

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

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## PART I

Morguard North American Residential Real Estate Investment Trust ("Morguard Residential REIT" or the "REIT") is pleased to provide this review of operations and update on our financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2023. Unless otherwise noted, dollar amounts are stated in thousands of Canadian dollars, except per suite and REIT trust unit ("Unit") amounts.

The following Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A") sets out the REIT's strategies and provides an analysis of the financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2023, and significant risks facing the business. Historical results, including trends that might appear, should not be taken as indicative of future operations or results.

This MD&A should be read in conjunction with the REIT's audited consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022. This MD&A is based on financial information prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") and is dated February 13, 2024. Disclosure contained in this document is current to that date unless otherwise noted.

Additional information relating to Morguard Residential REIT, including the REIT's Annual Information Form, can be found at www.sedarplus.ca and www.morguard.com.

## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS DISCLAIMER

Statements contained herein that are not based on historical or current fact, including without limitation, statements containing the words "anticipates", "believes", "may", "continue", "estimate", "expects" and "will" and words of similar expression, constitute "forward-looking statements". Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause the actual results, events or developments to be materially different from any future results, events or developments expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Such factors include, among others, the following: general economic and business conditions, both nationally and in the regions in which the REIT operates; changes in business strategy or development/acquisition plans; environmental exposures; financing risk; existing governmental regulations and changes in, or the failure to comply with, governmental regulations; liability and other claims asserted against the REIT; risk and uncertainties relating to pandemic or epidemic and other factors referred to in the REIT's filings with Canadian securities regulators. Given these uncertainties, readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on such forward-looking statements. Morguard Residential REIT does not assume the obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements.

## SPECIFIED FINANCIAL MEASURES

Morguard Residential REIT reports its financial results in accordance with IFRS. However, this MD&A also uses specified financial measures that are not defined by IFRS, which follow the disclosure requirements established by National Instrument 52-112 *Non-GAAP and Other Financial Measures Disclosure*. Specified financial measures are categorized as non-GAAP financial measures, non-GAAP ratios, and other financial measures, which are capital management measures, supplementary financial measures, and total of segments measures.

## **NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES**

Non-GAAP financial measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and are not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting issuers in similar or different industries. These measures should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as substitutes for related financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. The REIT's management uses these measures to aid in assessing the REIT's underlying core performance and provides these additional measures so that investors may do the same. Management believes that the non-GAAP financial measures described below, which supplement the IFRS measures, provide readers with a more comprehensive understanding of management's perspective on the REIT's operating results and performance.

The following discussion describes the non-GAAP financial measures the REIT uses in evaluating its operating results:

## **PROPORTIONATE SHARE BASIS**

The REIT's balance sheet and statements of income prepared in accordance with IFRS have been adjusted (as described below) to derive the REIT's proportionately owned financial results ("Proportionate Basis"). The

Proportionate Basis adjustment excludes the impact of realty taxes accounted for under IFRIC 21 (described below) and records realty taxes for all properties on a *pro rata* basis over the entire fiscal year. Management believes that the Proportionate Basis non-GAAP financial measures, which supplement the IFRS measures, provide readers with a more comprehensive understanding of management's perspective on the REIT's operating results and performance.

## Non-Controlling Interest Share ("NCI Share")

NCI Share adjusts for three Canadian properties and two U.S. properties whereby the REIT controls but does not own a 100% interest in the subsidiary and, as a result, the REIT fully consolidates their financial results within its consolidated financial statements. The adjustment removes the non-controlling interest portion that is consolidated under IFRS. The presentation of *pro rata* assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses represents a non-GAAP financial measure and may not accurately depict the legal and economic implications of the REIT's interest in the joint ventures.

## **Equity-Accounted Investments ("Equity Interest")**

Equity Interest adjusts interests in joint arrangements that are accounted for using the equity method of accounting. The financial results of one U.S. property (two U.S. properties prior to January 5, 2023) under IFRS are presented on a single line within the consolidated balance sheet and statements of income and have been adjusted on a proportionately owned basis to each respective financial statement line presented within the balance sheet and statements of income. The presentation of *pro rata* assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses represents a non-GAAP financial measure and may not accurately depict the legal and economic implications of the REIT's interest in the joint venture.

#### IFRIC 21

Net operating income ("NOI") includes the impact of realty taxes accounted for under the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee ("IFRIC") Interpretation 21, Levies ("IFRIC 21"). IFRIC 21 states that an entity recognizes a levy liability in accordance with the relevant legislation. The obligating event for realty taxes for the U.S. municipalities in which the REIT operates is ownership of the property on January 1 of each year for which the tax is imposed and, as a result, the REIT records the entire annual realty tax expense for its U.S. properties on January 1, except for U.S. properties acquired during the year in which the realty taxes are not recorded in the year of acquisition.

A reconciliation of the REIT's proportionately owned financial results from the IFRS financial statement presentation is presented under the section Part IX, "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

## PROPORTIONATE SHARE NOI ("PROPORTIONATE NOI")

NOI and Proportionate NOI are important measures in evaluating the operating performance of the REIT's real estate properties and are a key input in determining the fair value of the REIT's properties. Proportionate NOI represents NOI (an IFRS measure) adjusted for the following: i) to exclude the impact of realty taxes accounted for under IFRIC 21 as noted above. Proportionate NOI records realty taxes for all properties on a *pro rata* basis over the entire fiscal year; ii) to exclude the non-controlling interest share of NOI for those properties that are consolidated under IFRS; and iii) to include equity-accounted investments NOI at the REIT's ownership interest.

In addition, included in Proportionate Share NOI is the composition of revenue from real estate properties (an IFRS measure) in three categories: i) gross rental revenue (before vacancy and ancillary revenue); ii) vacancy; and iii) ancillary revenue. The presentation of revenue from real estate properties in these three categories (on a Proportionate Share Basis) represents a non-GAAP financial measure and is presented in this MD&A because management considers this non-GAAP financial measure to be an important measure of the REIT's operating performance that provides a more comprehensive understanding of revenue from real estate properties.

A reconciliation of Proportionate NOI from the IFRS financial statement presentation of NOI (revenue from real estate properties (and the composition of revenue), property operating costs, realty taxes and utilities) is presented under the section Part IX, "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

## SAME PROPERTY PROPORTIONATE NOI

Same Property Proportionate NOI is presented in this MD&A because management considers this non-GAAP financial measure to be an important measure of the REIT's operating performance for properties owned by the REIT continuously for the current and comparable reporting period and does not take into account the impact of the operating performance of property acquisitions and dispositions as well as development properties until reaching stabilized occupancy. In addition, Same Property Proportionate NOI is presented in local currency and

by country, isolating any impact of foreign exchange fluctuations. A reconciliation of the components of Same Property Proportionate NOI is presented under the section Part III, "Review of Operational Results."

