<b>7,120</b>	<b>220</b>	<b>9,685</b>	<b>119,000</b>	<b>169,590</b>	<b>161,465</b>
<b>Average interest rate</b>	<b>3.23%</b>	<b>2.86%</b>	<b>2.75%</b>	<b>2.75%</b>	<b>1.62%</b>	<b>2.06%</b>	<b>2.73%</b>
<b>Total debt</b>	<b>\$ 85,044</b>	<b>\$ 41,811</b>	<b>\$ 27,246</b>	<b>\$ 61,865</b>	<b>\$ 254,261</b>	<b>\$ 251,932</b>	<b>\$ 722,159</b>
<b>Average interest rate</b>	<b>5.45%</b>	<b>7.00%</b>	<b>6.84%</b>	<b>6.42%</b>	<b>6.73%</b>	<b>6.16%</b>	<b>5.53%</b>
<b>Interest Rate Swap:</b>							
Pay variable/receive fixed				\$ 50,000		\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Average pay rate				3-month		3-month	3-month
LIBOR				+2.4175%		LIBOR	LIBOR
Receive rate				7.20%		7.20%	7.20%

We estimate that the fair value of the variable rate debt approximates carrying value based upon our effective borrowing rates for issuance of debt with similar terms and remaining maturities. Fixed rate mortgage debt and fixed rate unsecured notes with a carrying value of \$552.6 million had an estimated aggregate fair value of \$596.4 million as of December 31, 2003. Rates currently available to us for similar terms and maturities were used to estimate the fair value of this debt. The fair market value of long-term fixed rate debt is subject to changes in interest rates.

### Contractual Obligations

A summary of our future contractual obligations related to long-term debt, non-cancelable operating leases and other obligations as of December 31, 2003 is as follows (in thousands):



## Payments Due by Period

	2004	2005-2006	2007-2008	Thereafter	Total
Long-term debt principal payments and maturities (1)	\$ 85,044	\$ 69,057	\$ 316,126	\$ 251,932	\$ 722,159
Standby letters of credit (2)	7,799	1,402	-	-	9,201
Development expenditures (3)	36,497	40,344	-	-	76,841
Operating lease commitments (4)	199	314	295	212	1,020
Employment agreement payments (5)	400	800	800	1,200	3,200
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 129,939</b>	<b>\$ 111,917</b>	<b>\$ 317,221</b>	<b>\$ 253,344</b>	<b>\$ 812,421</b>

- (1) The The amount for 2004 includes the variable rate construction loan which was repaid on January 30, 2004.
- (2) As collateral for performance on contracts and as credit guarantees to banks and insurers, we were contingently liable under standby letters of credit in the aggregate amount of \$9.2 million as of December 31, 2003.
- (3) The The estimated cost to complete the five development projects currently under construction was \$76.8 million as of December 31, 2003. Anticipated construction completion dates of the projects range from the first quarter of 2004 to the fourth quarter of 2006.
- (4) Includes operating leases related to rental of office space.
- (5) We have employment agreements with two of our former executive officers, both of whom resigned from such executive positions, but who remain as employees and have agreed to provide various services to us from time to time through December 31, 2011. Each employment agreement requires that we pay to the former officers a base salary aggregating up to \$2.1 million over the period from July 1, 2001 to December 31, 2011 (beginning with calendar year 2002, up to \$200,000 on an annual basis). Each employment agreement also requires that we provide participation in our life insurance plan, office space, information systems support and administrative support for the remainder of each employee's life, and participation in our health and dental insurance plans until the last to die of the employee or such employee's spouse. Either party can terminate the employment agreements, effective 20 business days after written notice is given. The full base salary amount due shall be payable through 2011 whether or not the agreements are terminated earlier in accordance with their terms.

We carry terrorism insurance on all communities. The terrorism insurance is subject to coverage limitations, which we believe are commercially reasonable. No assurance can be given that material losses in excess of insurance proceeds will not occur in the future, or that insurance coverage for acts of terrorism will be available in the future.

We are subject to a variety of claims and suits that arise in the ordinary course of business, including actions with respect to contracts and cases in which claims have been brought against us by current and former employees, residents, independent contractors and vendors. While the resolution of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe that the final outcome of such matters will not be material to our financial position or results of operations. If we determine that a loss is probable to occur, the estimated amount of that loss would be recorded in the financial statements.

We are a party to a number of agreements and contracts pursuant to which we may be obligated to indemnify the other party with respect to certain matters. Typically, these obligations arise in contracts into which we enter, under which we customarily agree to hold the other party harmless against certain losses arising from breaches of representations,

warranties and/or covenants related to such matters as, among others, title to assets, specified environmental matters, qualification to do business, due organization, non-compliance with restrictive covenants, laws, rules and regulations, maintenance of insurance and payment of tax bills due and owing. Additionally, with respect to retail and office lease agreements we enter into as landlord, we may also indemnify the other party against damages caused by our willful misconduct or negligence associated with the operation and management of the

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building. Although no assurances can be made, we believe that if we were to incur a loss in any of these matters, such loss should not have a material effect on our financial condition or results of operations. Historically, payments made with regard to these agreements have not had a material effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

### Funds from Operations

Funds from Operations ("FFO"), as defined by the National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT"), represents net income (loss) excluding gains from sales of property and extraordinary items, plus depreciation of real estate assets, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures, all determined on a consistent basis in accordance with GAAP. Effective January 1, 2003, we no longer add back impairment losses when calculating FFO pursuant to NAREIT's clarified FFO definition. Debt extinguishment costs which are recorded in discontinued operations because they were incurred directly as a result of the sale of a community are not specifically addressed by the NAREIT definition. Because of the limitations of the NAREIT FFO definition, we have made an interpretation in applying the definition to maintain consistent treatment with previous years' results. We include such debt extinguishment costs as a component of the community's total gain and, therefore, exclude them in the calculation of FFO. These costs were \$6.5 million, for the year ended December 31, 2003. We believe that this interpretation is consistent with NAREIT's definition. Pursuant to new accounting literature, FFO for 2002 has been adjusted to include debt extinguishment costs related to the loss from early extinguishment of debt that was not associated with an asset sale.

Our methodology for computing FFO may differ from the methodologies utilized by other real estate companies and, accordingly, may not be comparable to other real estate companies. FFO should not be considered as an alternative to net income (determined in accordance with GAAP) as an indication of financial performance, nor is it indicative of funds available to fund our cash needs, including our ability to make dividend or distribution payments. We believe that FFO is helpful to investors as a measure of the performance of an equity REIT because, along with cash flows from operating activities, financing activities and investing activities, it provides investors with an understanding of our ability to incur and service debt and to make capital expenditures. The denominator for FFO per share is diluted weighted average shares and units outstanding. Funds from Operations are calculated as follows (dollars in thousands):

	2003	2002	2001
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net income	\$ 16,331	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537
Minority interest of Common Unitholders	2,056	11,823	8,359
Gain on sale of real estate assets	(18,893)	(78,738)	(34,435)
Gain on sale of real estate assets - joint ventures	-	(4,955)	(271)
Loss from early extinguishment of debt associated with asset sales	6,522	208	-
Depreciation:			
Real estate assets	39,225	39,281	38,746
Real estate joint venture	763	1,119	1,231
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Funds from Operations	\$ 46,004	\$ 60,426	\$ 70,167

Net income per share - diluted	\$ 0.59	\$ 3.33	\$ 2.09
Funds from operations per share - diluted	\$ 1.47	\$ 1.94	\$ 2.26
Recurring capital expenditures (1)	\$ 6,376	\$ 4,530	\$ 4,889
Non-recurring capital expenditures (2)	\$ 1,516	\$ 1,088	\$ 3,943
Weighted average shares outstanding - basic	27,621,568	27,385,051	26,789,067
Weighted average shares outstanding - diluted	27,770,642	27,555,574	27,099,294
Weighted average shares and units outstanding -- basic	31,118,929	30,936,881	30,795,910
Weighted average shares and units outstanding -- diluted	31,268,003	31,107,404	31,106,137

(1) Recurring capital expenditures consist primarily of exterior painting, new appliances, vinyl flooring, blinds, tile, wallpaper and carpet.

(2) Non-recurring capital expenditures consist primarily of major renovations and upgrades of apartment homes.

#### Americans with Disabilities Act and Similar Laws

Under the Americans with Disabilities Act, all places of public accommodation are required to meet federal requirements related to access and use by disabled persons. We believe that our communities are substantially in compliance with present requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act as they apply to multifamily dwellings. A number of additional federal, state and local laws exist or may be imposed which also may require modifications to our communities or regulate certain further renovations with respect to access by disabled persons. The ultimate amount of the cost of compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act or related legislation is not currently ascertainable, and while these costs are not expected to have a material effect on us, they could be substantial. Limitations or restrictions on the completion of renovations may limit application of our investment strategy in particular instances or reduce overall returns on our investments.

#### Inflation

Substantially all of the leases at our communities are for a term of one year or less. The short-term nature of these leases generally serves to reduce the risk of the adverse effect of inflation.

#### Forward-Looking Statements

This report contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. You can identify forward-looking statements by the use of the words "believe," "expect," "anticipate," "intend," "estimate," "may," "assume" and other similar expressions which predict or indicate future events and trends and which do not relate solely to historical matters. In addition, information concerning the following are forward-looking statements:

- the future operating performance of stabilized communities;
- national economic conditions and economic conditions in our markets;
- the proposed development, acquisition or disposition of communities;
- anticipated construction commencement, completion, lease-up and stabilization dates; and
- estimated development costs.

You should not rely on forward-looking statements because they involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control. These risks, uncertainties and other factors may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from the anticipated future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. Factors which could have a material adverse effect on our operations and future prospects include, but are not limited to:

- economic conditions generally and the real estate market specifically, including changes in occupancy rates, market rents and rental rate concessions and the failure of national and local economic conditions to rebound in a timely manner;
- changes in job growth, household formation and population growth in our markets;
- uncertainties associated with our development activities, including the failure to obtain zoning and other approvals, actual costs exceeding our budgets, construction material defects and increases in construction costs;
- the failure of investments to yield expected results;
- the failure to sell communities on favorable terms, in a timely manner or at all;
- the failure to locate favorable investment opportunities in our markets;
- construction delays due to the unavailability of materials, weather conditions or other delays;
- potential environmental liabilities and related property damages, costs of investigation and remediation, and liability to third parties;
- competition, which could limit our ability to secure attractive investment opportunities, lease apartment homes, or increase or maintain rents;
- supply and demand for apartment communities in our current market areas;
- availability and cost of financing and access to cost-effective capital;

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- the inability to refinance existing indebtedness or to refinance existing indebtedness on favorable terms;
- changes in interest rates;
- changes in our debt ratings which could increase our cost of capital or impede our ability to raise debt financing;
- legislative and regulatory changes, including changes to laws governing the taxation of real estate investment trusts ("REITs");
- changes in GAAP, or policies and guidelines applicable to REITs; and

- those factors discussed below and in the sections entitled "Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001" on page 18 of this report, "Operating Performance of Our Same-Property Communities" beginning on page 21 of this report, "Operating Performance of Our Lease-Up Communities" beginning on page 23 of this report, "Factors Affecting the Performance of Our Stabilized Development Communities" beginning on page 26 of this report and "Contractual Obligations" beginning on page 33 of this report.

You should consider these risks and uncertainties in evaluating forward-looking statements and you should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements represent our estimates and assumptions only as of the date of this report. We do not undertake to update these forward-looking statements. You should read this annual report on Form 10-K in its entirety in conjunction with our audited financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2003 and the related notes included in this report.

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#### Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

See "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations - Market Risk" beginning on page 31 of this report.

#### Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

Financial statements and supplementary data are contained on the pages indicated on the Index to Financial Statements on page 50 of this report.

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

None.

#### Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

(a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures . As required by Rule 13a-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as

of the end of the period covered by this report, the Company carried out an evaluation under the supervision and with the participation of the Company's management, including the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures are effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by the Company in the reports it files or submits under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. We continue to review and document our disclosure controls and procedures, including our internal control over financial reporting, and may from time to time make changes aimed at enhancing their effectiveness and to ensure that our systems evolve with our business.

(b) Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting . There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth quarter of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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## PART III

## Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant

Incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 26, 2004.

## Item 11. Executive Compensation

Incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 26, 2004.

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management

Except as disclosed immediately below incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 26, 2004.

## Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table sets forth information regarding securities authorized for issuance under Summit's equity compensation plans as of December 31, 2003:

## Equity Compensation Plan Information

Plan category	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights (1)	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance (excluding securities reflected in column (a))
	(a)	(b)	(c)
Equity compensation plans approved			
by security holders (2)	1,982,111 (3)	\$20.55 (4)	275,592
Equity compensation plans not approved			
by security holders (5)	-	-	74,270
Total	1,982,111	\$ 20.55	349,862

(1) Does not include any restricted stock as such shares are already reflected in our outstanding shares of common stock.

- (2) Consists of our 1994 Stock Option and Incentive Plan.
- (3) Includes (a) 1,778,800 shares subject to stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2003, (b) 175,329 shares that may be issued pursuant to stock award agreements dated February 6, 2002. Under the stock award agreements, certain employees were awarded the opportunity to earn shares of our common stock. The number of shares of common stock to be received by each respective employee is based on the following schedule of dates and percentages: 15% vested on March 1, 2003; an additional 20% will vest on each of March 1, 2004, 2005 and 2006; and the final 25% will vest on March 1, 2007. The respective employee will receive the applicable number of shares on each date if he or she continues to be employed by us on such date. If an employee is terminated for any reason other than death or disability, his or her right to receive the remaining shares will terminate. Upon the death or disability of the employee, or upon a "change of control," such employee or his or her estate, as the case may be, will be entitled to immediately receive the remaining unvested shares regardless of the schedule set forth above. The number of shares represents 100% of the shares of common stock that could be potentially issued under the stock award agreements, and (c) 27,982 shares that were issued on January 1, 2004 pursuant to performance stock award agreements dated February 23, 2001. Under the performance stock award agreements, certain employees had the opportunity to earn up to 150% of a target number of performance shares based upon the average annual total return (share appreciation and distributions) of our common stock from January 1, 2001 to December 31, 2003 as compared to the average annual total returns of our peers included in the NAREIT All REIT Index for Apartments during the same period.