A reconciliation of Same Property Proportionate NOI from the IFRS financial statement presentation of NOI (revenue from real estate properties (and the composition of revenue), property operating costs, realty taxes and utilities) is presented under the section Part IX, "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

## **FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS ("FFO")**

FFO (and FFO per Unit) is a non-GAAP financial measure widely used as a real estate industry standard that supplements net income (loss) and evaluates operating performance but is not indicative of funds available to meet the REIT's cash requirements. FFO can assist with comparisons of the operating performance of the REIT's real estate between periods and relative to other real estate entities. FFO is computed by the REIT in accordance with the current definition of the Real Property Association of Canada ("REALPAC") and is defined as net income (loss) attributable to Unitholders adjusted for fair value adjustments, distributions on the Class B LP Units, realty taxes accounted for under IFRIC 21, deferred income taxes (on the REIT's U.S. properties), gains/losses on the sale of real estate properties (including income taxes on the sale of real estate properties) and other non-cash items. The REIT considers FFO to be a useful measure for reviewing its comparative operating and financial performance. FFO per Unit is calculated as FFO divided by the weighted average number of Units outstanding (including Class B LP Units) during the period.

A reconciliation of net income (loss) attributable to Unitholders (an IFRS measure) to FFO is presented under the section Part III, "Funds From Operations."

## **INDEBTEDNESS**

Indebtedness (as defined in the Declaration of Trust) is a measure of the amount of debt financing utilized by the REIT. Indebtedness is presented in this MD&A because management considers this non-GAAP financial measure to be an important measure of the REIT's financial position.

A reconciliation of indebtedness from the IFRS financial statement presentation is presented under the section Part IX, "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

## **GROSS BOOK VALUE**

Gross book value (as defined in the Declaration of Trust) is a measure of the value of the REIT's assets. Gross book value is presented in this MD&A because management considers this non-GAAP financial measure to be an important measure of the REIT's asset base and financial position.

A reconciliation of gross book value from the IFRS financial statement presentation is presented under the section Part IX, "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

## TOTAL DISTRIBUTIONS (INCLUDING CLASS B LP UNITS)

Total distributions (including Class B LP Units) is a non-GAAP financial measure calculated by combining distributions to Unitholders and distributions on the Class B LP Units that originate from different IFRS financial statement line items. Under IFRS, the Class B LP Units are classified as financial liabilities, and the corresponding distributions paid to the unitholders are classified as interest expense. Total distributions (including Class B LP Units) is presented in this MD&A because management believes Class B LP Unit distribution payments do not represent financing charges because these amounts are payable only if the REIT declares distributions and only for the amount of any distributions declared, both of which are at the discretion of the Board of Trustees as outlined in the Declaration of Trust (defined below).

A reconciliation of the IFRS financial statement presentation of Unitholders distribution plus distributions on the Class B LP Units is presented under the section Part III, "Distributions."

## **NON-GAAP RATIOS**

Non-GAAP ratios do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and are not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting issuers in similar or different industries. These measures should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as substitutes for related financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. The REIT's management uses these measures to aid in assessing the REIT's underlying core performance and provides these additional measures so that investors may do the same. Management believes that the non-GAAP ratios described below, provide readers with a more comprehensive understanding of management's perspective on the REIT's operating results and performance.

The following discussion describes the non-GAAP ratios the REIT uses in evaluating its operating results:

#### PROPORTIONATE NOI MARGIN

Proportionate NOI margin is calculated as Proportionate NOI divided by revenue (on a Proportionate Basis) and is an important measure in evaluating the operating performance (including the level of operating expenses) of the REIT's real estate properties. Proportionate NOI margin is presented in this MD&A because management considers this non-GAAP ratio to be an important measure of the REIT's operating performance and financial position.

#### **FFO PAYOUT RATIO**

FFO payout ratio compares distributions (including Class B LP Units) to FFO. Distributions (including Class B LP Units) is calculated based on the monthly distribution per Unit multiplied by the weighted average number of Units outstanding (including Class B LP Units) during the period and is an important metric in assessing the sustainability of retained cash flow to fund capital expenditures and distributions. FFO payout ratio is presented in this MD&A because management considers this non-GAAP ratio to be an important measure of the REIT's operating performance and financial position.

## INDEBTEDNESS TO GROSS BOOK VALUE RATIO

Indebtedness to gross book value ratio is a compliance measure in the Declaration of Trust and establishes the limit for financial leverage of the REIT. Indebtedness to gross book value ratio is presented in this MD&A because management considers this non-GAAP ratio to be an important measure of the REIT's financial position.

#### INTEREST COVERAGE RATIO

Interest coverage ratio measures the amount of cash flow available to meet annual interest payments on the REIT's indebtedness. Generally, the higher the interest coverage ratio, the lower the credit risk. Interest coverage ratio is presented in this MD&A because management considers this non-GAAP ratio to be an important measure of the REIT's operating performance and financial position.

## INDEBTEDNESS COVERAGE RATIO

Indebtedness coverage ratio measures the amount of cash flow available to meet annual principal and interest payments on the REIT's indebtedness. Generally, the higher the indebtedness coverage ratio, the higher the capacity for additional debt. Indebtedness coverage ratio is presented in this MD&A because management considers this non-GAAP ratio to be an important measure of the REIT's operating performance and financial position.

## SUPPLEMENTARY FINANCIAL MEASURES

Supplementary financial measures represent a component of a financial statement line item (including ratios that are not non-GAAP ratios) that are presented in a more granular way outside the financial statements, calculated in accordance with the accounting policies used to prepare the line item presented in the financial statements.

The following discussion describes the supplementary financial measures the REIT uses in evaluating its operating results:

## SAME PROPERTY NOI

Same Property NOI is presented in this MD&A because management considers this supplementary financial measure to be an important measure of the REIT's operating performance, representing NOI for properties owned by the REIT continuously for the current and comparable reporting period and does not take into account the impact of the operating performance of property acquisitions and dispositions as well as development properties until reaching stabilized occupancy. In addition, Same Property NOI is presented in local currency and by country, isolating any impact of foreign exchange fluctuations. A summary of the components of Same Property NOI is presented under the section Part III, "Review of Operational Results."

Included in Same Property NOI is the composition of revenue from real estate properties (an IFRS measure) in three categories: i) gross rental revenue (before vacancy and ancillary revenue); ii) vacancy; and iii) ancillary revenue. The presentation of revenue from real estate properties in these three categories represents a supplementary financial measure and is presented in this MD&A because management considers this measure to be an important measure of the REIT's operating performance that provides a more comprehensive understanding of revenue from real estate properties.

## **NOI MARGIN**

NOI margin is calculated as NOI divided by revenue and is an important measure in evaluating the operating performance (including the level of operating expenses) of the REIT's real estate properties. NOI margin is presented in this MD&A because management considers this supplementary financial measure to be an important measure of the REIT's operating performance and financial position.

## **REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES BY REGION**

The composition of the REIT's real estate properties by region is presented in this MD&A because management considers this supplementary financial measure to be an important measure of the REIT's asset base and financial position. A summary of the components of real estate properties by region is presented under the section Part IV, "Balance Sheet Analysis."

## **CAPITAL EXPENDITURES BY COUNTRY**

The composition of the REIT's capital expenditures by country is presented in this MD&A because management considers this supplementary financial measure to be an important measure of the REIT's capital expenditures by its Canadian and U.S. portfolios. The REIT is committed to improving its operating performance by incurring appropriate capital expenditures in order to replace and maintain the productive capacity of its property portfolio so as to sustain its rental income generating potential over the portfolio's useful life. A summary of the components of capital expenditures by country is presented under the section Part IV, "Balance Sheet Analysis."