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- (4) Represents the weighted average exercise price of the outstanding stock options and the performance stock award agreements. Does not include information about shares which may be issued under the stock award agreements because such shares do not have an exercise price.
- (5) Consists of our non-qualified employee stock purchase plan ("ESPP") which was adopted by our Board of Directors on September 18, 1995 but has not been approved by our stockholders. Transactions under such plan were suspended effective July 2, 2002. A description of the ESPP appears in "Market for Registrant's Common Equity and Related Stockholder Matters" beginning on page 11 of this report and Note 12, "Employee Benefit Plans," of our consolidated financial statements included in this report.

#### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions

Incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 26, 2004.

#### Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

Incorporated herein by reference to our definitive proxy statement to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K with respect to our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 26, 2004.

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## PART IV

#### Item 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules and Reports on Form 8-K

(a) Financial Statements and Financial Statement Schedule

The consolidated financial statements are listed in the Index to Financial Statements on page 50 of this Report.

(b) Reports on Form 8-K

On December 29, 2003, we filed a Current Report on Form 8-K in connection with the sale of 2.0 million shares of Summit's common stock.

(c) Exhibits

As noted below, certain of the exhibits required by Item 601 of Regulation S-K have been filed with previous reports by the Company and are incorporated by reference herein.

Exhibit No.	Description
3.1.1	Articles of Incorporation of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-11, Registration No. 33-90706).
3.1.2	Articles Supplementary to the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Summit Properties Inc. designating 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock of Summit dated April 29, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
3.1.3	Articles Supplementary to the Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Summit Properties Inc. designating 8.75% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock of Summit dated September 3, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 17, 1999, File No. 000-22411).
3.2.1	Bylaws of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-11, Registration No. 33-90706).
3.2.2	First Amendment to Bylaws of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
3.2.3	Second Amendment to Bylaws of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
4.1.1	Indenture dated as of August 7, 1997 between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank, relating to the Operating Partnership's Senior Debt Securities (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 11, 1997, File No. 000-22411).
4.1.2	Supplemental Indenture No. 1, dated as of August 12, 1997, between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/A-1 filed on August 18, 1997, File No. 000-22411).



- 4.1.3 Supplemental Indenture No. 2, dated as of December 17, 1997, between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/A-1 filed on December 17, 1997, File No. 000-22411).

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- 4.1.4 Supplemental Indenture No. 3, dated as of May 29, 1998, between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on June 2, 1998, File No. 000-22411).
- 4.1.5 Supplemental Indenture No. 4, dated as of April 20, 2000, between the Operating Partnership and First Union National Bank, including a form of Floating Rate Medium-Term Note and a form of Fixed Rate Medium-Term Note (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 28, 2000, File No. 000-22411).
- 4.2.1 The Operating Partnership's 6.95% Note due 2004, dated August 12, 1997 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/A-1 filed on August 18, 1997, File No. 000-22411).
- 4.2.2 The Operating Partnership's 7.20% Note due 2007, dated August 12, 1997 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.4 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/A-1 filed on August 18, 1997, File No. 000-22411).
- 4.2.3 The Operating Partnership's 6.63% Note due 2003, dated December 17, 1997 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2 to the Operating Partnership's Amended Current Report on Form 8-K/A-1 filed on December 17, 1997, File No. 000-22411).
- 4.2.4 7.59% Medium-Term Note due 2009 in the principal amount of \$25,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on March 18, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Operating Partnership's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1999, File No. 000-22411).
- 4.2.5 8.50% Medium-Term Note due 2010 in the principal amount of \$10,000,000 issued by the Operating

Partnership on July 19, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).

- 4.2.6 7.87% Medium-Term Note due 2003 in the principal amount of \$17,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on October 20, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2.8 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 4.2.7 8.037% Medium-Term Note due 2005 in the principal amount of \$25,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on November 17, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.2.9 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 4.2.8 7.04% Medium-Term Note due 2006 in the principal amount of \$25,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on May 9, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
- 4.2.9 7.703% Medium-Term Note due 2011 in the principal amount of \$35,000,000 issued by the Operating Partnership on May 9, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
- 4.3 Shareholder Rights Agreement, dated as of December 14, 1998, between Summit and First Union National Bank, as Rights Agent (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed on December 16, 1998).

- 10.1 Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of the Operating Partnership, dated as of May 23, 2000 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on May 30, 2000, File No. 000-22411).
- 10.2 Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated as of March 27, 2002, by and between Summit and the Operating Partnership (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Operating Partnership's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 000-22411).

- 10.3 Articles of Incorporation of Summit Management Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.4 Bylaws of Summit Management Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.5 Summit's 1994 Stock Option and Incentive Plan, as amended and restated (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.5 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-79897).
- 10.6.1 Summit's 1996 Non-Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-8, Registration No. 333-00078).
- 10.6.2 First Amendment to Summit's 1996 Non-Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5.2 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.6.3 Second Amendment to Summit's 1996 Non-Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5.3 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.6.4 Third Amendment to Summit's 1996 Non-Qualified Employee Stock Purchase Plan (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5.4 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.7 Indemnification Agreements, dated as of various dates, by and among Summit, the Operating Partnership, and each director and each of the following executive officers of Summit: Steven R. LeBlanc, Michael L. Schwarz, Randall M. Ell, Gregg D. Adzema and Keith L. Downey (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.8.1 Employment Agreement dated February 15, 1999, by and among William F. Paulsen, Summit and Summit Management Company, as restated on April 3, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2001, File No. 000-12792).
- 10.8.2 Employment Agreement, dated February 15, 1999, by and among William B. McGuire, Jr. Summit and Summit Management Company, as restated on August 24, 2001 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.8.3 Employment Agreement between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7.10 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).

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- 10.8.4 Employment Agreement between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7.4 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.8.5 Employment Agreement between Summit Management Company and Randall M. Ell (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.8.6 Employment Agreement between Summit Management Company and Gregg D. Adzema (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7.7 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.8.7 Employment Agreement, dated February 24, 1994, by and among Keith L. Downey, Summit and Summit Management Company (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.9.1 Noncompetition Agreement between Summit and William F. Paulsen (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.9.2 Noncompetition Agreement between Summit and William B. McGuire, Jr. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.9.3 Noncompetition Agreement between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8.10 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.9.4 Noncompetition Agreement between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8.11 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.9.5 Noncompetition Agreement by and among Summit, Summit Management Company and Randall M. Ell (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.10.1 Executive Severance Agreement between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9.3 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.10.2 Executive Severance Agreement between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9.6 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.10.3 Executive Severance Agreement between Summit and Randall M. Ell (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
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Amended Executive Severance Agreement between Summit and Gregg D. Adzema (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9.4 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).

10.10.5 Executive Severance Agreement, dated December 17, 2001, by and between Summit and Keith L. Downey (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002, File No. 001-12792).

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10.11.1 Form of Promissory Note and Security Agreement between Summit and the employees named in the Schedule thereto (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14.3 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).

10.11.2 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 31, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$499,814 to William B. McGuire, Jr. for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).

10.11.3 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 31, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$999,995 to William F. Paulsen for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).

10.11.4 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated August 5, 1998, evidencing a loan of \$960,578 to Steven R. LeBlanc for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12.4 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).

10.11.5 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated February 2, 1999, evidencing a loan of \$1,000,487 to Steven R. LeBlanc for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12.10 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).

10.11.6 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 31, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$999,995 to Steven R. LeBlanc for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).

10.11.7 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan of \$2,649,940 to Steven R. LeBlanc for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).

10.11.8 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 28, 1998, evidencing a loan of \$42,258 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of paying tax liability associated with a restricted stock award (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14.1 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).

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- 10.11.9 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 30, 1998, evidencing a loan of \$361,785 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.10 Promissory Notes and Security Agreements, dated various dates from July 29, 1998 to May 1, 2000, evidencing loans in the aggregate amount of \$131,013 to Michael L. Schwarz (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.9 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.11 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated February 2, 1999, evidencing a loan of \$450,004 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12.11 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1998, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.12 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated January 31, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$499,969 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).

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- 10.11.13 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated August 1, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$99,973 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended September 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.14 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated November 7, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$91,843 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.13 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.15 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan of \$1,299,994 to Michael L. Schwarz for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.16 Promissory Notes and Security Agreements, dated various dates from April 1, 1998 through May 17, 2000, evidencing loans in the aggregate amount of \$358,399 to Randall M. Ell for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.6 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.17 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated November 7, 2000, evidencing a loan of \$499,160 to Randall M. Ell for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.16 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
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Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated February 6, 2001, evidencing a loan of \$107,032 to Randall M. Ell for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).

- 10.11.19 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan of \$699,995 to Randall M. Ell for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.5 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.20 Promissory Notes and Security Agreements, dated various dates from July 1998 to February 2001, evidencing loans in the aggregate amount of \$476,004 to Gregg D. Adzema for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.18 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.21 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan of \$699,995 to Gregg D. Adzema for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.22 Promissory Notes and Security Agreements, dated various dates from January 4, 1999 to November 7, 2000, evidencing loans in the aggregate amount of \$964,854 to Keith L. Downey (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.23 Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated April 30, 2002, evidencing a loan in the amount of \$699,995 to Keith L. Downey for the purpose of purchasing shares of common stock of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.4 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).

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- 10.11.24 Amendment, dated December 29, 2000, to each of the Promissory Notes and Security Agreements dated prior to January 4, 2000 executed by William B. McGuire, Jr., William F. Paulsen and the executive officers of Summit (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11.17 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2000, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.25 Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated August 5, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.26 Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Steven R. LeBlanc related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated February 2, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.14 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No.

001-12792).

- 10.11.27 Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated August 6, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.8 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.28 Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated February 2, 1999 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.9 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.29 Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated January 28, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.10 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.30 Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated January 30, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.11.31 Second Amendment to Promissory Note and Security Agreement, dated May 16, 2002, by and between Summit and Michael L. Schwarz related to the Promissory Note and Security Agreement dated July 29, 1998 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.12 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.12.1 Registration Rights Agreement, dated October 12, 1994, between Summit and PK Partners, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15.1 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.12.2 Registration Rights Agreement, dated February 8, 1994, by and among Summit and the Continuing Investors named therein (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13.2 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999, File No. 001-12792).
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- 10.12.3 Registration Rights Agreement, dated December 11, 1995, between Summit and Bissell Ballantyne, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-24669).
- 10.12.4 Registration Rights Agreement, dated January 10, 1996, by and among Summit, Joseph H. Call and Gary S. Cangelosi (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Registration



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Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-24669).

- 10.12.5 Registration Rights Agreement, dated February 20, 1997, by and among Summit, The Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Company, J. Ronald Terwilliger, J. Ronald Terwilliger Grantor Trust, Crow Residential Realty Investors, L.P., Douglas A. Hoeksema, Randy J. Pace, Clifford A. Breining, TCF Residential Partnership, Ltd. and Trammell S. Crow (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-24669).
- 10.12.6 Registration Rights Agreement, dated May 16, 1995, by and among Summit and the individuals named therein executed in connection with the Crosland Acquisition (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15.6 to Summit's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1997, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.12.7 Registration Rights and Lock-up Agreement, dated October 31, 1998, by and among Summit, the Operating Partnership, and the holders named therein executed in connection with the Ewing Acquisition (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-93923).
- 10.12.8 Registration Rights and Lock-up Agreement, dated as of March 6, 1998, by and between Summit and St. Clair Associates, L.P. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.1 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-75704).
- 10.12.9 Registration Rights and Lock-up Agreement, dated as of August 1, 2000, by and among Summit, Worthing Investors, LLC and Worthing Shiloh Investors, LLC (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 99.2 to Summit's Registration Statement on Form S-3, Registration No. 333-75704).
- 10.13.1 Credit Agreement dated July 28, 2003 by and among the Operating Partnership, Summit Sweetwater, LLC, Summit Shiloh, LLC, Summit Grandview, LLC, Summit Portofino Place, LTD., and L.J. Melody & Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Operating Partnership's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2003, File No. 000-22411).
- 10.14.1 Distribution Agreement dated as of April 20, 2000, by and among the Operating Partnership, Summit and the Agents listed therein (Incorporated by reference to the Operating Partnership's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 28, 2000, File No. 000-22411).
- 10.14.2 First Amendment to Distribution Agreement, dated as of May 8, 2001, by and among the Operating Partnership, Summit and the agents named therein (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2001, File No. 001-12792).
- 10.15 Swap Transaction, dated June 17, 2002, between the Operating Partnership and Bank of America, N.A. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.7 to Summit's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended June 30, 2002, File No. 001-12792).
- 12.1 Statement Regarding Calculation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges for the Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2002, 2001, 2000 and 1999 (filed herewith).
- 21.1 Subsidiaries of Summit (filed herewith).

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- 23.1 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP (filed herewith).
- 31.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
- 31.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
- 32.1 Certification by Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith).
- 32.2 Certification by Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (furnished herewith).

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### 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.

#### SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.

March 12, 2004            /S/ STEVEN R. LEBLANC  
 Steven R. LeBlanc  
 President and Chief Executive Officer

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

Signatures	Title	Date
<u>/S/ WILLIAM B. McGUIRE, JR.</u> William B. McGuire, Jr.	Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors	March 12, 2004
<u>/S/ WILLIAM F. PAULSEN</u> William F. Paulsen	Co-Chairman of the Board of Directors	March 12, 2004
/S/ STEVEN R. LEBLANC	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)	March 12, 2004

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Steven R. LeBlanc

/S/ GREGG D. ADZEMA	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)	March 12, 2004
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Gregg D. Adzema

/S/ HENRY H. FISHKIND	Director	March 12, 2004
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Henry H. Fishkind

/S/ JAMES H. HANCE, JR.	Director	March 12, 2004
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James H. Hance, Jr.

/S/ NELSON SCHWAB, III	Director	March 12, 2004
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/S/ JAMES M. ALLWIN	Director	March 12, 2004
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/S/ WENDY P. RICHES	Director	March 12, 2004
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The following financial statements required to be included in Item 15(a)(1) are listed below:

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All other schedules are omitted because they are not applicable or not required.

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT

Board of Directors and Stockholders of  
Summit Properties Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Summit Properties Inc. (the "Company") as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the related consolidated statements of earnings, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003. Our audit for the year ended December 31, 2003 also included the financial statement schedule listed in the Index to Financial Statements at Item 15. These financial statements and financial statement schedule are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements and financial statement schedule based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2003 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, such financial statement schedule, 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.

As discussed in Note 3 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets, on January 1, 2002, the fair value recognition provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation, on January 1, 2003, and Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46, Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, as amended by Financial Accounting Standards Board Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003) on July 1, 2003.