## LOAN-TO-VALUE ("LTV")

LTV is calculated by multiplying a rate of leverage by the real estate properties' fair value and is presented in this MD&A by year and is plotted against the maturity profile of the REIT's mortgages payable. Included in the analysis is an equity-accounted investment at the REIT's interest. The presentation of LTV against its corresponding mortgage maturity profile represents a supplementary financial measure and is presented in this MD&A because management considers this measure to be an important measure of the REIT's financial position. A table illustrating the LTV by year, plotted against the REIT's mortgage maturity profile is presented under the section Part V, "Capital Structure and Debt Profile."

## **CAPITAL MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

The REIT's capital management is designed to maintain a level of capital that allows it to implement its business strategy while complying with investment and debt restrictions pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, as well as existing debt covenants, while continuing to build long-term Unitholder value and maintaining sufficient capital contingencies.

The following discussion describes the REIT's capital management measures:

### **TOTAL CAPITALIZATION**

Total capitalization as disclosed in the notes to the REIT's audited consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 is calculated as the sum of the principal amount of the REIT's total debt (including mortgages payable, convertible debentures, lease liabilities and amounts drawn under its revolving credit facility with Morguard Corporation), Unitholders' equity and Class B LP Units liability, and is presented in this MD&A because management considers this capital management measure to be an important measure of the REIT's financial position.

## **LIQUIDITY**

Liquidity is calculated as the sum of cash, amounts available under its revolving credit facility with Morguard and any committed net additional mortgage financing proceeds and is presented in this MD&A because management considers this capital management measure to be an important measure of the REIT's financial position as well as determining the annual level of distributions to Unitholders.

## PART II

## **BUSINESS OVERVIEW AND STRATEGY**

The REIT is an unincorporated open-ended real estate investment trust established pursuant to a declaration of trust dated March 1, 2012, and as most recently amended and restated on February 16, 2021 (the "Declaration of Trust"), under and governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario. The Units of the REIT trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "MRG.UN."

The REIT has been formed to own multi-suite residential rental properties across Canada and the United States. The objectives of the REIT are to: i) generate stable and growing cash distributions on a tax-efficient basis; ii) enhance the value of the REIT's assets and maximize the long-term value of the Units through active asset and property management; and iii) expand the asset base of the REIT primarily through acquisitions and improvement of its properties through targeted and strategically deployed capital expenditures.

The REIT's internal growth strategy will focus on maximizing cash flow from its portfolio. The REIT intends to increase cash flows by maximizing occupancy and average monthly rent ("AMR"), taking into account local conditions in each of its regional markets, managing its operating expenses as a percentage of revenues and strengthening its asset base through its building infrastructure improvement and capital expenditure programs.

The REIT's external growth strategy is focused on opportunities to acquire additional multi-suite residential properties located in urban centres and major suburban regions in Canada and the United States that satisfy the REIT's investment criteria, as well as generating greater cash flow from acquired properties. The REIT will seek to leverage its relationship with Morguard Corporation ("Morguard") to access acquisition opportunities that satisfy the REIT's investment criteria. Additionally, subject to limited exceptions, the REIT has the right of first opportunity to acquire the existing interests in Morguard's multi-suite residential properties prior to any disposition by Morguard to a third party.

## FINANCIAL AND OPERATIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

As at D	ecem	ber 31
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(In thousands of dollars, except as noted otherwise)	2023	2022
Operational Information		
Number of properties	43	42
Total suites	13,089	12,849
Occupancy percentage - Canada	98.7%	98.6%
Occupancy percentage - U.S.	94.2%	95.3%
AMR - Canada (in actual dollars)	\$1,674	\$1,588
AMR - U.S. (in actual U.S. dollars)	US\$1,875	US\$1,771
Summary of Financial Information		
Gross book value <sup>(1)</sup>	\$4,095,931	\$3,934,417
Indebtedness <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1,583,311	\$1,496,179
Indebtedness to gross book value ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	38.7%	38.0%
Weighted average mortgage interest rate	3.72%	3.50%
Weighted average term to maturity on mortgages payable (years)	4.9	4.9
Exchange rates - United States dollar to Canadian dollar	\$1.32	\$1.35
Exchange rates - Canadian dollar to United States dollar	\$0.76	\$0.74

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents a non-GAAP financial measure/ratio that does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and is not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting issuers in similar or different industries. This measure should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as substitutes for related financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. Additional information on this non-GAAP financial measure/ratio can be found under the section Part I, "Specified Financial Measures."

## For the years ended December 31

(In thousands of dollars, except per Unit amounts)	2023	2022
Summary of Financial Information		
Interest coverage ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	2.48	2.54
Indebtedness coverage ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	1.64	1.58
Revenue from real estate properties	\$331,620	\$278,491
NOI	\$180,240	\$151,215
Proportionate NOI <sup>(1)</sup>	\$178,756	\$154,109
Same Property Proportionate NOI(1)	\$159,614	\$145,293
NOI margin - IFRS	54.4%	54.3%
NOI margin - Proportionate <sup>(1)</sup>	54.2%	54.2%
Net income	\$185,281	\$239,563
FFO - basic <sup>(1)</sup>	\$91,942	\$82,803
FFO - diluted <sup>(1)</sup>	\$95,550	\$86,651
FFO per Unit - basic <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1.65	\$1.47
FFO per Unit - diluted <sup>(1)</sup>	\$1.63	\$1.43
Distributions per Unit	\$0.7233	\$0.7030
FFO payout ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	43.8%	47.8%
Weighted average number of Units outstanding (in thousands):		
Basic <sup>(2)</sup>	55,662	56,310
Diluted <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	58,501	60,543
Average exchange rates - United States dollar to Canadian dollar	\$1.35	\$1.30
Average exchange rates - Canadian dollar to United States dollar	\$0.74	\$0.77

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents a non-GAAP financial measure/ratio that does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and is not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting issuers in similar or different industries. This measure should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as substitutes for related financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. Additional information on this non-GAAP financial measure/ratio can be found under the section Part I, "Specified Financial Measures."

<sup>(2)</sup> For purposes of calculating FFO per Unit, Class B LP Units are included as Units outstanding on both a basic and diluted basis.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes the dilutive impact of the convertible debentures.

## **REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES**

As at December 31, 2023, the REIT's multi-suite residential property portfolio consists of 16 Canadian properties and 27 U.S. properties, having a total of 13,089 residential suites and 239,500 square feet of commercial area. The properties are primarily located in urban centres and major suburban regions in Alberta, Ontario, Colorado, Texas, Louisiana, Illinois, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland.

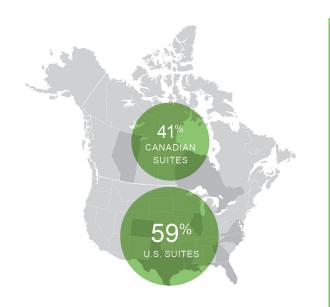
Approximately 79% of the suites in Canada are located in Toronto and Mississauga, which form part of the Greater Toronto Area ("GTA"). The GTA is Canada's most significant economic cluster and contains the largest concentration of people. The regional distribution of the remaining suites serves to add stability to the REIT's cash flows because it reduces the REIT's vulnerability to economic fluctuations affecting any particular region.