/S/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Charlotte, North Carolina  
March 4, 2004

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SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS  
(Dollars in thousands)

	December 31,	
	2003	2002
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Real estate assets:		
Land and land improvements	\$ 214,361	\$ 162,641
Buildings and improvements	987,113	817,061
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	81,883	70,638
	1,283,357	1,050,340
Total operating real estate assets	1,283,357	1,050,340
Less: accumulated depreciation	(174,500)	(138,557)
	1,108,857	911,783
Net operating real estate assets	1,108,857	911,783
Net real estate assets - assets held for sale	-	195,230
Construction in progress	210,313	139,263
	1,319,170	1,246,276
Net real estate assets	1,319,170	1,246,276
Cash and cash equivalents	2,687	2,584
Restricted cash	1,408	62,933
Investments in real estate joint ventures	3,096	8,194
Deferred financing costs, net of accumulated amortization		
of \$7,108 in 2003 and \$7,173 in 2002	7,694	6,008
Other assets	16,209	22,537
Other assets - assets held for sale	-	717
	1,350,264	1,349,249
Total assets	\$ 1,350,264	\$ 1,349,249
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities:		
Notes payable	\$ 726,152	\$ 624,474
Accrued interest payable	4,558	4,936
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	30,848	45,485
Dividends and distributions payable	11,724	10,456
Security deposits and prepaid rents	3,191	2,040
Notes payable and other liabilities - assets held for sale	-	78,455
	776,473	765,846
Total liabilities	776,473	765,846

Commitments and contingencies		
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership and four operating communities	57,724	50,264
Minority interest of preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	53,544	136,261
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value - 25,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	-	-
Common stock, \$0.01 par value 100,000,000 shares authorized, 31,335,140 shares issued and outstanding in 2003 and 27,436,060 shares issued and outstanding in 2002	313	274
Additional paid-in capital	514,578	429,003
Accumulated deficit	(34,886)	(12,624)
Unamortized restricted stock compensation	(129)	(261)
Employee notes receivable	(17,353)	(19,514)
Total stockholders' equity	462,523	396,878
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 1,350,264	\$ 1,349,249

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS  
(Dollars in thousands, except per share amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Revenues:			
Rental	\$ 130,658	\$ 120,199	\$ 131,220
Other property income	9,636	8,701	9,936
Interest	1,852	2,274	2,046
Management fees - third party communities	618	787	913
Other income	790	442	876
Gain (loss) and interest income on compensation plans	581	(101)	(359)
Total revenues	144,135	132,302	144,632

Expenses:			
Property operating and maintenance (exclusive of items listed below)	30,026	26,762	27,792
Real estate taxes and insurance	18,277	14,680	13,615
Depreciation and amortization	36,645	30,553	28,971
Interest	27,540	27,993	32,877
Deferred financing cost amortization	2,264	1,326	1,414
General and administrative	6,941	5,937	6,940
Property management - owned communities	5,271	4,297	4,931
Property management - third party communities	641	525	603
Liability adjustment and expense on compensation plans	581	(101)	(359)
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>128,186</b>	<b>111,972</b>	<b>116,784</b>

Income from continuing operations before loss on unconsolidated real estate joint ventures, gain on sale of real estate assets, loss from early extinguishment of debt, impairment loss on technology investments, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership and excess of redemption amount over carrying amount of preferred units	15,949	20,330	27,848
Loss on unconsolidated real estate joint ventures	(326)	(49)	(171)
Gain on sale of real estate assets	73	13,831	34,435
Gain on sale of real estate assets - joint ventures	-	4,955	271
Loss from early extinguishment of debt	-	(103)	-
Impairment loss on technology investments	-	-	(1,217)
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	(344)	(3,032)	(6,279)
Dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	(10,306)	(12,420)	(12,420)

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Excess of redemption amount over carrying amount of preferred units	(2,963)	-	-
Income from continuing operations	2,083	23,512	42,467
Discontinued operations:			
Income from discontinued operations	4,421	12,268	16,150
Gain on disposition of discontinued operations	18,820	64,907	-
Impairment loss on disposition of discontinued operations	(759)	-	-
Loss from early extinguishment of debt associated with asset sales	(6,522)	(208)	-
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	(1,712)	(8,791)	(2,080)
Total discontinued operations	14,248	68,176	14,070
Net income	\$ 16,331	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537
Per share data - basic:			
Income from continuing operations - basic	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.86	\$ 1.59
Income from discontinued operations - basic	0.52	2.49	0.53
Net income - basic	\$ 0.59	\$ 3.35	\$ 2.11
Per share data - diluted:			
Income from continuing operations - diluted	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.85	\$ 1.57
Income from discontinued operations - diluted	0.51	2.47	0.52
Net income - diluted	\$ 0.59	\$ 3.33	\$ 2.09
Dividends declared	\$ 1.35	\$ 1.76	\$ 1.85
Weighted average shares - basic	27,621,568	27,385,051	26,789,067
Weighted average shares - diluted	27,770,642	27,555,574	27,099,294

See notes to consolidated financial statements.



SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY  
(Dollars in thousands)

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Unamortized Restricted Stock Compensation	Employee Notes Receivable	Total
Balance, December 31, 2000	\$ 264	\$ 415,827	\$ (62,775)	\$ (942)	\$ (13,697)	\$ 338,677
Dividends	-	-	(49,738)	-	-	(49,738)
Proceeds from dividend reinvestment and						
stock purchase plans	3	7,670	-	-	-	7,673
Repurchase of common stock	-	(197)	-	-	-	(197)
Conversion of common units to shares	1	4,020	-	-	-	4,021
Exercise of stock options	1	1,013	-	-	-	1,014
Issuance of restricted stock grants	1	1,665	-	(1,662)	-	4
Netdown of restricted stock grants	-	(732)	-	-	-	(732)
Amortization of restricted stock grants	-	-	-	1,378	-	1,378
Adjustment for minority interest of						
common unitholders in						
Operating Partnership	-	(8,278)	-	-	-	(8,278)
Issuance of employee notes receivable	-	-	-	-	(3,940)	(3,940)
Repayment of employee notes receivable	-	-	-	-	3,181	3,181
Net income	-	-	56,537	-	-	56,537
Balance, December 31, 2001	270	420,988	(55,976)	(1,226)	(14,456)	349,600
Dividends	-	-	(48,336)	-	-	(48,336)
Proceeds from dividend reinvestment and						
stock purchase plans	4	9,135	-	-	-	9,139
Repurchase of common stock	(1)	(2,665)	-	-	-	(2,666)
Conversion of common	-	285	-	-	-	285

units to shares						
Exercise of stock options	1	1,855	-	-	-	1,856
Issuance of restricted stock grants	-	35	-	(13)	-	22
Netdown of restricted stock grants	-	(619)	-	-	-	(619)
Amortization of restricted stock grants	-	-	-	978	-	978
Adjustment for minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	-	(11)	-	-	-	(11)
Issuance of employee notes receivable	-	-	-	-	(7,813)	(7,813)
Repayment of employee notes receivable	-	-	-	-	2,755	2,755
Net income	-	-	91,688	-	-	91,688
Balance, December 31, 2002	274	429,003	(12,624)	(261)	(19,514)	396,878
Dividends	-	-	(38,593)	-	-	(38,593)
Issuance of stock	45	100,162	-	-	-	100,207
Proceeds from dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plans	-	99	-	-	-	99
Repurchase of common stock	(8)	(15,185)	-	-	-	(15,193)
Conversion of common units to shares	1	1,975	-	-	-	1,976
Exercise of stock options	1	1,917	-	-	-	1,918
Issuance of restricted stock grants	-	660	-	-	-	660
Netdown of restricted stock grants	-	(460)	-	-	-	(460)
Amortization of restricted stock grants	-	-	-	132	-	132
Adjustment for minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	-	(3,593)	-	-	-	(3,593)
Interest earned on employee notes receivable	-	-	-	-	(984)	(984)
Repayment of employee notes receivable	-	-	-	-	3,145	3,145
Net income	-	-	16,331	-	-	16,331

Balance, December 31, 2003	\$ 313	\$ 514,578	\$ (34,886)	\$ (129)	\$ (17,353)	\$ 462,523
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SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.  
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS  
(Dollars in thousands)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income	\$ 16,331	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	2,056	11,820	8,359
Excess of redemption amount over carrying amount of preferred units	2,287	-	-
Loss on unconsolidated real estate joint ventures	326	49	171
Gain on sale of real estate assets - continuing operations	(73)	(13,831)	(34,435)
Gain on sale of real estate assets - discontinued operations	(18,820)	(64,907)	-
Gain on sale of real estate assets - joint ventures	-	(4,955)	(271)
Impairment loss on discontinued operations	759	-	-
Impairment loss on technology investments	-	-	1,217
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	6,522	311	-
Depreciation and amortization	42,667	42,517	42,155
Amortization of deferred settlement on interest rate swap	(965)	(545)	-
Issuance of unrestricted stock grants	683	-	-
(Increase) decrease in restricted cash	1,290	(814)	(3,087)
Decrease (increase) in other assets	2,410	1,473	(996)
Decrease in accrued interest payable	(378)	(2,097)	(696)
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(6,170)	1,019	(2,947)
Increase (decrease) in security deposits and prepaid rents	632	(830)	(535)
Net cash provided by operating activities	49,557	60,898	65,472
Cash flows from investing activities:			

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Construction of real estate assets and land acquisitions	(92,547)	(112,839)	(117,080)
Acquisition of real estate assets	(158,788)	(17,866)	-
Proceeds from sale of real estate assets	249,982	139,920	147,980
Proceeds from sale of real estate assets - joint ventures	-	11,202	-
Capitalized interest	(10,334)	(10,360)	(11,080)
Investment in real estate joint venture	(21,415)	(9,075)	(4,285)
Distribution from real estate joint venture	-	540	-
Contributions from historic tax credit venture partner	8,486	600	-
Recurring capital expenditures	(6,376)	(4,530)	(4,889)
Non-recurring capital expenditures	(1,516)	(1,088)	(3,943)
Corporate and other asset additions and office tenant improvements	(1,094)	(4,647)	(977)
Decrease in notes receivable	4,659	68	119
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	(28,943)	(8,075)	5,845
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Cash flows from financing activities:			
Net (repayments of) borrowings on line of credit	(25,000)	50,000	(47,500)
Proceeds from issuance of mortgage debt	143,940	6,900	-
Repayments of mortgage debt	(55,950)	(11,912)	(5,436)
Borrowings on construction loan	12,548	-	-
Borrowings on unsecured notes	-	-	60,000
Repayments of unsecured notes	(47,000)	(41,000)	(30,000)
Repayments of tax-exempt bonds	(220)	(340)	(660)
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	(6,522)	(311)	-
Payment of deferred financing costs	(4,018)	(549)	(1,212)
Redemption of Series B preferred units	(85,000)	-	-
Proceeds from termination of interest rate swap	-	1,510	-
Net proceeds from dividend reinvestment and stock purchase plans	99	9,139	7,673
Dividends and distributions to unitholders	(42,021)	(59,455)	(56,252)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock	100,207	-	-
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	1,918	1,856	1,014
Netdown of restricted and unrestricted stock awards	(460)	(597)	(728)
Repurchase of common stock	(15,193)	(2,666)	(197)
Increase in employee notes receivable	-	(7,813)	(3,940)
Repayments of employee notes receivable	2,161	2,755	3,181
	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>
Net cash used in financing activities	(20,511)	(52,483)	(74,057)
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	2003	2002	2001
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	103	340	(2,740)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	2,584	2,244	4,984
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 2,687	\$ 2,584	\$ 2,244
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest, net of capitalized interest	\$ 31,408	\$ 36,589	\$ 40,550

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

## SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Unless the context otherwise requires, all references to "we," "our" or "us" in this report refer collectively to Summit Properties Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Summit"), and its subsidiaries, including Summit Properties Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), considered as a single enterprise. Summit is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership.

### 1. Organization and Formation

Summit Properties Inc. was initially organized as a Maryland real estate investment trust on December 1, 1993 under the Maryland Real Estate Investment Trust Act. We became a Maryland corporation under the General Corporation Law of Maryland on January 13, 1994. On February 8, 1994, we completed an initial public offering of 10,000,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share. In connection with the initial public offering, we consummated a business combination involving the partnerships which owned 27 communities and the affiliated entities which provided development, construction and operating services to each of the communities prior to the initial public offering. A portion of the proceeds from the initial public offering was used to acquire an economic and voting interest in the Operating Partnership, which was formed to succeed to substantially all of the interests of the property partnerships in the communities and the operations of the Summit entities. We became the sole general partner and the majority owner of the Operating Partnership upon completion of the initial public offering and, accordingly, report our investment in the Operating Partnership on a consolidated basis.

We focus on the development, construction, acquisition and management of luxury apartment communities throughout the Southeast and Mid-Atlantic states and have chosen to focus our current efforts in five markets consisting of Atlanta, Charlotte, Raleigh, Southeast Florida and Washington, D.C.

### 2. Basis of Presentation

All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The financial statements have been adjusted for the minority interest of holders of common units of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership. Minority interest of common unitholders in the Operating Partnership is calculated at the balance sheet date based upon the percentage of common units outstanding owned by partners other than Summit to the total number of common units outstanding. Minority interest of common unitholders in the Operating Partnership earnings is calculated based on the weighted average common units outstanding during the period. Common units can

be exchanged by the holder for cash in an amount equal to the fair market value of an equivalent number of shares of Summit common stock, or the Operating Partnership may elect to have us issue shares of our common stock in exchange for common units on a one-for-one basis (subject to adjustment). As of December 31, 2003, there were 3,403,885 common units outstanding held by unitholders other than Summit, and the closing market price of our common stock was \$24.02 per share.

### 3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

**Real Estate Assets and Depreciation** - We record our real estate assets at cost less accumulated depreciation and, if necessary, adjust carrying value in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets and for Long-Lived Assets to be Disposed Of," by reviewing whether the sum of the estimated future net cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) from an asset to be held and used is less than the book value of the asset. Assets to be disposed of are recorded at the lower of carrying amount or fair value less costs to sell. No impairment existed as of December 31, 2003.

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Expenditures directly related to the acquisition, development and improvement of real estate assets are capitalized at cost as land, buildings and improvements or furniture, fixtures and equipment. Improvements are categorized as either non-recurring or recurring capitalized expenditures. Non-recurring capitalized expenditures primarily consist of major renovations and upgrades of apartment homes. Recurring capitalized expenditures consist primarily of exterior painting, new appliances, vinyl flooring, blinds, tile, wallpaper and carpet. All of these expenditures are capitalized and depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the assets (land improvements 15 years; buildings 40 years; building improvements 5 to 15 years; furniture, fixtures and equipment 5 to 7 years).