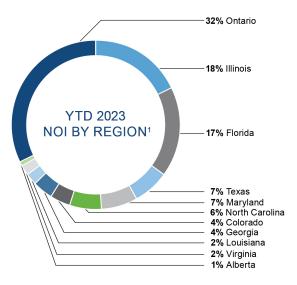
The following table details the regional distribution of the REIT's portfolio as at December 31, 2023:

Region			% of the Portfolio	Fair Value of
(In thousands of dollars,	Number of	Total	(based on	Real Estate
except as otherwise noted)	Properties	Suites <sup>(1)</sup>	suites)	Properties <sup>(1)</sup>
Canadian Properties			3.00000	1,00000
Alberta	1	277	2.1%	\$50,000
Ontario				
Mississauga	7	2,219	17.0%	818,700
Toronto	6	1,997	15.3%	471,640
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	2	842	6.4%	249,400
	16	5,335	40.8%	\$1,589,740
U.S. Properties				
Colorado	2	454	3.5%	\$157,257
Texas	3	1,021	7.8%	272,985
Louisiana	2	249	1.9%	65,204
Illinois	4	1,795	13.7%	851,756
Georgia	2	522	4.0%	146,412
Florida	9	2,253	17.2%	670,160
North Carolina	2	864	6.6%	255,791
Virginia	1	104	0.8%	66,393
Maryland <sup>(3)</sup>	2	492	3.7%	238,563
	27	7,754	59.2%	\$2,724,521
Total	43	13,089	100.0%	\$4,314,261

<sup>(1)</sup> Total suites and fair value of real estate properties include non-controlling interest; the REIT, on a proportionate basis, has ownership of 12,315 suites. Fair value of real estate properties represents the sum of income producing properties (\$3,999,481) and equity-accounted investment properties (\$314,780) inclusive of non-controlling interest share.

<sup>(3)</sup> Includes a retail property comprising 186,712 square feet of commercial area.





<sup>1</sup> Includes equity-accounted investments at ownership share and excludes the impact of realty taxes under IFRIC 21.

<sup>(2)</sup> Other Ontario includes one property in each of Kitchener, Ontario and Ottawa, Ontario.

## AVERAGE MONTHLY RENT AND OCCUPANCY BY REGION

The following table details AMR (in actual dollars), stated in local currency, and occupancy of the REIT's portfolio for the following periods and is calculated on a proportionate ownership basis:

	AMR/Suite at December 31,	AMR/Suite at December 31,	%	Occupancy at December 31,	Occupancy at December 31,
Region	2023	•	Change	2023	2022
Canadian Properties (in Canadian dollars)					
Alberta	\$1,410	\$1,351	4.4%	97.5%	92.1%
Ontario					
Mississauga <sup>(1)</sup>	1,875	1,783	5.2%	98.9%	99.3%
Toronto	1,504	1,422	5.8%	98.9%	99.1%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	1,640	1,548	5.9%	97.8%	97.7%
Total Ontario	1,689	1,601	5.5%	98.8%	99.0%
Total Canada (in Canadian dollars)	\$1,674	\$1,588	5.4%	98.7%	98.6%
U.S. Properties (in U.S. dollars)					
Colorado	\$1,796	\$1,712	4.9%	94.2%	97.8%
Texas	1,661	1,613	3.0%	94.9%	94.1%
Louisiana	1,623	1,715	(5.4%)	84.8%	95.5%
Illinois	2,707	2,548	6.2%	95.4%	95.7%
Georgia	1,610	1,575	2.2%	95.2%	96.7%
Florida	1,736	1,652	5.1%	93.9%	95.1%
North Carolina	1,448	1,402	3.3%	93.5%	95.1%
Virginia	2,469	2,374	4.0%	98.1%	94.2%
Maryland	2,139	2,051	4.3%	96.3%	93.5%
U.S. Same Property	1,845	1,771	4.2%	94.2%	95.3%
Acquisition <sup>(3)</sup>	2,283	_	100.0%	94.6%	—%
Total U.S. (in U.S. dollars)	\$1,875	\$1,771	5.9%	94.2%	95.3%
Total (in local currencies)	\$1,789	\$1,690	5.9%	96.1%	96.7%

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes 36 suites impacted by a fire at a property during the second quarter of 2022.

## **CANADIAN PROPERTIES**

As at December 31, 2023, Canadian AMR per suite was \$1,674, an increase of 5.4% compared to December 31, 2022. Sequentially, Canadian AMR at December 31, 2023, increased by 1.1%, compared to \$1,655 as at September 30, 2023.

Effective January 1, 2023, the Ontario guideline rental rate increase is 2.5% (2022 - 1.2%), which has contributed to a higher rental rate growth than in previous years. The REIT also experienced rental rate growth from above-guideline increases ("AGI") at several properties upon the completion of capital projects as well as rental rate increases on suite turnover. In addition, within the Ontario portfolio, the REIT has filed AGI applications relating to eligible capital repairs, providing the ability to increase rents upon approval from the Landlord and Tenant Board.

The REIT continued to experience steady demand, particularly towards the end of last year and during 2023, which allowed the REIT to increase rents from below market rates as suites turned over. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT's Canadian portfolio turned over 596 suites, or 11.3% of total suites and achieved AMR growth of 23.1% on suite turnover. Overall, Canadian turnover is lower compared to 19.0% achieved during the year ended December 31, 2022.

As at December 31, 2023, AMR at the REIT's single property in Edmonton, Alberta, increased by 4.4% compared to December 31, 2022. Improved occupancy has allowed the REIT to increase rental rates. The Edmonton market is experiencing a recovery as economic conditions improve, and as new rental inventory is absorbed.

As at December 31, 2023, occupancy in Canada increased to 98.7%, compared to 98.6% at December 31, 2022, and, sequentially, occupancy decreased compared to 98.9% at September 30, 2023.

<sup>(2)</sup> Other Ontario includes one property in each of Kitchener, Ontario and Ottawa, Ontario.

<sup>(3)</sup> U.S. acquisition includes the 50% interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square (acquired in January 2023) and Xavier (acquired in March 2023).

Occupancy within the REIT's Ontario region decreased to 98.8% at December 31, 2023, compared to 99.0% at December 31, 2022. Rental market conditions remain stable as housing demand is outdistancing supply, and as an elevated level of immigration and a high interest rate environment discourage tenants from home ownership.

As at December 31, 2023, occupancy at the REIT's single property located in Edmonton, Alberta, at 97.5%, increased from 92.1% at December 31, 2022. Leasing activity has increased due to improved market conditions as new inventory is absorbed.

## **U.S. PROPERTIES**

As at December 31, 2023, U.S. Same Property AMR per suite was US\$1,845, an increase of 4.2% compared to December 31, 2022. Same Property AMR growth was led by Illinois, Florida, Colorado, Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina and Texas, as these regions continue to show signs of solid market fundamentals. Sequentially, U.S. Same Property AMR at December 31, 2023, increased by 0.1%, compared to US\$1,844 as at September 30, 2023.

As at December 31, 2023, Same Property AMR at the REIT's properties located in Chicago, increased by 6.2% compared to December 31, 2022, due to stabilized occupancy and increased rental demand. In addition, management's focus has continued to find the optimal balance of occupancy and market rent growth in the REIT's Chicago market. Market rents are expected to remain stable as we move into the slower winter leasing season as occupancies have remained strong throughout most of this submarket.

In addition, recent acquisitions to the REIT's urban Chicago holdings, were Echelon Chicago acquired during the third quarter of 2022, a 350-suite luxury high-rise in the West Loop constructed in 2008, and Xavier acquired during the first quarter of 2023, a 240-suite residential property constructed in 2015. As at December 31, 2023, occupancies were stable at 94.4% and AMR was US\$2,478, reflecting the quality of the assets acquired, further bolstering AMR within the portfolio.

The REIT maintained Same Property AMR growth during the fourth quarter within all submarkets except Louisiana, one of the REIT's smallest markets. The Louisiana market has seen a reduction in a historically strong student population, with universities having significant more online options. Though management believes some supply challenges will continue in a few markets, demand continues to remain consistent throughout the portfolio, even with a slight decrease in occupancy across the portfolio, largely due to winter seasonality and normalization of occupancies. We expect AMR growth to continue to slow through the winter season. The REIT continues to utilize revenue management tools aimed at balancing rent growth, traffic and renewal exposure.

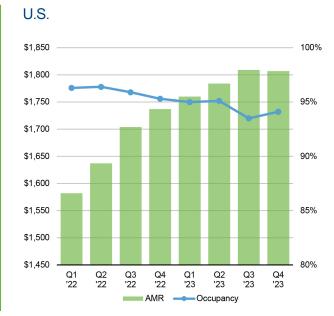
As at December 31, 2023, U.S. Same Property occupancy decreased to 94.2% compared to 95.3% at December 31, 2022, while AMR levels continued to climb across the majority of the portfolio. Management's active leasing and renewal strategies continue to be successful as it continually monitors rents, lease term and exposure, enabling the portfolio to maintain solid rent growth and occupancies. Resident retention remains a major driver of occupancy as management focuses on providing value through excellent customer service and valued amenities, while working consistently to increase rents at reasonable rates.

Sequentially, as at December 31, 2023, U.S. Same Property occupancy of 94.2% increased compared to 93.7% as at September 30, 2023. Stable occupancy levels were maintained alongside higher rents. While the REIT manages through economic uncertainty, inflationary pressures and high interest rates, management believes that home ownership will continue to be unattainable for many due to elevated interest and insurance rates, making renting the more reasonable and necessary choice. Looking ahead, management expects occupancies to be stable through the winter months, with reduced leasing activity as well as fewer suite turnovers in the majority of its markets.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT's rental incentives amounted to \$848 (2022 - \$934), mainly at properties that were impacted by new supply and increased vacancy in urban markets. Incentives were used on an as-needed basis in those limited submarkets to compete with new inventory.

The following table details AMR (in actual dollars), stated in local currency, and occupancy of the REIT's Same Property portfolio at each quarter end since March 31, 2022:





## **PART III**

## **REVIEW OF OPERATIONAL RESULTS**

The REIT's operational results are summarized below:

For the	years	ended	<b>December</b>	31
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Tot the years ended becember 31		
(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022
Revenue from real estate properties	\$331,620	\$278,491
Property operating expenses		
Property operating costs	(92,110)	(74,226)
Realty taxes	(38,531)	(33,080)
Utilities	(20,739)	(19,970)
Net operating income	180,240	151,215
Other expenses (income)		
Interest expense	75,189	63,681
Trust expenses	21,977	19,356
Equity income from investments	(5,376)	(3,822)
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	22	(69)
Other income	(360)	(3,549)
Income before fair value changes and income taxes	88,788	75,618
Fair value gain on real estate properties, net	79,947	208,275
Fair value gain on Class B LP Units	24,629	26,007
Income before income taxes	193,364	309,900
Provision for income taxes		
Current	1,209	132
Deferred	6,874	70,205
	8,083	70,337
Net income for the year	\$185,281	\$239,563
Net income attributable to:		
Unitholders	\$176,336	\$219,282
Non-controlling interest	8,945	20,281
<del>-</del>	\$185,281	\$239,563
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#### **REVENUE FROM REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES**

Higher rental revenue for the year ended December 31, 2023, is mainly due to rental rate increases, foreign exchange fluctuations and the net impact from the acquisition and disposition of properties.

## **NET OPERATING INCOME**

The following tables provide the NOI and Proportionate NOI for the REIT's consolidated Canadian and U.S. operations and present the following non-GAAP financial measures/ratios: Proportionate NOI, Same Property Proportionate NOI and Proportionate NOI margin. These non-GAAP measures do not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and are not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting issuers in similar or different industries. These measures should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as substitutes for related financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. Additional information on these non-GAAP financial measures/ratios can be found under the section Part I, "Specified Financial Measures."

Same Property results for the year ended December 31, 2023, measure the operating performance for properties owned and have reached stabilization by the REIT continuously since January 1, 2022, and exclude the following properties: i) Briarhill Apartments in Atlanta, Georgia, sold during the second quarter of 2022; ii) Greenbrier Estates in Slidell, Louisiana, sold during the third quarter of 2022; iii) Blue Isle Apartment Homes in Coconut Creek, Florida, sold during the fourth quarter of 2022; iv) Echelon Chicago and Rockville Town Square, acquired during the third quarter of 2022; and v) Fenestra at Rockville Town Square (50% interest) and Xavier, acquired during the first quarter of 2023.

Same Property and Same Property Proportionate results for the year ended December 31, 2023, represent 11,317 and 11,479 residential suites, respectively.

## **Net Operating Income**

The following table provides the consolidated net operating income for the REIT's Canadian and U.S. properties:

	2023			2022
For the year ended December 31	Proportionate		Proportionate	
(In thousands of dollars)	NOI	NOI	NOI	NOI
Revenue from properties				
Same Property				
Gross rental revenue (before vacancy and ancillary revenue)	\$275,259	\$282,311	\$252,220	\$258,597
Vacancy	(13,105)	(13,417)	(12,849)	(13,241)
Ancillary	22,783	22,715	20,134	19,739
Same Property	284,937	291,609	259,505	265,095
Acquisition/Disposition/Equity Reclassification	46,683	38,201	18,986	18,986
Total revenue from properties	331,620	329,810	278,491	284,081
Property operating expenses				
Same Property				
Operating costs	76,731	78,106	67,312	69,017
Realty taxes	33,859	34,624	30,602	31,211
Utilities	18,820	19,265	19,170	19,574
Same Property	129,410	131,995	117,084	119,802
Acquisition/Disposition/Equity Reclassification	21,970	19,059	10,192	10,170
Total property operating expenses	151,380	151,054	127,276	129,972
NOI				
Total Same Property	155,527	159,614	142,421	145,293
Acquisition/Disposition/Equity Reclassification	24,713	19,142	8,794	8,816
Total NOI	\$180,240	\$178,756	\$151,215	\$154,109
NOI margin	54.4%	54.2%	54.3%	54.2%

For the year ended December 31, 2023, NOI from the REIT's properties increased by \$29,025 (or 19.2%) to \$180,240, compared to \$151,215 in 2022. The increase in NOI is due to an increase in Same Property NOI of \$13,106 (or 9.2%) and a net increase in NOI of \$15,919 from the acquisition and disposition of properties as well as the reclassification of the REIT's 50% interest in Fenestra from Same Property NOI as the comparative period NOI was reported under equity-accounted income. The Same Property increase of \$13,106 is due to an increase in Canada of \$7,097 (or 13.0%), an increase in the U.S. of US\$2,135 (or 3.2%), and the change in foreign exchange rate which increased NOI by \$3,874.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, Proportionate NOI from the REIT's properties increased by \$24,647 (or 16.0%) to \$178,756, compared to \$154,109 in 2022. The increase in Proportionate NOI is due to an increase in Same Property Proportionate NOI of \$14,321 (or 9.9%) and a net increase in Proportionate NOI of \$10,326 from the acquisition and disposition of properties. The Same Property increase of \$14,321 is due to an increase in Canada of \$7,072 (or 13.0%), an increase in the U.S. of US\$3,000 (or 4.3%), and the change in foreign exchange rate which increased Proportionate NOI by \$4,249.