Repairs and maintenance, such as landscaping maintenance, interior painting and cleaning and supplies used in such activities, are expensed as incurred. We record the cost of all repairs and maintenance, including planned major maintenance activities, recurring capital expenditures and non-recurring capital expenditures as incurred and do not accrue for such costs in advance.

Interest costs incurred during the construction period are capitalized and depreciated over the lives of the constructed assets. Interest capitalized was \$10.3 million in 2003, \$10.4 million in 2002 and \$11.1 million in 2001.

We capitalize the cost of our development department to the projects currently under construction at a rate of 3.0% of such construction costs. Such costs are then depreciated over the lives of the constructed assets upon their completion. Such costs capitalized were \$2.4 million in 2003, \$3.4 million in 2002 and \$4.9 million in 2001.

**Allocation of the Cost of Communities Acquired** - The cost of communities acquired is allocated to tangible and intangible assets and liabilities based on their relative fair values. We estimate the fair value of the acquired tangible assets, which generally consist of land, buildings and furniture and fixtures, and intangible assets and liabilities, which generally represent the value of above-market and below-market leases, in-place leases and tenant relationships, of the community acquired and allocate the purchase price on a pro-rata basis to each component.

The fair value of tangible assets acquired is determined by valuing the community as if it were vacant, applying methods similar to those used by independent appraisers of income-producing property. The resulting value is then allocated to land, buildings and furniture, fixtures and equipment based on management's determination of the relative fair value of these assets. The assumptions used in the allocation of fair values to assets acquired are based on management's best estimates at the time of evaluation.

Fair value is assigned to above-market and below-market leases based on the difference between (a) the contractual amounts to be paid by the resident or retail tenant based on the existing lease and (b) management's estimate of current market lease rates for the corresponding in-place leases, over the remaining terms of the in-place leases. Capitalized above-market lease amounts are included in "Other assets" in our consolidated balance sheets and amortized to rental revenue over the remaining terms of the respective leases. Capitalized below-market lease amounts are included in "Accounts payable and accrued expenses" in our consolidated balance sheets and are amortized as an increase to rental revenue over the remaining terms of the respective leases.

The fair value of acquired in-place leases is included in "Other assets" in our consolidated balance sheets and is amortized as a leasing cost over the remaining non-cancelable periods of the respective leases. If acquired in-place leases with terms of greater than twelve months are terminated early, all unamortized amounts relating to those leases would be written-off.

The fair value of tenant relationships represents the probability that existing tenants will renew their leases and, thus, reduces the amount of lost rental revenue from vacant apartments. Tenant relationships are included in "Other assets" in our consolidated balance sheets and are amortized as a leasing cost over the estimated lives of the tenant relationships.

Rental Revenue Recognition - We lease our residential properties under operating leases with terms of generally one year or less. Rental revenue is recognized on the accrual method of accounting as earned, which is not materially different from revenue recognition on a straight-line basis. Our allowance for uncollectible rent was approximately \$75,000 at December 31, 2003 and is presented in "Other assets" in our consolidated balance sheets.

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We lease our office and retail space under operating leases with terms ranging from two to eleven years. Rental revenue for office and retail spaces is recognized on a straight-line basis over the lives of the respective leases. Future minimum rental payments to be received under our current office and retail leases are as follows (in thousands):

2004	\$ 648
2005	667
2006	556
2007	382
2008	98
Thereafter	179
	\$ 2,530

Cash and Cash Equivalents - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, we consider all highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Restricted Cash - Restricted cash is comprised primarily of proceeds from apartment community sales deposited with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations. Restricted cash also includes resident security deposits, bond repayment escrows and replacement reserve escrows.

Deferred Financing Costs - Deferred financing costs include fees and costs incurred in conjunction with long-term financings and are amortized over the terms of the related debt using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method.

Advertising Costs - We expense advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense was \$2.8 million in both 2003 and 2002 and \$2.4 million in 2001.

Investments - We consolidate investments, including joint ventures in which we have control, generally those in which we have a direct voting interest of more than 50%. We record investments in which we exercise significant influence under the equity method in accordance with Accounting Principals Board ("APB") Opinion No. 18, "The Equity Method of Accounting for Common Stock," and AICPA Statement of Position 78-9, "Accounting for Investments in Real Estate Ventures."

Per Share Data - Basic earnings per share are computed based upon the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the respective period. The difference between "basic" and "diluted" weighted average shares is the dilutive effect of our stock-based compensation outstanding. The number of shares added to weighted average shares outstanding for the diluted calculation was 149,074 in 2003, 170,523 in 2002 and 310,227 in 2001. Dilution caused by these options had no effect on net income per share in 2003 and decreased net income per share by \$0.02 in 2002 and 2001.

Stock-Based Compensation - We have a Stock Option and Incentive Plan (the "Option and Incentive Plan") and an Employee Stock Purchase Plan ("ESPP"), which are described more fully in Note 12. Through December 31, 2002, we applied APB No. 25, "Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees" and related interpretations in accounting for our stock options and ESPP. No compensation cost was recognized for stock options granted under the Option and Incentive Plan or shares issued under the ESPP during the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 in accordance with APB No. 25. The ESPP was suspended effective July 2, 2002. Effective January 1, 2003, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," prospectively to all stock options granted, modified, or settled after January 1, 2003 as allowed by SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure."

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For the periods that we applied APB No. 25 and related interpretations, the following table reflects the effect on net income and earnings per share had the fair value based method been applied to all options granted and ESPP shares issued in each year (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	2002	2001
Net income as reported	\$ 91,688	\$ 56,537
Stock-based compensation determined under fair value based method	(1,452)	(589)
Pro forma net income	\$ 90,236	\$ 55,948
Net income per share as reported - basic	\$ 3.35	\$ 2.11
Net income per share as reported - diluted	3.33	2.09
Pro forma net income per share - basic	\$ 3.30	\$ 2.09
Pro forma net income per share - diluted	3.27	2.06

Business Segments - We develop, acquire, and operate primarily luxury apartment communities. Due to the similarities of our communities and their similar economic characteristics as exhibited through similar long-term financial performance, our communities have been aggregated into one reportable segment as allowed in accordance



with SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information."

**Estimates** - The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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.

**Recently Adopted and Issued Accounting Pronouncements** - In November 2002, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued FASB Interpretation No. 45, "Guarantor's Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others." This Interpretation elaborates on the disclosures to be made by a guarantor in its interim and annual financial statements about its obligations under certain guarantees that it has issued. It also clarifies that a guarantor is required to recognize, at the inception of a guarantee entered into after January 1, 2003, a liability for the fair value of the obligation undertaken in issuing certain guarantees. The disclosure requirements, initial recognition and initial measurement provisions of this Interpretation are currently effective and did not affect our financial position or results of operations for the year ended December 31, 2003.

In December 2002, the FASB issued SFAS No. 148, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation - Transition and Disclosure." This statement amends SFAS No. 123, "Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation," to provide alternative methods of transition for a voluntary change to the fair value based method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation. In addition, this statement amends the disclosure requirements of SFAS No. 123 to require prominent disclosures in both annual and interim financial statements about the method of accounting for stock-based employee compensation and the effect of the method used on reported results. Effective January 1, 2003, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 prospectively to all stock options granted, modified, or settled after January 1, 2003, as allowed by SFAS No. 148. The adoption of SFAS No. 148 did not have a material effect on our financial position or results of operations.

In January 2003, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 46, "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" ("FIN 46"). This interpretation was amended by FASB Interpretation No. 46 (revised December 2003), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities" ("FIN46R"). FIN 46 establishes consolidation criteria for entities for which "control" is not easily discernable under Accounting Research Bulletin 51, "Consolidated Financial Statements," which is based on the premise that holders of the equity of an entity control the entity by virtue of voting rights. FIN 46 provides guidance for identifying the party with a controlling financial interest resulting from arrangements or financial interests rather than from voting interests. We adopted the provisions of FIN 46 on July 1, 2003 which resulted in the consolidation of Summit Management Company (the "Management Company") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Summit Apartment Builders, Inc. (the "Construction Company"), which provide construction activities for us and provide management and leasing activities for us as well as for communities owned by third parties and certain of our directors, for all periods presented. Prior to the adoption of FIN 46, the Management Company was

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accounted for under the equity method of accounting. Neither the adoption of FIN 46, nor the provisions of FIN46R, affected our results of operations for any of the years presented.

In April 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 149, "Amendment of Statement 133 on Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities." SFAS No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," and SFAS No. 138, "Accounting for Certain Derivative Instruments and Certain Hedging Activities," establish accounting and reporting standards for derivative instruments, including derivatives embedded in other contracts and for hedging activities. SFAS No. 149 amends SFAS No. 133 for certain decisions made by the FASB as part of the Derivatives

Implementation Group process. This Statement also contains amendments relating to FASB Concepts Statement No. 7, "Using Cash Flow Information and Present Value in Accounting Measurements," SFAS No. 65, "Accounting for Certain Mortgage Banking Activities," SFAS No. 91, "Accounting for Nonrefundable Fees and Costs Associated with Originating or Acquiring Loans and Initial Direct Costs of Leases," SFAS No. 95, "Statement of Cash Flows," and SFAS No. 126, "Exemption from Certain Required Disclosures about Financial Instruments for Certain Nonpublic Entities." We adopted SFAS No. 149 on July 1, 2003 and its adoption did not have an effect on our financial position or results of operations.

In May 2003, the FASB issued SFAS No. 150, "Accounting for Certain Financial Instruments with Characteristics of Both Liabilities and Equity." SFAS No. 150 establishes standards for classifying and measuring certain financial instruments with characteristics of both liabilities and equity and is effective for financial instruments entered into or modified after May 31, 2003, and otherwise is effective at the beginning of the first interim period beginning after June 15, 2003. In November 2003, the FASB issued Staff Position No. 150-3, "Effective Date, Disclosures, and Transition for Mandatorily Redeemable Financial Instruments of Certain Nonpublic Entities and Certain Mandatorily Redeemable Noncontrolling Interests under FASB Statement No. 150," which postponed the implementation of certain provisions of SFAS No. 150 indefinitely. We adopted SFAS No. 150 on July 1, 2003 and its adoption did not have an effect on our financial position or results of operations.

**Reclassifications** Certain reclassifications have been made to the 2002 and 2001 financial statements to conform to the 2003 presentation.

#### 4. Real Estate Joint Ventures

We own a 25% equity interest in a joint venture named Station Hill, LLC ("Station Hill"), in which we and Hollow Creek, LLC, a subsidiary of a major financial services company, are members. We are entitled to 25% of the joint venture's cash flow based on our equity interest. If certain benchmarks are achieved in the future, we would be entitled to a preferred return in excess of 25% of the cash flow. The operating agreement of the joint venture provides that we will be entitled to 25% of the net proceeds upon liquidation of Station Hill, although our interest in the residual value of the joint venture could increase above or decrease below 25%. Our interest in the residual value of the joint venture could decrease below 25% only if we receive more than 25% of cash flow at any time prior to liquidation. Any such decrease would be limited to the extent of cash flow in excess of 25%. Station Hill currently owns four communities and is accounted for on the equity method of accounting and, therefore, our 25% equity interest is presented in "Loss on unconsolidated real estate joint ventures" in our consolidated statements of earnings.

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The following are condensed balance sheets as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 and condensed statements of earnings for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 for Station Hill. The balance sheets and statements of earnings set forth below reflect the financial position and operations of Station Hill in its entirety, not just our interest in the joint venture .

	Balance Sheets (in thousands)	
	2003	2002
Real estate assets, net	\$ 69,795	\$ 72,255
Cash and cash equivalents	690	370
Other assets	312	373

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Total assets	\$ 70,797	\$ 72,998
Mortgages payable	\$ 57,870	\$ 58,731
Other liabilities	544	580
Partners' capital	12,383	13,687
Total liabilities and partners' capital	\$ 70,797	\$ 72,998

	Income Statement (in thousands)		
	2003	2002	2001
Revenues	\$ 9,475	\$ 9,927	\$ 11,829
Expenses:			
Property operating	3,787	3,757	4,260
Depreciation and amortization	3,088	2,965	3,071
Interest	3,904	3,960	4,338
Total expenses	10,779	10,682	11,669
Net (loss) income before gain on sale of real estate assets	(1,304)	(755)	160
Gain on sale of real estate assets	-	-	1,082
Net (loss) income	\$ (1,304)	\$ (755)	\$ 1,242

Prior to July 3, 2003, we owned a 29.78% interest in a joint venture named SZF, LLC, which owns substantially all of the interests in Coral Way, LLC, a limited liability company that is developing, through a third-party contractor, an apartment community in Miami, Florida. On July 3, 2003, we purchased our joint venture partner's 70.22% interest in SZF, LLC for \$10.0 million in cash. The community will consist of 323 apartment homes and approximately 17,500 square feet of office/retail space. The limited liability company also owns an adjacent piece of land. The construction costs are being funded through the equity that the joint venture contributed to the limited liability company and by a loan to that company from an unrelated third party. As a result of construction costs exceeding the construction loan amount, SZF, LLC has agreed to advance to Coral Way, LLC the amount required to fund such costs in excess of the construction loan. Certain affiliates of the developer of the apartment community have guaranteed the reimbursement of those costs to Coral Way, LLC and SZF, LLC. These advances accrue a preferential return at the rate of eleven percent (11%) per year to be paid from the distributions from the joint venture. The preferred return will not be recognized until the community has earnings or gains to fund such a return. As of December 31, 2003, we had advanced \$12.7 million to SZF, LLC which, in turn, advanced such amounts to Coral Way, LLC. Prior to July 3, 2003, this joint venture was accounted for under the equity method of accounting and its balance sheet and income statement information was not material to our consolidated financial statements taken as a whole. As a result of the purchase of our joint venture partner's interest in SZF, LLC, the assets, liabilities and operating activities of this joint venture are now consolidated into our financial statements.

On August 12, 2003, we received notice of a suit filed by certain affiliates of Coral Way, LLC against us, the Operating Partnership and the Management Company (see Part I, Item 3. "Legal Proceedings" included in this report). One of the remedies demanded in the suit is termination of the guarantee agreements to which reference is made above. We believe that the allegations made in this suit are not supported by the facts and we intend to vigorously defend against this suit. If we are successful, the guarantee agreements will remain in place and the guarantors will remain obligated to reimburse Coral Way, LLC and SZF, LLC for the costs in excess of the construction loan.