The following table provides the consolidated net operating income for the REIT's Canadian and U.S. properties in local currency:

		2023		2022
For the year ended December 31	Proportionate		F	Proportionate
(In thousands of dollars)	NOI	NOI	NOI	NOI
Same Property NOI - Canada (local currency)	\$61,774	\$61,417	\$54,677	\$54,345
Same Property NOI - U.S. (local currency)	69,481	72,770	67,346	69,770
Acquisition/Disposition/Equity Reclassification (local currency)	18,319	14,189	6,688	6,756
Exchange amount to Canadian dollars	30,666	30,380	22,504	23,238
Total NOI	\$180,240	\$178,756	\$151,215	\$154,109

The following table provides the NOI and Proportionate NOI for the REIT's Canadian properties:

		2023	2022	
For the year ended December 31	December 31 Proportionate		Proportion	
(In thousands of dollars)	NOI	NOI	NOI	NOI
Revenue from properties				
Gross rental revenue (before vacancy and ancillary revenue)	\$104,136	\$103,567	\$99,721	\$99,178
Vacancy	(2,170)	(2,162)	(4,458)	(4,443)
Ancillary <sup>(1)</sup>	5,038	5,013	4,150	4,130
Revenue from properties	107,004	106,418	99,413	98,865
Property operating expenses				
Operating costs	22,359	22,246	21,665	21,559
Realty taxes	10,919	10,853	10,115	10,057
Utilities	11,952	11,902	12,956	12,904
Total property operating expenses	45,230	45,001	44,736	44,520
NOI	\$61,774	\$61,417	\$54,677	\$54,345
NOI margin	57.7%	57.7%	55.0%	55.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> Ancillary revenue mainly comprises parking, laundry and cable income, amortized rent concessions and storage fees. Ancillary revenue also includes commercial revenue, net of vacancy.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, NOI from the Canadian properties increased by \$7,097 (or 13.0%) to \$61,774, compared to \$54,677 in 2022. The increase in NOI is primarily due to an increase in revenue of \$7,591 (or 7.6%) from higher gross rental revenue (4.4%) resulting from an increase in AMR, lower vacancy due to improved leasing activity and an increase in ancillary revenue, partially offset by an increase in operating expenses of \$494 (or 1.1%). The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to higher operating costs of \$694 and an increase in realty taxes of \$804, partially offset by lower utilities of \$1,004. The increase in operating expenses was mainly due to an increase in general and administrative costs (higher bad debts and professional fees), insurance expense (higher premiums) and property management fees, partially offset by lower repairs and maintenance expense. The increase in realty taxes was mainly due to a higher mill rate as most property assessments continue to be based on 2016 assessed values as well as due to lower tax rebates in 2023 compared to 2022. The decrease in utilities was mainly due to: i) a decrease in water consumption resulting from the completion of a toilet retrofit project at certain GTA properties, partially offset by an increase in water rate, ii) a decrease in hydro consumption and higher tenant recovery, partly offset by an increase in hydro rates and reduced rebates under Ontario Electricity Rebate program, and iii) a decrease in gas due to lower consumption, partially offset by an increase in gas rate.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, Proportionate NOI from the Canadian properties increased by \$7,072 (or 13.0%) to \$61,417, compared to \$54,345 in 2022. The increase in Proportionate NOI is due to an increase in revenue of \$7,553 (or 7.6%) from higher gross rental revenue (4.4%) resulting from an increase in AMR, lower vacancy due to improved leasing activity and an increase in ancillary revenue, partially offset by an increase in operating expenses of \$481 (or 1.1%). The increase in operating expenses was primarily due to higher operating costs of \$687 and increase in realty taxes of \$796, partially offset by lower utilities of \$1,002, for the same reasons described above.

The REIT's Canadian NOI margin and Proportionate NOI margin were 57.7% and 57.7%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to 55.0% and 55.0%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2022. Overall, as noted above, the impact of lower vacancy and higher AMR, relative to the increase in operating expenses, contributed to the increase in NOI margin.

The following table provides the NOI and Proportionate NOI for the U.S. properties:

For the year ended December 31		2023		2022
(In thousands of U.S. dollars,	P	roportionate	Р	roportionate
unless otherwise noted)	NOI	NOI	NOI	NOI
Revenue from properties				
Same Property				
Gross rental revenue (before vacancy and ancillary revenue)	\$126,806	\$132,453	\$117,011	\$122,323
Vacancy	(8,096)	(8,336)	(6,427)	(6,738)
Ancillary <sup>(1)</sup>	13,142	13,112	12,277	11,978
Same Property	131,852	137,229	122,861	127,563
Acquisition/Disposition/Equity Reclassification <sup>(2)</sup>	34,596	28,311	14,531	14,531
Total revenue from properties	166,448	165,540	137,392	142,094
Property operating expenses				
Same Property				
Operating costs	40,288	41,392	35,015	36,403
Realty taxes	16,996	17,611	15,735	16,273
Utilities	5,087	5,456	4,765	5,117
Same Property	62,371	64,459	55,515	57,793
Acquisition/Disposition/Equity Reclassification <sup>(2)</sup>	16,277	14,122	7,843	7,775
Total property operating expenses	78,648	78,581	63,358	65,568
NOI (in U.S. dollars)				
Same Property	69,481	72,770	67,346	69,770
Acquisition/Disposition/Equity Reclassification <sup>(2)</sup>	18,319	14,189	6,688	6,756
Total NOI (in U.S. dollars)	87,800	86,959	74,034	76,526
Exchange amount to Canadian dollars	30,666	30,380	22,504	23,238
NOI (in Canadian dollars)	\$118,466	\$117,339	\$96,538	\$99,764
NOI margin (in U.S. dollars)	52.7%	52.5%	53.9%	53.9%

<sup>(1)</sup> Ancillary revenue mainly comprises parking, laundry and cable income; amortized rent concessions; storage fees; utility chargebacks and other fee income associated with moving in or out (such as application fees and cleaning fees), late rental payment fees from residents under the terms of the lease arrangements. Ancillary revenue also includes commercial revenue, net of vacancy.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, NOI from the U.S. properties increased by \$21,928 (or 22.7%) to \$118,466, compared to \$96,538 in 2022. The increase in NOI is primarily due to an increase in Same Property NOI of US\$2,135 (or 3.2%), a net increase in NOI of US\$11,631 from the acquisition and disposition of properties as well as the reclassification of the REIT's 50% interest in Fenestra from Same Property NOI as the comparative period NOI was reported under equity-accounted income. In addition, the change in foreign exchange rate increased NOI by \$8,162. The Same Property NOI increase was due to an increase in revenue of US\$8.991 (or 7.3%) from higher gross rental revenue (8.4%) resulting from an increase in AMR and ancillary revenue, net of higher vacancy, partially offset by an increase in operating expenses of US\$6,856 (or 12.3%). The increase in operating expenses was due to higher operating costs of US\$5,273, an increase in realty taxes of US\$1,261 and an increase in utilities of US\$322. The increase in operating costs is primarily due to an increase in insurance expense of US\$1,592 (higher premiums), general and administrative expenses of US\$1,435 (higher bad debt expense and software licenses), payroll costs of US\$703 (hiring of vacant positions), repairs and maintenance of US\$1,020 (higher make-ready and contract expenses) as well as higher property management fees of US\$294. The increase in utilities is mainly due to an increase in hydro rates and municipal water rates. The increase in realty taxes is mainly due to an increase in assessed market value at certain properties and a lower tax rebate received in 2023 compared to 2022.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, Proportionate NOI from the U.S. properties increased by \$17,575 (or 17.6%) to \$117,339, compared to \$99,764 in 2022. The increase in Proportionate NOI is due to an increase in Same Property Proportionate NOI of US\$3,000 (or 4.3%), a net increase in Proportionate NOI of US\$7,433 from the acquisition and disposition of properties, and the change in foreign exchange rate which increased Proportionate NOI by \$7,142. The Same Property Proportionate NOI increase was due to an increase in revenue of US\$9,666 (or 7.6%) from higher gross rental revenue (8.3%) resulting from an increase in AMR and

<sup>(2)</sup> On January 5, 2023, the REIT's 50% interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square was reclassified from equity-accounted investments to consolidation on the acquisition of the remaining 50% interest not already owned. For NOI comparability, 2023 NOI for the REIT's existing 50% in Fenestra has been reclassified from Same Property NOI since 2022 NOI was reported under equity-accounted income.

ancillary revenue, net of higher vacancy, partially offset by an increase in operating expenses of US\$6,666 (or 11.5%). The increase in operating expenses was due to higher operating costs of US\$4,989, an increase in realty taxes of US\$1,338, and an increase in utilities of US\$339 for the same reasons described above.

The REIT's U.S. NOI margin and Proportionate NOI margin were 52.7% and 52.5%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2023, compared to 53.9% and 53.9%, respectively, for the year ended December 31, 2022. The NOI margin and Proportionate NOI margin were both impacted by the increase in Same Property operating expenses, relative to the increase in Same Property revenue and the positive impact on NOI margin from the net acquisition and disposition activity.

## **INTEREST EXPENSE**

Interest expense consists of the following:

For the	vears	ended	<b>December</b>	31
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(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022
Interest on mortgages	\$55,449	\$45,465
Interest on convertible debentures	3,608	3,848
Interest on lease liability	943	565
Amortization of mark-to-market adjustment on mortgages	731	_
Amortization of deferred financing costs	2,940	2,707
Amortization of deferred financing costs on the convertible debentures	501	741
Accretion on convertible debentures	663	_
Fair value gain on conversion option on the convertible debentures	(2,104)	(1,934)
Loss on extinguishment of mortgages payable	_	181
Interest expense before distributions on Class B LP Units	62,731	51,573
Distributions on Class B LP Units	12,458	12,108
	\$75,189	\$63,681

Interest expense increased by \$11,508 during the year ended December 31, 2023, to \$75,189, compared to \$63,681 in 2022. The increase is predominantly due to an increase in interest on mortgages of \$9,984, an increase in amortization of mark-to-market adjustment on mortgages of \$731 and an increase in accretion on convertible debentures of \$663. The increase in interest on mortgages is largely attributable to the REIT's refinancings at higher interest rates and additional net mortgage proceeds, and the net impact of acquisitions and dispositions. The change in foreign exchange rate increased interest expense on U.S. mortgages by \$2,386, excluding the impact of dispositions and acquisitions.

Under IFRS, the Class B LP Units are classified as financial liabilities, and the corresponding distributions paid to the Unitholders are classified as interest expense. The REIT believes these distribution payments do not represent financing charges because these amounts are payable only if the REIT declares distributions and only for the amount of any distributions declared, both of which are at the discretion of the Board of Trustees as outlined in the Declaration of Trust.

## **TRUST EXPENSES**

Trust expenses consist of the following:

## For the years ended December 31

(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022
Asset management fees and distributions	\$19,340	\$16,579
Professional fees	1,150	1,209
Public company expenses	815	819
Other	672	749
	\$21,977	\$19,356

Trust expenses increased by \$2,621 during the year ended December 31, 2023, to \$21,977, compared to \$19,356 in 2022. The increase during the year ended December 31, 2023 is predominantly due to higher asset management fees and distributions, resulting from an increase in incentive distributions from higher FFO per Unit as well as an increase in gross book value (see Part VI, "Related Party Transactions").

## **EQUITY INCOME FROM INVESTMENTS**

The REIT has a 50% interest in one property (two properties prior to January 5, 2023) comprising 690 suites located in Chicago, Illinois, in which the REIT has joint control of the investment. On January 5, 2023, the REIT's investment in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square was reclassified to investment properties on the acquisition of the remaining interest in the property.

Equity income from investments for the year ended December 31, 2023, was \$5,376 and included a non-cash fair value gain on real estate properties of \$232. For the year ended December 31, 2022, equity income from investments was \$3,822 and included a non-cash fair value loss on real estate properties of \$2,026. NOI decreased by \$2,523, predominantly due to the reclassification of equity interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square to investment properties.

#### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE LOSS (GAIN)**

IFRS requires monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies to be translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate in effect at the reporting date, and any gain or loss is recognized in the consolidated statements of income. The REIT's foreign exchange loss for the year ended December 31, 2023, amounted to \$22 (2022 - gain of \$69), which is mainly the result of the fluctuation of the Canadian dollar against the United States dollar as at December 31, 2023, when compared to December 31, 2022.

## **OTHER INCOME**

Other expense (income) mainly represents interest income earned or expense incurred on the Morguard Facility for advances made to/from Morguard and other expenses (income). For the year ended December 31, 2023, other income amounted to \$360 (2022 - \$3,549). The decrease in other income for the year ended December 31, 2023, was predominantly due to lower interest income earned on the Morguard Facility as well as lower interest earned on restricted cash held as part of a 1031 Exchange of \$148.

## FAIR VALUE GAIN ON REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES, NET

The REIT elected to adopt the fair value model to account for its real estate properties, and changes in fair value each period have been recognized as fair value gain or loss in the consolidated statements of income. Fair value adjustments are determined based on the movement of various valuation parameters on a quarterly basis, including stabilized NOI and capitalization rates.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT recognized a net fair value gain of \$79,947 (2022 - \$208,275). The fair value gain comprises \$115,259 at the Canadian properties and a \$35,312 fair value loss at the REIT's U.S. properties. The fair value gain in Canada was due to an increase in stabilized NOI across the properties in the REIT's Canadian portfolio. The fair value loss in the U.S. was due to a 25 basis point increase in capitalization rates at most U.S. properties, partially offset by an increase in stabilized NOI.