In 2002, we entered into two separate joint ventures with a major financial services institution (the "investor member") to redevelop Summit Roosevelt and Summit Grand Parc, both located in Washington, D.C., in a manner to permit the use of federal rehabilitation income tax credits. The investor member contributed approximately \$6.5 million for Summit Roosevelt and approximately \$2.6 million for Summit Grand Parc in equity to fund a portion of the total estimated costs for the respective communities and will receive a preferred return on these capital investments and an annual asset management fee with respect to each community. The investor member's interests in the joint ventures are subject to put/call rights during the sixth and seventh years after the respective communities are placed in service. These joint ventures are consolidated into our financial statements.

We formerly owned a 50% interest in a joint venture that developed and operated an apartment community located in Atlanta, known as The Heights at Cheshire Bridge. This joint venture was accounted for under the equity method of accounting and its operating results are presented in "Loss on unconsolidated real estate joint ventures" in our consolidated statements of earnings. On September 27, 2002, the joint venture sold The Heights at Cheshire Bridge to an unrelated third party and the joint venture was dissolved. Upon dissolution, we recognized a gain of \$5.0 million on the sale of the joint venture's assets.

#### 5. Property Management and Related Party Transactions

In conjunction with our formation, construction and operating activities were transferred to the Management Company and the Construction Company.

Third party apartment homes under management were 700 in 2003, 1,105 in 2002 and 1,004 in 2001. The decrease from 2002 to 2001 is due to our purchase of Summit Brickell (405 apartment homes) during 2003. Summit Brickell was a fee-managed property prior to our acquisition of such community. Property management fees from third parties were \$618,000 in 2003, \$787,000 in 2002 and \$913,000 in 2001.

In addition, the Management Company provides management services to apartment communities held by partnerships in which certain of our directors are general partners. The Management Company received management fees of \$275,000 in 2003, \$252,000 in 2002 and \$253,000 in 2001 for the performance of such services.

The Operating Partnership owns 1% of the voting stock and 99% of the non-voting stock of the Management Company. The remaining 99% of voting stock and 1% of non-voting stock are held by one of the Co-Chairmen of our Board of Directors. As a result of this stock ownership, the Operating Partnership has a 99% economic interest and the Co-Chairman has a 1% economic interest in the Management Company. In accordance with FIN 46, the Management Company's results are consolidated into our financial statements.

#### 6. Notes Payable

Notes payable consist of the following (in thousands):

Interest

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	Maturity Date	Rate as of December 31, 2003	Principal Outstanding December 31, 2003	2002
Fixed rate debt:				
Mortgage loan	10/15/2008	6.76%	\$ 132,989	\$ 133,909
Mortgage loan	9/1/2005	8.00%	7,909	8,040
Mortgage notes	12/31/2009 to 8/1/2003	4.17% to 7.82%	191,671	48,340
Mortgage notes repaid in 2003			-	77,982
Total mortgage debt			332,569	268,271
Unsecured debt:				
Medium-term notes	11/17/2005	8.04%	25,000	25,000
Medium-term notes	5/9/2006	7.04%	25,000	25,000
Medium-term notes	3/16/2009	7.59%	25,000	25,000
Medium-term notes	7/19/2010	8.50%	10,000	10,000
Medium-term notes	5/9/2011	7.70%	35,000	35,000
Notes	8/15/2004	6.95%	50,000	50,000
Notes	8/15/2007	7.20%	50,000	50,000
Unsecured notes repaid in 2003			-	47,000
Total unsecured debt			220,000	267,000
Total fixed rate debt			552,569	535,271
Variable rate debt				
Credit facility	7/27/2008	Ref Bill + 58 bps	119,000	144,000
Construction loan	5/1/2004	LIBOR + 207.5 bps	33,345	-
Mortgage note	7/1/2005	LIBOR + 170 bps	6,900	6,900
Tax-exempt bond	4/1/2007	2.75%	10,345	10,565
Total variable rate debt			169,590	161,465
Total outstanding indebtedness before hedge adjustments			722,159	696,736
Hedge adjustments			3,993	5,720
Total notes payable			\$ 726,152	\$ 702,456

The one-month London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) as of December 31, 2003 was 1.12%.

**Fixed Rate Mortgage Loans** The 6.76% mortgage loan requires monthly principal and interest payments on a 20-year, 8-month amortization schedule with a balloon payment due at maturity in October 2008. The 8.00% mortgage loan requires monthly principal and interest payments on a 30-year amortization schedule with a balloon payment due at maturity in September 2005.

**Fixed Rate Mortgage Notes** The fixed rate mortgage notes bear interest at fixed rates ranging from 4.17% to 7.82% and require either monthly interest payments only or monthly interest and principal payments over the lives of the notes which have maturities that range from the year 2009 to 2013. The weighted average interest rate and debt maturity as of December 31, 2003 for these mortgage notes were 5.5% and 8.8 years.

**Medium-Term Notes** On April 20, 2000, we commenced a new program for the sale by the Operating Partnership of up to \$250.0 million aggregate principal amount of medium-term notes ("MTNs"), due nine months or more from the date of issuance. We had notes with an aggregate principal amount of \$95.0 million outstanding in connection with this MTN program as of December 31, 2003.

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On May 29, 1998, we established a program for the sale by the Operating Partnership of up to \$95.0 million aggregate principal amount of MTNs due nine months or more from the date of issuance. We had MTNs with an aggregate principal amount of \$25.0 million outstanding in connection with this MTN program as of December 31, 2003. As a result of the commencement of the \$250.0 million MTN program, we cannot issue any additional notes under the \$95.0 million MTN program.

The MTNs require that we comply with certain affirmative, negative and financial covenants. We were in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2003.

**Unsecured Notes** The unsecured notes consist of \$50.0 million of notes due in 2004 and \$50.0 million of notes due in 2007. The unsecured notes require semi-annual interest payments until the end of the respective terms. The unsecured notes require that we comply with certain affirmative, negative and financial covenants. We were in compliance with these covenants as of December 31, 2003.

**Credit Facilities** On July 28, 2003, we obtained a secured credit facility with a total current commitment of \$200.0 million and current availability of \$189.0 million. We have the ability to increase this commitment and availability pursuant to the terms of the credit agreement. The secured credit facility replaced our then-existing \$225.0 million unsecured credit facility and provides funds for new development, acquisitions and general working capital purposes. This facility is secured by nine of our communities (Summit Fair Oaks, Summit Governor's Village, Summit Grandview, Summit Lake, Summit Peachtree City, Summit Portofino, Summit Sedgebrook, Summit Shiloh and Summit Sweetwater) and matures in July 2008. As described in the credit agreement, loans under the credit facility are limited subject to debt service coverage and loan to value ratios and bear interest at the Reference Bill Index Rate (defined as the money market yield for the Reference Bills as established by the most recent Reference Bill auction conducted by Freddie Mac) plus 58 to 91 basis points depending on the level of debt service coverage. The outstanding balance of the credit facility was \$119.0 million and the interest rate was 1.62% as of December 31, 2003.

The credit facilities had an average interest rate of 1.99% in 2003, 2.69% in 2002 and 4.99% in 2001 and an average balance outstanding of \$136.8 million in 2003, \$135.9 million in 2002 and \$113.5 million in 2001. In addition, the maximum outstanding principal amount was \$185.2 million in 2003, \$175.0 million in 2002 and \$146.5 million in 2001. As of December 31, 2003, the outstanding balance of the credit facility was \$119.0 million, leaving \$70.0 million of remaining availability.

On July 28, 2003, we obtained an unsecured letter of credit facility, which matures in July 2008 and has a total commitment of \$20.0 million. The letters of credit issued under this facility will serve as collateral for performance on contracts and as credit guarantees to banks and insurers. As of December 31, 2003, there were \$9.2 million of letters of credit outstanding under this facility.

**Construction Loan** Concurrent with the purchase of our joint venture partner's equity interest in SZF, LLC in July 2003 (see Note 4), we consolidated the construction loan related to the community that is being developed by such joint venture. We repaid the construction loan on January 30, 2004. The construction loan had a total commitment of \$45.0 million, bore interest at LIBOR plus 207.5 basis points and was to mature in June 2004.

**Variable Rate Mortgage Note** The variable rate mortgage note requires interest only payments until its maturity on July 1, 2005. We have two one-year extension options available to us under the variable rate mortgage note.

**Variable Rate Tax-Exempt Bond** The average effective interest rate of the variable rate tax-exempt bond was 2.55% for the year ended December 31, 2003. This bond bears interest at various rates set by a remarketing agent at the demand note index plus 0.50%, set weekly, or the lowest percentage of prime which allows the resale at a price of par. The bond contains covenants which require that we lease or hold for lease 20% of the apartment homes for moderate-income residents. The bond requires maintenance of a letter of credit or surety bond (credit enhancement) aggregating to \$10.6 million as of December 31, 2003. The credit enhancement provides for a principal amortization schedule which approximates a 25-year term during the term of the credit enhancement.

Real estate assets of 27 communities with a net book value of \$568.9 million serve as collateral for the various secured debt agreements.

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The aggregate maturities of all debt (excluding fair value adjustments of hedged debt instruments) for each of the years ending December 31 are as follows (in thousands):

	Fixed Rate Mortgages	Fixed Rate Unsecured Notes	Variable Rate Mortgage Note	Tax Exempt Variable Rate Bonds	Construction Loan	Secured Credit Facility	Total
2004	\$ 1,479	\$ 50,000	\$ -	\$ 220	\$ 33,345	\$ -	\$ 85,044
2005	9,691	25,000	6,900	220	-	-	41,811
2006	2,026	25,000	-	220	-	-	27,246
2007	2,180	50,000	-	9,685	-	-	61,865
2008	135,261	-	-	-	-	119,000	254,261
Thereafter	181,932	70,000	-	-	-	-	251,932
	<u>\$ 332,569</u>	<u>\$ 220,000</u>	<u>\$ 6,900</u>	<u>\$ 10,345</u>	<u>\$ 33,345</u>	<u>\$ 119,000</u>	<u>\$ 722,159</u>

## 7. Minority Interest

Minority interests of common unitholders consist of the following as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 (in thousands):

	2003	2002
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	\$ 50,255	\$ 51,272
Minority interest in four operating communities (1)	7,469	(1,008 )
	<u>\$ 57,724</u>	<u>\$ 50,264</u>

(1) Represents Summit Foxcroft, which is held by a partnership in which we are a 75% managing general partner, Coral Way, LLC, of which 0.007% is owned by an affiliate of the developer (see Note 4) and minority interests related to two joint ventures with a major financial services institution involving federal rehabilitation income tax credits (see Note 4).

As of December 31, 2003, there were 34,739,025 common units outstanding, of which 31,335,140, or 90.2%, were owned by Summit and 3,403,885, or 9.8%, were owned by other partners (including certain of our directors).

Proceeds from common stock issued are contributed to the Operating Partnership for an equivalent number of common units. Total common stock issued and related proceeds contributed to the Operating Partnership for an equivalent number of common units was 4.6 million shares valued at \$102.3 million (\$22.15 per share average) for the year ended December 31, 2003 and 531,000 shares valued at \$11.1 million (\$20.91 per share average) for the year ended December 31, 2002. No individual transaction significantly changed our ownership percentage in the Operating Partnership. Our ownership percentage in the Operating Partnership was 90.2% as of December 31, 2003, 88.6% as of December 31, 2002 and 88.4% as of December 31, 2001.

Under certain circumstances, if the holders of common units request redemption of their units, the Operating Partnership may elect to have us issue shares of our common stock in exchange for those common units on a one-for-one basis (subject to adjustment), or we may purchase those common units for cash. In addition to the amounts set forth in the preceding paragraph, we issued 140,581 shares of common stock valued at \$2.0 million in exchange for common units owned by other partners on a one-for-one basis during 2003. The shares exchanged were valued based upon the market price per share of our common stock on the date of exchange. During the year ended December 31, 2002, we exchanged 13,658 shares of common stock valued at \$285,000 for an equivalent number of common units. During the year ended December 31, 2001, we exchanged 150,679 shares of common stock valued at \$4.0 million for an equivalent number of common units.

## 8. Acquisitions and Dispositions

During the year ended December 31, 2003, we purchased two communities. On December 31, 2003, we purchased Summit Lansdowne, located in Loudon County, Virginia for \$99.2 million. Summit Lansdowne contains 690 apartment homes and was approximately 89% leased as of December 31, 2003. The purchase price has been preliminarily allocated based on estimated fair values at the date of acquisition, pending final determination of certain acquired balances. This preliminary allocation resulted in less than 3.0% of the total purchase price being allocated to the community's intangible assets.

On May 6, 2003, the Operating Partnership purchased certain assets of Brickell Grand, Inc. ("Brickell Grand"), including the community known as Summit Brickell and a note receivable from the developer, for \$59.4 million. Summit Brickell is located in Miami, Florida and contains 405 apartment homes and approximately 18,000 square feet



of retail space. Summit Brickell's apartment homes were 75% leased at the date of acquisition. The retail space was 56.6% leased. The purchase price has been preliminarily allocated based on estimated fair values at the date of acquisition, pending final determination of certain acquired balances. This preliminary allocation resulted in less than 2.0% of the total purchase price being allocated to the community's intangible assets and liabilities.

The developer of Summit Brickell is entitled to receive bonus payments based on the operating performance of the community during any period of six months selected by the developer and ending no later than December 31, 2005. Such bonus payments will be applied to reduce amounts owed from the developer under the note receivable. Any unpaid amounts under the note receivable are due and payable on February 15, 2006.

At the time of purchase, Summit Brickell was subject to a \$4.1 million claim of construction lien filed by the general contractor, Bovis Lend Lease, Inc. ("Bovis"). Bovis sought to enforce this claim of lien against Brickell Grand in a suit filed on October 18, 2002 (see Part I, Item 3. "Legal Proceedings" included in this report). In addition, in mid-2003, two subcontractors of Bovis, Commercial Interior Contractors Corp. and RC Aluminum Industries, Inc., also filed separate suits against Brickell Grand and Bovis, among other named parties, to enforce claims of construction lien in the aggregate amount of approximately \$300,000, which suits were either dismissed or settled during 2003. As the current owner of Summit Brickell, which property is subject to these claims of lien, we have taken steps to defend against the claims of liens and related litigation. We have several potential counterclaims to challenge and defend against these suits which we intend to pursue vigorously. Any amounts ultimately payable under the claim will be recorded as additional consideration.

The following summary of selected unaudited pro forma results of operations presents information as if the purchase of Summit Brickell and Summit Lansdowne had occurred at the beginning of each period presented. The pro forma information is provided for informational purposes only and is not indicative of results that would have occurred or which may occur in the future (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	2003	2002
Total revenues	\$ 152,259	\$ 133,803
Income from continuing operations	3,052	19,957
Net income	17,300	88,133
Per share information:		
Income from continuing operations - basic	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.73
Income from continuing operations - diluted	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.72
Net income - basic	\$ 0.63	\$ 3.22
Net income - diluted	\$ 0.62	\$ 3.20

During the year ended December 31, 2003, we sold eight communities comprising 2,927 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$215.2 million, resulting in an aggregate gain on sale of \$18.8 million for seven of the communities and an impairment charge of \$0.8 million for one of the communities. The aggregate carrying value of real estate assets sold was \$192.7 million. Net proceeds from four of the eight communities, equaling \$51.5 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations. These proceeds have been fully reinvested in qualified like-kind property during the required time period. The eight communities sold were the former Summit Fairways, Summit Turtle Rock, Summit Arboretum, Summit Las Palmas, Summit Camino Real, Summit San Raphael, Summit Buena Vista and Summit Belcourt. All of these

communities were located outside of our five markets. With the exception of Summit Fairways all of these communities were located in Texas and we have completed our exit of the Texas market.

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During the year ended December 31, 2002, we sold eight communities comprising 2,399 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$211.8 million, resulting in an aggregate net gain on sale of \$78.7 million. The aggregate carrying value of real estate assets sold was \$122.4 million. Net proceeds from four of the eight communities, equaling \$107.4 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations. These proceeds were fully reinvested in qualified like-kind property during the required time period. The eight communities sold were the former Summit Breckenridge, Summit New Albany, Summit Pike Creek, Summit Mayfaire, Summit Meadow, Summit Stonefield, Summit Sand Lake and Summit Windsor. For the most part, these communities were located outside of our markets. The disposition of Summit Breckenridge, Summit New Albany and Summit Pike Creek completed our exit of the Richmond, Virginia, Columbus, Ohio and Wilmington, Delaware markets.

During the year ended December 31, 2002, a joint venture in which we held a 50% interest, sold a community known as The Heights at Cheshire Bridge to an unrelated third party and the joint venture was dissolved (see Note 4).

During 2002, we acquired Summit San Raphael for \$17.7 million. We sold Summit San Raphael during 2003 as part of our strategic exit of the Texas market.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, we sold one parcel of land and nine communities comprising 2,189 apartment homes for an aggregate sales price of \$167.6 million, resulting in an aggregate net gain on sale of \$34.4 million. Net proceeds from three of the nine communities, equaling \$31.7 million, were placed in escrow with a qualified intermediary in accordance with like-kind exchange income tax rules and regulations and were fully reinvested in qualified like-kind property during the required time period. The parcel of land was located in Richmond, Virginia and the nine communities sold were the former Summit Palm Lake, Summit Arbors, Summit Radbourne, Summit Lofts, Summit Gateway, Summit Stony Point, Summit Deerfield, Summit Walk and Summit Waterford.

During the year ended December 31, 2001, Station Hill, LLC, in which we own a 25% interest, sold a community, the former Summit Station, for \$11.9 million. This sale resulted in the recognition of a gain on sale by the joint venture of \$1.1 million, of which we recorded \$271,000. The purchaser of Summit Station assumed an \$8.3 million mortgage and paid the balance of the purchase price in cash.

We did not acquire any communities during the year ended December 31, 2001.

In accordance with SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," net income and gain on disposition of real estate for communities sold or considered held for sale after December 31, 2001 are reflected in our consolidated statements of operations as "discontinued operations" for all periods presented. In addition, we have separately reflected the assets and liabilities of these communities as "Net real estate assets assets held for sale," "Other assets assets held for sale" and "Notes payable and other liabilities assets held for sale" in our consolidated balance sheets for all periods presented.

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Below is a summary of discontinued operations for the eight communities sold during 2003 and for seven of the eight communities sold during the year ended December 31, 2002 (in thousands). The eighth community sold during the year ended December 31, 2002 was considered held for sale prior to December 31, 2001 and, therefore, is included in income from continuing operations in accordance with SFAS No. 144.

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Property revenues:			
Rental	\$ 18,651	\$41,640	\$46,563
Other property	1,382	2,938	3,398
Total property revenues	20,033	44,578	49,961
Property operating expenses	8,447	16,119	16,405
Depreciation	3,675	9,681	10,413
Interest and amortization	3,490	6,510	6,993
Income from discontinued operations before gain (impairment loss) on disposition of discontinued operations, loss from early extinguishment of debt associated with assets sales and minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	4,421	12,268	16,150
Net gain on disposition of discontinued operations	18,820	64,907	-
Impairment loss on discontinued operations	(759)	-	-
Loss from early extinguishment of debt associated with asset sales	(6,522)	(208)	-
Income from discontinued operations before minority interest	15,960	76,967	16,150
Minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	(1,712)	(8,791)	(2,080)
Total discontinued operations	\$ 14,248	\$68,176	\$14,070

There were no communities being actively marketed for sale as of December 31, 2003.

Subsequent to December 31, 2003, we began marketing for sale an apartment community, Summit Square, located in Raleigh, North Carolina. The assets of Summit Square were recorded at the lower of cost or fair value less costs to sell, or \$12.5 million, as of December 31, 2003. The net income from Summit Square represented 6.0% of our net income for the year ended December 31, 2003.

## 9. Income Taxes

We have elected to be taxed as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. REITs are subject to a number of organizational and operational requirements, including a requirement that 90% of ordinary taxable income be distributed. As a REIT, we generally will not be subject to federal income tax on net income to the extent that taxable income is distributed. Accordingly, no provision has been made for federal and state income taxes in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

SFAS No. 109, "Accounting for Income Taxes", requires a public enterprise to disclose the aggregate difference in the basis of its net assets for financial and tax reporting purposes. The carrying value reported in our consolidated financial statements exceeded the tax basis by \$224.7 million as of December 31, 2003.

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A reconciliation of net income as reported for financial reporting purposes to taxable income available to common stockholders for the year ended December 31, 2003 is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31, 2003
Net income before minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership and excess of redemption amount	
over carrying amount of preferred units	\$ 31,656
Excess of financial reporting depreciation over tax depreciation	2,719
Excess of financial gain on sale of real estate assets over taxable gain	17,217
Other	(3,270)
Taxable income of the Operating Partnership	48,322
Less: Taxable income allocated to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	(10,307)
Less: Taxable income allocated to common unitholders in Operating Partnership	(2,352)
Operating Partnership income allocated to Summit	35,663
Section 754 depreciation	(343)
Taxable income available to common stockholders	\$ 35,320

The Management Company is a Taxable REIT Subsidiary. The deferred tax assets and net operating loss have a full valuation allowance and are immaterial to the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

A schedule of per share distributions paid during the year ended December 31, 2003, to be reported by stockholders, is set forth in the following table:

	Amount	Percentage
Ordinary income	\$ 0.40	29.7%
20% Long-term capital gain	0.05	3.7%
Post-May 5, 2003 15% Rate Gain	0.52	38.5%
Unrecaptured Sec. 1250 gain	0.38	28.1%
Return of capital	-	-
Total distribution per share	\$ 1.35	100.0%

## 10. Notes Receivable from Employees

Our Board of Directors believes that ownership of our common stock by our executive officers and certain other qualified employees aligns the interests of these officers and employees with the interests of our stockholders. To this end, our Board of Directors approved, and we instituted, a loan program. As a result of recent legislation, we are no longer permitted to make loans to our executive officers and, therefore, new issuances to our executive officers under the loan program have been terminated. Under the terms of the loan program, we lent amounts to certain of our executive officers and other qualified employees to (a) finance the purchase of our common stock on the open market at then-current market prices, (b) finance the payment of the exercise price of one or more stock options to purchase shares of our common stock, or (c) finance the annual tax liability or other expenses of an executive officer related to the vesting of shares of common stock which constitute a portion of a restricted stock award granted to the executive officer. The relevant officer or employee has executed a promissory note and security agreement related to each loan extended. Each outstanding note bears interest at a rate established on the date of the note, is full recourse to the officers and employees and is collateralized by the shares of our common stock which are the subject of the loans. If the market price of Summit's common stock falls materially below the price at which the shares of stock were purchased, the proceeds of the sale of the common stock may not be sufficient to repay the loan. As of December 31, 2003, we had employee loans receivable in the amount of \$17.4 million which were collateralized by 812,292 shares of our common stock valued at \$19.5 million. We had employee loans receivable in the amount of \$19.5 million as of December 31, 2002.

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## 11. Commitments and Contingencies

The estimated cost to complete the five development projects currently under construction was \$76.8 million as of December 31, 2003. Anticipated construction completion dates of the projects range from the first quarter of 2004 to the fourth quarter of 2006.

As collateral for performance on contracts and as credit guarantees to banks and insurers, we were contingently liable under standby letters of credit in the aggregate amount of \$9.2 million as of December 31, 2003.

We carry terrorism insurance on all communities. The terrorism insurance is subject to coverage limitations, which we believe are commercially reasonable. No assurance can be given that material losses in excess of insurance proceeds will not occur in the future, or that insurance coverage for acts of terrorism will be available in the future.

We are subject to a variety of claims and suits that arise in the ordinary course of business, including actions with respect to contracts and cases in which claims have been brought against us by current and former employees, residents, independent contractors and vendors. While the resolution of these matters cannot be predicted with certainty, we believe that the final outcome of such matters will not be material to our financial position or results of operations. If we determine that a loss is probable to occur, the estimated amount of that loss would be recorded in the financial statements.

We are a party to a number of agreements and contracts pursuant to which we may be obligated to indemnify the other party with respect to certain matters. Typically, these obligations arise in contracts into which we enter, under which we customarily agree to hold the other party harmless against certain losses arising from breaches of representations, warranties and/or covenants related to such matters as, among others, title to assets, specified environmental matters, qualification to do business, due organization, non-compliance with restrictive covenants, laws, rules and regulations, maintenance of insurance and payment of tax bills due and owing. Additionally, with respect to retail and office lease agreements we enter into as landlord, we may also indemnify the other party against damages caused by our willful misconduct or negligence associated with the operation and management of the building. Although no assurances can

be made, we believe that if we were to incur a loss in any of these matters, such loss should not have a material effect on our financial condition or results of operations. Historically, payments made with regard to these agreements have not had a material effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

We rent office space in several locations. Rental expense amounted to \$306,000 in 2003, \$271,000 in 2002 and \$108,000 in 2001. Future minimum rental payments to be made for those operating leases that have initial or remaining non-cancelable lease terms in excess of one year are as follows (in thousands):

Years Ending December 31,

2004	\$ 199
2005	154
2006	160
2007	161
2008	134
Thereafter	212
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Total	\$ 1,020
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We have employment agreements with two of our former executive officers, both of whom resigned from such executive positions, but who remain as employees and have agreed to provide various services to us from time to time through December 31, 2011. Each employment agreement requires that we pay to the former officers a base salary aggregating up to \$2.1 million over the period from July 1, 2001 to December 31, 2011 (beginning with calendar year 2002, up to \$200,000 on an annual basis). Each employment agreement also requires that we provide participation in our life insurance plan, office space, information systems support and administrative support for the remainder of each employee's life, and participation in our health and dental insurance plans until the last to die of the employee or such employee's spouse. Either party can terminate the employment agreements effective 20 business days after written notice is given. The full base salary amount due shall be payable through 2011 whether or not the agreements are terminated earlier in accordance with their terms.

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We have employment agreements with all of our executive officers. The employment agreement for one of our executive officers provides for the payment of severance benefits which generally provides for the payment of the executive officer's annual base salary for a period ending on the later of July 1, 2004 or the first anniversary of the termination date of such executive officer's employment. In addition, most of the executive officers have severance agreements that provide for the payment of severance benefits of up to three times such officer's annual base salary and cash bonus in the event of the termination of the officer's employment under certain circumstances following certain "change in control" or "combination transactions" involving a consolidation or merger. The benefits payable under the terms of the severance agreements are subject to reduction by the amount of any severance benefits that may be payable under applicable employment agreements.

We are obligated to redeem each common unit in the Operating Partnership at the request of the holder for cash equal to the fair market value of one share of common stock, except that the Operating Partnership may elect to cause us to acquire each common unit presented for redemption for one share of common stock (subject to adjustment).

## 12. Employee Benefit Plans

### Profit Sharing Plan

We have a defined contribution plan pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Employees are eligible to contribute to the plan beginning on the first day of the second calendar quarter after they are employed. Our matching contributions begin on the same date as the employee's contributions and are equal to one-half of each employee's contribution up to a maximum of 3% of each employee's compensation. We made aggregate contributions of \$335,000 in 2003, \$376,000 in 2002 and \$329,000 in 2001.

#### Stock Option Plan

In 1994, we established the 1994 Stock Option and Incentive Plan under which 1.0 million shares of our common stock were reserved for issuance. The incentive plan was amended and restated in 1998 to, among other things, increase the number of shares reserved for issuance from 1.0 million to 3.0 million shares. The plan provides that the option price shall not be less than the fair market value of the shares at the date of grant. The options have ten-year lives and vest in three or five annual installments on the anniversaries of the date of grant, except for shares granted to our independent directors, which vest on the date of grant. Through December 31, 2002, we applied APB Opinion No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for our stock options. Accordingly, no compensation cost has been recognized for our stock options granted during the years ended December 31, 2002 or 2001. Effective January 1, 2003, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 prospectively to all stock options granted after January 1, 2003 as allowed by SFAS No. 148 (see Note 3).

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A summary of changes in common stock options for the three years ended December 31, 2003 is as follows:

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at December 31, 2000	1,268,721	\$ 18.24
Granted to employees and directors	270,000	24.51
Exercised	(63,414)	17.86
Forfeited	(10,700)	16.50
Outstanding at December 31, 2001	1,464,607	19.43
Granted to employees and directors	745,000	22.01
Exercised	(121,600)	18.44
Forfeited	(69,075)	19.15
Outstanding at December 31, 2002	2,018,932	20.45
Granted to employees and directors	35,000	20.45
Exercised	(167,132)	20.18
Forfeited	(108,000)	18.20
Outstanding at December 31, 2003	1,778,800	\$ 20.50

Exercise prices for options outstanding as of December 31, 2003 ranged from \$16.50 to \$24.56 per option. The weighted average remaining contractual life of those options is 6.8 years.

Options to purchase 1,165,050, 1,003,733 and 848,408 shares of common stock were exercisable as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001, respectively. The weighted average exercise price for the shares exercisable as of December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 was \$19.60, \$19.11 and \$18.82, respectively.

The fair value of options granted in 2003 was \$1.05 per share and was estimated on the date of grant using the Black Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions: dividend yield of 8.25%, expected volatility of 20.2%, risk free interest rate of 2.7% and expected lives of 6.1 years.

The fair value of options granted in 2002 was \$1.89 per share and was estimated on the date of grant using the Black Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions: dividend yield of 7.51%, expected volatility of 20.2%, risk free interest rate of 4.71% and expected lives of 5.4 years.

The fair value of options granted in 2001 was \$2.06 per share and was estimated on the date of grant using the Black Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions: dividend yield of 8.05%, expected volatility of 20.6%, risk free interest rate of 5.03% and expected lives of 4.8 years.

In addition, the stock option and incentive plan provides for the grant of stock, either restricted or unrestricted, to employees.

During the year ended December 31, 2003, we issued 33,342 shares of unrestricted stock valued at \$660,000 to employees under our 1994 Stock Option and Incentive Plan. These shares were issued pursuant to stock award agreements entered into with certain employees dated February 6, 2002 (the "2002 Stock Grants") and represent 15% of the total 222,270 shares of common stock that could have been received by these employees under the stock award agreements. The remaining shares will be issued based on the following schedule of dates and percentages: an additional 20% on each of March 1, 2004, 2005 and 2006 and the final 25% on March 1, 2007. As of December 31, 2003, following the issuance of the shares mentioned above and certain employee forfeitures, a total of 173,329 shares remained available for issuance under the 2002 Stock Grants. The respective employee will receive the applicable number of shares on each date if he or she continues to be employed by us on such date, or earlier upon his or her death or disability or upon a "change of control" of Summit. We granted 1,068 shares of restricted stock under this plan in 2003. The market value of the restricted stock granted in 2003 was \$23,000.

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Employees surrendered 12,589 shares of stock during the year ended December 31, 2003 to satisfy the personal income tax liability related to the 2002 Stock Grants and an additional 14,763 shares during the year ended December 31, 2003 to satisfy the personal income tax liability related to shares of restricted stock granted prior to January 1, 2003 which vested during the current period.

We granted 1,773 shares of restricted stock under this plan in 2002. The market value of the restricted stock granted in 2002 totaled \$35,000 and was recorded as unamortized restricted stock compensation and is shown as a separate component of stockholders' equity. During 2002, 6,046 shares of restricted stock were surrendered by grantees to satisfy the income tax liability related to the stock grants. We granted 26,184 shares of restricted stock under the plan in 2001. The market value of the restricted stock granted in 2001 totaled \$647,000. During 2001, there were 12,202 shares of restricted stock forfeited by employees no longer employed by a Summit entity and 14,933 shares of restricted stock surrendered to satisfy the income tax liability of the grantees related to the restricted stock grants. The aggregate market value of these forfeited and surrendered shares was \$503,000 in 2001.

On January 2, 2004, we issued 27,982 shares of restricted stock valued at \$658,000 pursuant to our 2001 Performance Stock Award Plan. One-half of these shares, valued at \$329,000, vested on January 2, 2004. The remaining shares will vest in two equal annual installments on January 2, 2005 and January 2, 2006.



During the year ended December 31, 2001, we issued 94,818 shares of restricted stock valued at \$2.4 million pursuant to our Performance Stock Award Plan. One-half of these shares, valued at \$1.2 million, vested on January 2, 2001, the date of grant, and was accrued and recorded as a component of stockholders' equity as of December 31, 2000. The remaining balance of \$1.2 million was recorded as a component of stockholders' equity during 2001. Grantees surrendered 11,747 shares in 2002 and 18,263 shares in 2001 with a market value of \$295,000 during 2002 and \$463,000 in 2001 to satisfy their income tax liability associated with the shares issued to them under the Performance Stock Award Plan. The remaining shares vested in two equal annual installments on January 2, 2002 and January 2, 2003.

#### Employee Stock Purchase Plan

In 1996, we established a non-qualified employee stock purchase plan ("ESPP") which allowed our employees to purchase up to \$25,000 of common stock per year. The price of the shares of the common stock purchased was the lesser of 85% of the closing price of such shares either on (a) the first day of each six month purchase period, or (b) the last day of each six month purchase period. Transactions under the ESPP were suspended effective July 2, 2002.

Total shares issued under the plan were 13,933 in 2002 and 8,695 in 2001. The market value of the shares issued was \$341,000 in 2002 and \$229,000 in 2001. Through December 31, 2002, we applied APB Opinion No. 25 and related interpretations in accounting for our stock options and ESPP. No compensation cost has been recognized for our stock options granted or shares issued under the ESPP during the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001 in accordance with APB No. 25. Effective January 1, 2003, we adopted the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123 prospectively to all stock options granted, modified, or settled after January 1, 2003. Refer to the table in Note 3 which reflects the effect on net income and earnings per share had the fair value based method been applied to all options granted in each year.

#### 13. Dividend Reinvestment and Stock Purchase Plan

We have a dividend reinvestment and direct stock purchase plan ("DRIP"). On May 1, 2003, we filed a registration statement under which we registered an additional 4.0 million shares of our common stock that may be issued under the DRIP. On July 11, 2003, we re-activated the stock purchase component of the DRIP, and on August 15, 2003, we re-activated the dividend reinvestment component of the DRIP. Direct stock purchases under the DRIP had been suspended effective October 31, 2002 and dividend reinvestment under the DRIP had been suspended effective November 15, 2002. The DRIP provides both new investors and existing shareholders of our stock with a method to purchase shares of common stock and/or the ability for those shareholders to designate all, a portion or none of the cash dividends on shares of our common stock owned for reinvestment in more shares of our common stock.

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#### 14. Shareholder Rights Agreement

On December 14, 1998, our Board of Directors adopted a shareholder rights agreement. In connection with the adoption of the rights plan, our Board of Directors declared a dividend distribution of one preferred stock purchase right for each outstanding share of common stock to stockholders of record as of the close of business on December 15, 1998. Currently, these rights are not exercisable and trade with the shares of our common stock. Under the rights plan, the rights generally become exercisable if a person becomes an "acquiring person" by acquiring 15% or more of our common stock, or if a person commences a tender offer that would result in that person owning 15% or more of our common stock. In the event that a person becomes an "acquiring person," each holder of a right (other than the acquiring person) would be entitled to acquire such number of units of preferred stock (which are equivalent to shares of our common stock) having a value of twice the exercise price of the right.

If we are acquired in a merger or other business combination transaction after any such event, each holder of a right would then be entitled to purchase, at the then-current exercise price, shares of the acquiring company's common stock having a value of twice the exercise price of the right. The current exercise price per right is \$45.00.

The rights will expire at the close of business on December 14, 2008, unless we previously redeem or exchange them as described below. The rights may be redeemed in whole, but not in part, at a price of \$0.01 per right (payable in cash, shares of our common stock or other consideration deemed appropriate by our Board of Directors) by our Board of Directors only until the earlier of (a) the time at which any person becomes an "acquiring person" or (b) the expiration date. At any time after any person becomes an "acquiring person," our Board of Directors may, at its option, exchange all or any part of the then outstanding and exercisable rights for shares of our common stock at an exchange ratio specified in the rights plan. Our Board of Directors generally will not be empowered to effect such exchange at any time after any person becomes the beneficial owner of 50% or more of our common stock.

Until a right is exercised, the holder will have no rights as a stockholder (beyond those as an existing stockholder), including the right to vote or to receive dividends.

In connection with the establishment of the rights plan, our Board of Directors approved the creation of preferred stock designated as Series A Junior Participating Cumulative Preferred Stock with a par value of \$0.01 per share. Our Board also reserved 350,000 shares of preferred stock for issuance upon exercise of the rights.

#### 15. Preferred Units

On September 18, 2003, we redeemed all 3.4 million of the Operating Partnership's preferred units of limited partnership interest designated as 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units for cash in the amount of \$25.20 per unit plus all unpaid distributions through the redemption date. These preferred units were redeemable by the Operating Partnership for cash, or at our option, shares of our 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock, or a combination of cash and shares of our 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Stock. Holders of the Series B preferred units had the right to exchange these preferred units for shares of our Series B preferred stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment: (a) on or after April 29, 2009, (b) if full quarterly distributions were not made for six quarters, or (c) upon the occurrence of specified events related to the treatment of the Operating Partnership or the preferred units for federal income tax purposes. As a result of the redemption, the excess of the redemption amount over the carrying amount of the units, which totals approximately \$3.0 million in the aggregate, has reduced net income for the year ended December 31, 2003. This is consistent with the SEC's staff announcement on July 31, 2003 that provided clarification to Emerging Issues Task Force ("EITF") Topic D-42, "The Effect on the Calculation of Earnings per Share for the Redemption or Induced Conversion of Preferred Stock." Distributions on the Series B preferred units were cumulative from the date of original issuance and were payable quarterly at the rate of 8.95% per year of the \$25.00 original capital contribution. We made distributions to the holders of the Series B preferred units in the aggregate amount of \$5.5 million during the year ended December 31, 2003 and \$7.6 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001.

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As of December 31, 2003, the Operating Partnership had outstanding 2.2 million preferred units of limited partnership interest designated as 8.75% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units. These preferred units are redeemable by the Operating Partnership on or after September 3, 2004 for cash at a redemption price equal to the holder's capital account. The holder of the Series C preferred units has the right to exchange these preferred units for shares of our Series C preferred stock on a one-for-one basis, subject to adjustment: (a) on or after September 3, 2009, (b) if full quarterly distributions are not made for six quarters, (c) upon the occurrence of specified events related to

the treatment of the Operating Partnership or the preferred units for federal income tax purposes, or (d) if the holdings in the Operating Partnership of the Series C unitholder exceed 18% of the total profits of or capital interest in the Operating Partnership for a taxable year. Distributions on the Series C preferred units are cumulative from the date of original issuance and are payable quarterly at the rate of 8.75% per year of the \$25.00 original capital contribution. We made distributions to the holder of the Series C preferred units in the aggregate amount of \$4.8 million during each of the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001.

#### 16. Derivative Financial Instruments

We are exposed to capital market risk, such as changes in interest rates. To manage the volatility relating to interest rate risk, we may enter into interest rate hedging arrangements from time to time. We generally do not utilize derivative financial instruments for trading or speculative purposes.

On June 14, 2002, we entered into an interest rate swap with a notional amount of \$50.0 million, relating to \$50.0 million of 7.20% fixed rate notes issued under our medium-term note program. Under the interest rate swap agreement, through the maturity date of August 15, 2007, (a) we have agreed to pay to the counterparty the interest on a \$50.0 million notional amount at a floating interest rate of three-month LIBOR plus 241.75 basis points, and (b) the counterparty has agreed to pay to us the interest on the same notional amount at the fixed rate of the underlying debt obligation. The floating rate as of December 31, 2003 was 3.5975%. The fair value of the interest rate swap was an asset of approximately \$4.0 million as of December 31, 2003. The swap has been designated as a fair value hedge of the underlying fixed rate debt obligation and has been recorded in "Other assets" in our consolidated balance sheets. We assume no ineffectiveness as the interest rate swap meets the short-cut method conditions required under SFAS No. 133 for fair value hedges of debt instruments. Accordingly, no gains or losses were recorded in income relative to our underlying debt and interest rate swap.

#### 17. Common Stock Repurchase Program

We have a common stock repurchase program, originally approved by our Board of Directors in March 2000, pursuant to which we are authorized to purchase up to an aggregate of \$56.0 million of currently issued and outstanding shares of our common stock. All repurchases have been, and will be, made on the open market at prevailing prices or in privately negotiated transactions. This authority may be exercised from time to time and in such amounts as market conditions warrant.

The following is a summary of stock repurchases under the common stock repurchase program (dollars in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Number of Shares Repurchased	Value of Shares Repurchased	Average Price of Shares Repurchased
Year ended December 31, 2000	279,400	\$ 5,533	\$ 19.80
Year ended December 31, 2001	8,800	197	22.39
Year ended December 31, 2002	151,300	2,666	17.62
Year ended December 31, 2003	809,800	15,193	18.76
<b>Total as of December 31, 2003</b>	<b>1,249,300</b>	<b>\$ 23,589</b>	<b>\$ 18.88</b>

We had \$32.4 million remaining for authorized repurchases under the program as of December 31, 2003.

## 18. Direct Placement of Common Stock

On December 29, 2003, we sold 2.0 million shares of our common stock to certain investment advisory clients of RREEF America L.L.C. at a price of \$23.61 per share. Net proceeds from the sale of \$47.2 million were used for general corporate purposes, including acquisition and development opportunities and repayment of outstanding indebtedness. On September 25, 2003, we sold 2.3 million shares of our common stock to certain advisory clients of Cohen & Steers Capital Management, Inc. at a price of \$21.81 per share. The net proceeds from the sale of \$50.1 million were used for general corporate purposes, including the redemption of preferred units, acquisition and development opportunities and debt reduction. These sales were made pursuant to our existing shelf registration statement previously filed with, and declared effective by, the SEC.

## 19. Impairment Loss on Technology Investments

Management considers events and circumstances that may indicate impairment of an investment, including operating performance and cash flow projections. In 2001, management determined that our investments in BroadbandNOW!, Inc. and YieldStar Technology LLC were impaired and that such impairment was other than temporary. As a result, we recorded an impairment loss in the amount of \$1.2 million, which represents our entire investment in these two technology companies. We have no other technology company investments.

## 20. Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Non-cash investing and financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2002 and 2001 are as follows:

- A. We sold eight communities during the year ended December 31, 2003. The purchaser of one of the communities assumed the related outstanding debt balance associated with such community of \$23.7 million.
- B. We sold eight communities during the year ended December 31, 2002. The purchaser of one of the communities assumed the related outstanding debt balance associated with such community of \$11.3 million.
- C. We sold nine communities during the year ended December 31, 2001. The respective purchasers of two of the communities assumed the related outstanding debt balances associated with such communities of \$16.4 million in the aggregate. The respective purchaser of two of the communities redeemed 741,148 common units valued at \$17.6 million as partial consideration in the transaction.
- D. We granted 34,410 shares of restricted and unrestricted stock valued at \$683,000 during 2003. There were 27,352 shares of restricted and unrestricted stock valued at \$460,000 surrendered to satisfy the income tax liability of grantees during 2003. We granted 1,773 shares of restricted stock valued at \$35,000 during 2002. There were 6,046 shares of restricted stock surrendered to satisfy the income tax liability of grantees during 2002. We granted 26,184 shares of restricted stock valued at \$647,000 during 2001. There were 12,202 shares of restricted stock forfeited and 14,933 shares of restricted stock surrendered to satisfy the income tax liability of the grantees during 2001. The aggregate value of shares forfeited and surrendered in 2001 was \$503,000.
- E. We issued 140,581 shares of common stock in exchange for 140,581 common units during the year ended December 31, 2003. The value of these shares of common stock was \$2.0 million. We issued 13,658 shares of common stock in exchange for 13,658 common units during the year ended December 31, 2002. The value of these shares of common stock was \$285,000. We issued 150,679 shares of common stock in exchange for 150,679 common units during the year ended December 31, 2001. The value of these shares of common stock was \$4.0 million.
- F. We accrued dividends and distributions payable of \$11.7 million in 2003, \$10.5 million as of December 31, 2002 and \$14.2 million as of December 31, 2001.
- G. On September 18, 2003, we redeemed all 3.4 million of the Operating Partnership's preferred units of limited partnership interest designated as 8.95% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Perpetual Preferred Units for cash in

the amount of \$25.20 per unit plus all unpaid distributions through the redemption date. We recorded a charge of \$2.3 million related to the excess of the redemption amount over the carrying amount of such preferred units.

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## 21. Fair Value Disclosure of Financial Instruments

The following disclosures of estimated fair value were determined by management using available market information and appropriate valuation methodologies. However, considerable judgment is necessary to interpret market data and develop the related estimates of fair value. Accordingly, the estimates presented are not necessarily indicative of the amounts that could be realized upon disposition of the financial instruments. The use of different market assumptions and/or estimation methodologies may have a material effect on the estimated fair value amounts. The fair value estimates presented are based on information available to management as of December 31, 2003 and 2002. Although management is not aware of any factors that would significantly affect the estimated fair value amounts, such amounts have not been comprehensively re-valued for purposes of these financial statements since that date, and current estimates of fair value may differ significantly from the amounts presented.

Cash and cash equivalents, rents receivable, accounts payable, accrued expenses, security deposits, other liabilities, tax exempt bond indebtedness and our credit facility are carried at amounts which reasonably approximate their fair values as of December 31, 2003 and 2002 due to either the short-term nature or variable interest rates associated with such balances.

Fixed rate mortgage debt and fixed rate unsecured notes with a carrying value of \$552.6 million had an estimated aggregate fair value of \$596.4 million as of December 31, 2003. Fixed rate mortgage debt and fixed rate unsecured notes with a carrying value of \$535.3 million had an estimated aggregate fair value of \$587.1 million as of December 31, 2002. Rates currently available to us for debt with similar terms and maturities were used to estimate the fair value of this debt. The fair market value of long-term fixed rate debt is subject to changes in interest rates. Generally, the fair market value of fixed interest rate debt will increase as interest rates fall and decrease as interest rates rise.

The fair value of the interest rate swap described in footnote 17, "Derivative Financial Instruments," was \$4.0 million as of December 31, 2003.

## 22. Geographic Concentration (Unaudited)

Our 46 completed communities are located in the following markets:

Market	Number of Apartment Homes	Percent of Total Revenues	Apartment Homes as a % of Portfolio
Washington, D.C.	3,294	25.1%	23.4%
Atlanta, Georgia	3,579	23.1%	25.4%
Southeast Florida	2,120	18.9%	15.0%
Raleigh, North Carolina	2,582	15.3%	18.3%
Charlotte, North Carolina	1,901	12.9%	13.5%
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania	352	2.8%	2.5%
Orlando, Florida	270	1.9%	1.9%

14,098	100.0%	100.0%
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## 23. Quarterly Financial Information (Unaudited)

Quarterly financial information for the years 2003 and 2002 is as follows (in thousands, except per share amounts):

	Year Ended December 31, 2003			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Revenues	\$ 34,107	\$ 35,244	\$ 37,325	\$ 37,459
Income from continuing operations before gain on sale of real estate assets, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership, and dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership and excess of redemption amount over carrying amount of preferred units	4,789	4,090	3,298	3,772
Income from discontinued operations before gain (impairment) on sale of real estate assets, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership and loss from early extinguishment of debt associated with asset sales	1,135	771	1,071	1,444
Gain on sale of real estate assets	3,136	3,122	2,119	10,516
Impairment loss on discontinued operations	-	-	-	(759)
Minority interest of unitholders in Operating Partnership	676	382	(234)	1,232
Dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	3,105	3,105	2,893	1,203
Net income (loss)	5,189	2,905	(1,761)	9,998
Net income (loss) per share - basic and diluted (1)	0.19	0.11	(0.07)	0.34

	Year Ended December 31, 2002			
	First	Second	Third	Fourth
Revenues	\$ 33,397	\$ 33,184	\$ 32,276	\$ 33,445
Income from continuing operations before gain on sale of				

real estate assets, impairment loss, minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership, dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership and loss from early extinguishment of debt	5,363	5,658	5,014	4,295
Income from discontinued operations before gain on disposition of discontinued operations, impairment loss on discontinued operations, loss from early extinguishment of debt associated with asset sales and minority interest of common unitholders in Operating Partnership	3,706	3,441	2,767	2,354
Gain on sale of real estate assets, including joint ventures	-	9,634	22,323	51,736
Minority interest of unitholders in Operating Partnership	693	1,784	3,070	6,276
Dividends to preferred unitholders in Operating Partnership	3,105	3,105	3,105	3,105
Net income	5,336	13,802	23,848	48,702
Net income per share - basic	0.20	0.50	0.87	1.77
Net income per share - diluted (1)	0.19	0.50	0.86	1.76

(1) The total of the four quarterly amounts for these captions does not equal net income per share for the year presented. The difference is due to the use of a weighted average to compute the number of shares outstanding for each quarter and for the year.

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SCHEDULE III

SUMMIT PROPERTIES INC.  
 REAL ESTATE AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION  
 December 31, 2003  
 (Dollars in thousands)

Related Apartments and Condominiums	Buildings and Improvements(a)	Costs Capitalized Subsequent to Acquisition	Buildings and Improvements(a)	Accumulated Depreciation	Date of Construction	Date Acquired

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					Total					
					(b)					
Reunion Park by Summit	\$ 991	\$ -	\$ 13,835	\$ 1,003	\$ 13,823	\$ 14,826	\$ (1,571)	6/99-9/00	4/99	
Summit Ashburn Farm	2,438	-	12,499	2,438	12,499	14,937	(1,401)	2/99-9/00	7/98	
Summit Aventura	3,480	6,367	-	26,012	5,702	26,677	32,379	(7,223)	6/94-12/95	12/93
Summit(c) Ballantyne	3,328	-	24,199	3,347	24,180	27,527	(4,875)	7/96-12/98	12/95	
Summit(d) Belmont	974	-	12,313	984	12,303	13,287	(6,163)	1/86-5/87	1/86	
Summit Brickell	6,765	52,432	402	6,766	52,833	59,599	(991)	2003 (g)	5/03	
Summit Brookwood	10,600	-	34,904	15,344	30,160	45,504	(1,289)	10/00-12/02	12/99	
Summit(c) Club at Dunwoody	2,934	24,510	790	2,934	25,300	28,234	(4,445)	1997 (g)	5/98	
Summit Crest	1,211	-	31,428	2,532	30,177	32,639	(2,979)	10/99-9/01	9/97	
Summit Crossing	768	5,174	979	768	6,153	6,921	(2,141)	1985 (g)	5/95	
Summit Deer Creek	3,537	-	19,010	3,846	18,701	22,547	(2,340)	2/99-6/00	1/98	
Summit Del(c) Ray	3,120	-	16,015	5,402	13,733	19,135	(5,803)	1/92-2/93	1/92	
Summit Doral	3,063	3,099	-	20,773	3,136	20,736	23,872	(3,069)	12/97-11/99	12/96
Summit Lakes	8,840	9,521	-	38,813	9,557	38,777	48,334	(5,967)	6/97-8/99	12/96
Summit Fair(e) Oaks	4,356	17,215	1,439	4,356	18,654	23,010	(4,512)	1990 (g)	12/97	
Summit Fairview	404	-	6,402	537	6,269	6,806	(3,960)	3/82-3/83	3/82	
Summit Foxcroft	6,000	925	3,797	1,199	925	4,996	5,921	(1,975)	1979 (g)	5/95
Summit(c) Glen	3,652	-	14,199	3,693	14,158	17,851	(5,431)	5/90-8/92	4/90	
Summit(e) Governor's Village	1,622	-	15,674	1,643	15,653	17,296	(2,693)	8/97-12/98	7/97	
Summit(e) Grandview	2,527	-	48,739	2,684	48,582	51,266	(5,415)	7/98-12/00	3/98	
Summit Grand Parc	7,700	-	35,812	8,512	35,000	43,512	(1,182)	4/00-12/02	6/99	
Summit Highland	1,374	-	6,868	1,374	6,868	8,242	(3,728)	3/86-1/87	11/85	



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Summit - 2,193 Hunter's Creek	-	18,568	2,195	18,566	20,761	(2,299)	3/99-3/00	11/98
Summit(e) 1,712 Lake	-	29,079	2,511	28,280	30,791	(5,205)	9/96-1/99	4/96
Summit -26,767 Lansdowne	70,026	-26,766		70,027	96,793	-	2002 (g)	12/03
Summit(c) 3,074 Largo	-	15,412	3,077	15,409	18,486	(2,074)	10/98-3/00	10/98
Summit at -10,800 Lenox	22,997	10,940	11,157	33,580	44,737	(6,051)	1965 (g)	7/98
Summit - 1,453 Norcroft	-	11,455	1,634	11,274	12,908	(4,154)	2/90-11/97	12/89
Summit On(c) 3,212 the River	-	22,216	3,212	22,216	25,428	(5,329)	8/95-6/97	10/94
Summit 2,889 2,376 Overlook	-	26,374	4,074	24,676	28,750	(2,269)	1/00-12/01	2/99
Summit(e) 3,453 Peachtree City	-	29,828	4,476	28,805	33,281	(2,556)	2/00-9/01	4/98
Summit(c) 7,440 Plantation	18,485	18,476	7,440	36,961	44,401	(8,212)	1/94-11/97	4/96
Summit(e) 3,864 Portofino	24,504	1,135	3,864	25,639	29,503	(5,668)	1995 (g)	1/97
Summit - 5,434 Reston	26,255	2,736	6,110	28,315	34,425	(10,059)	1987 (g)	4/94
Summit -10,100 Roosevelt	-	36,153	13,546	32,707	46,253	(788)	12/01-3/03	1/01
Summit 50,000 5,723 Russett (h)	-	28,726	5,723	28,726	34,449	(5,024)	7/95-6/00	11/94
Summit(e) 2,392 Sedgebrook	-	22,236	2,478	22,150	24,628	(4,223)	6/96-5/99	1/96

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	Related Encumbrances	Initial Costs			Gross Amount at Which Carried at Close of Period			Accumulated Depreciation	Date of Construction	Date Acquired
		Land	Buildings And Improvements(a)	Costs Capitalized Subsequent To Acquisition	Land	Buildings And Improvements(a)	Total(b)			
Summit loch (h)	(e)	1,592	12,125	4,102	2,125	15,694	17,819	(1,710)	10/99(g)	8/00
	(f)	650	4,570	859	650	5,429	6,079	(2,023)	1985 (g)	5/95

Summit Huntsbury										
Summit Square	-	2,757	-	16,768	3,775	15,750	19,525	(7,011)	3/89-8/90	2/89
Summit St. Fair	(c)	3,024	24,040	617	3,024	24,657	27,681	(4,626)	1997 (g)	3/98
Summit Rockbridge	-	1,800	-	21,564	4,185	19,179	23,364	(813)	12/01-9/03	7/01
Summit Sweetwater	(e)	3,013	18,627	480	3,012	19,108	22,120	(2,343)	12/99(g)	8/00
Summit Luchstone	(f)	766	5,568	951	766	6,519	7,285	(2,321)	1986 (g)	5/95
Summit Llleybrook	-	7,300	-	30,539	8,959	28,880	37,839	(1,533)	10/00-12/02	9/00
Summit Westwood	(c)	1,989	-	22,863	2,042	22,810	24,852	(3,559)	10/97-5/99	9/97
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Total		\$ 191,097	\$ 330,325	\$ 754,381	\$ 214,284	\$ 1,061,519	\$ 1,275,803	\$ (169,003)		
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(a) Includes buildings, building improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment.

(b) The aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes was \$1.1 billion as of December 31, 2003. The amounts reflected above represent amounts for real estate communities only.

Depreciable lives for the assets range from 5 to 40 years.

(c) Collateral for fixed rate mortgage which had a balance of \$133.0 million as of December 31, 2003.

(d) Collateral for \$10.6 million of letters of credit which serve as collateral for \$10.3 million in tax-exempt bonds as of December 31, 2003.

(e) Collateral for our secured credit facility which had balance of \$119.0 million as of December 31, 2003.

(f) Collateral for a fixed rate mortgage which had a balance of \$7.9 million as of December 31, 2003.

(g) Property purchased; date reflects year construction was completed.

(h) Community was presented in two phases in prior years. Date acquired represents date first phase was acquired. Date of construction represents range from start of the first phase to completion of the second phase.

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A summary of activity for real estate assets and accumulated depreciation is as follows:

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2003	2002	2001
Real Estate Assets (1):			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 1,263,238	\$ 1,266,068	\$ 1,255,657

Acquisitions	155,215	17,866	-
Improvements	9,890	6,417	9,478
Developments	69,612	130,291	152,137
Disposition of property	(222,152)	(157,404)	(151,204)
	12,565	(2,830)	10,411
Balance at end of year	\$ 1,275,803	\$ 1,263,238	\$ 1,266,068
Accumulated Depreciation (1):			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 159,536	\$ 155,242	\$ 145,500
Depreciation	38,503	39,282	38,746
Disposition of property	(29,036)	(34,988)	(29,004)
Balance at end of year	\$ 169,003	\$ 159,536	\$ 155,242

(1) Includes only apartment communities and does not include fixed assets used in property development, construction and management of apartment communities.