## **FAIR VALUE GAIN ON CLASS B LP UNITS**

The Class B LP Units are classified as financial liabilities in accordance with IFRS and, as a result, are recorded at their fair value at each reporting date. As at December 31, 2023, the REIT valued the Class B LP Units based on the closing price of the TSX-listed Units, which resulted in a fair value liability of \$254,385 (December 31, 2022 - \$279,014) and a corresponding fair value gain for the year ended December 31, 2023 of \$24,629 (2022 - \$26,007). The fair value gain for the years ended December 31, 2023, and 2022, was due to a decrease in the price of the REIT's Units (see Part V, "Capital Structure and Debt Profile").

## **INCOME TAXES**

The REIT is a "mutual fund trust" pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "Act"). Under current tax legislation, a mutual fund trust that is not a Specified Investment Flow-Through ("SIFT") trust pursuant to the Act is entitled to deduct distributions of taxable income such that it is not liable to pay income taxes, provided that its taxable income is fully distributed to Unitholders. The REIT intends to continue to qualify as a mutual fund trust that is not a SIFT trust and to make distributions not less than the amount necessary to ensure that the REIT will not be liable to pay income taxes.

Certain of the REIT's operations or a portion thereof are conducted through its taxable U.S. subsidiaries, which are subject to U.S. federal and state corporate income taxes.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT recorded current tax expense of \$1,209 (2022 - \$132). The increase in current tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2023 was due to a change in U.S. state tax limitation of the utilization of net operating losses in Illinois.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT has recorded deferred income tax expense for U.S. federal and state taxes associated with the U.S. subsidiaries of \$6,874 (2022 - \$70,205), primarily due to the utilization of net operating losses. The deferred income tax expense for the year ended December 31, 2022, was attributable to the fair value gain on the REIT's U.S. properties.

The REIT's provision for income taxes consists of the following:

For the	years	ended	December	31
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(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022
Current	\$1,209	\$132
Deferred	6,874	70,205
Provision for income taxes	\$8,083	\$70,337

As at December 31, 2023, the REIT's U.S. subsidiaries have total net operating losses of approximately US\$27,333 (2022 - US\$44,622) of which deferred income tax assets were recognized as it is probable that taxable profit will be available against such losses. The total net operating losses comprise US\$nil (2022 - US\$16,996) that will expire in various years commencing in 2032 and US\$27,333 (2022 - US\$27,626) that can be carried forward indefinitely. Included in the net operating losses is the portion of net operating losses of the REIT's U.S. Limited Partnership of US\$9,253 (2022 - US\$9,405).

As at December 31, 2023, the REIT's U.S. subsidiaries have a total of US\$36,171 (2022 - US\$20,929) of unutilized interest expense deductions on which deferred income tax assets were recognized.

## **FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS**

FFO (and FFO per Unit) is a non-GAAP financial measure that does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and is not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting issuers in similar or different industries. This measure should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as substitutes for related financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. FFO is computed by the REIT in accordance with the current definition of the Real Property Association of Canada ("REALPAC") and is widely used as a real estate industry standard that supplements net income and evaluates operating performance but is not indicative of funds available to meet the REIT's cash requirements. Additional information on this non-GAAP financial measure can be found under the section Part I, "Specified Financial Measures."

The following table provides a reconciliation of FFO to its closely related financial statement measurement for the following periods:

	Three mon Decem	nths ended ober 31	Year ended December 31	
(In thousands of dollars, except per Unit amounts)	2023	2022	2023	2022
Net income (loss) for the period attributable to Unitholders	\$25,123	(\$175,846)	\$176,336	\$219,282
Add/(deduct):				
Realty taxes accounted for under IFRIC 21 <sup>(1)</sup>	(7,860)	(5,818)	(1,049)	22
Fair value gain on conversion option on the convertible debentures	(24)	(147)	(2,104)	(1,934)
Distributions on Class B LP Units recorded as interest expense <sup>(2)</sup>	3,158	3,071	12,458	12,108
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	8	23	22	(69)
Fair value loss (gain) on real estate properties, net <sup>(3)</sup>	18,535	212,962	(80,179)	(206,249)
Non-controlling interests' share of fair value gain (loss) on real estate properties	(2,627)	(5,845)	4,213	15,445
Fair value loss (gain) on Class B LP Units	(1,378)	14,640	(24,629)	(26,007)
Deferred income tax expense (recovery)	(10,594)	(19,514)	6,874	70,205
FFO - basic	\$24,341	\$23,526	\$91,942	\$82,803
Interest expense on the convertible debentures	847	970	3,608	3,848
FFO - diluted	\$25,188	\$24,496	\$95,550	\$86,651
FFO per Unit - basic	\$0.44	\$0.42	\$1.65	\$1.47
FFO per Unit - diluted	\$0.44	\$0.40	\$1.63	\$1.43
Weighted average number of Units outstanding (in thousands):				
Basic <sup>(4)</sup>	54,991	56,328	55,662	56,310
Diluted <sup>(4) (5)</sup>	57,310	60,561	58,501	60,543

- (1) Realty taxes accounted for under IFRIC 21 (including equity-accounted investments) and excludes non-controlling interests' share.
- (2) Under IFRS, the Class B LP Units are considered financial liabilities and, as a result of this classification, their corresponding distribution amounts are considered interest expense. The REIT believes these distribution payments do not truly represent financing charges because these amounts are payable only if the REIT declares distributions and only for the amount of any distributions declared, both of which are at the discretion of the Board of Trustees as outlined in the Declaration of Trust. Therefore, these distributions are excluded from the calculation of FFO.
- (3) Includes fair value adjustment on real estate properties for equity-accounted investments.
- (4) For purposes of calculating FFO per Unit, Class B LP Units are included as Units outstanding on both a basic and diluted basis.
- (5) Includes the dilutive impact of the convertible debentures.

Basic FFO for the three months ended December 31, 2023, increased by \$815 (or 3.5%) to \$24,341 (\$0.44 per Unit), compared to \$23,526 (\$0.42 per Unit) in 2022. The increase is mainly due to higher Proportionate NOI of \$5,391, partially offset by an increase in interest expense of \$2,345 (calculated on a Proportionate Basis and excludes distributions on Class B LP Units and fair value adjustments on the conversion option on the convertible debentures), an increase in trust expense of \$5 (calculated on a Proportionate Basis), an increase in current tax of \$649 (calculated on a Proportionate Basis) and a decrease in other income of \$1,577.

Basic FFO per Unit for the three months ended December 31, 2023, increased by \$0.02 to \$0.44 per Unit, compared to \$0.42 per Unit in 2022 due to the following factors:

- i) on a Same Property Proportionate Basis, in local currency, an increase in NOI from higher AMR, net of lower vacancy, partly offset by higher operating expenses and an increase in interest expense had a \$0.01 per Unit positive impact;
- ii) the impact of acquisition, net of disposition of properties had a \$0.03 per Unit positive impact;
- iii) a decrease in other income primarily from a decrease in interest income on the Morguard Facility, and a decrease on interest earned on restricted cash held as part of a 1031 Exchange, had a \$0.03 per Unit negative impact; and

iv) the impact from Units repurchased under the REIT's NCIB (defined below) had a \$0.01 per Unit positive impact.

Basic FFO for the year ended December 31, 2023, increased by \$9,139 (or 11.0%) to \$91,942 (\$1.65 per Unit), compared to \$82,803 (\$1.47 per Unit) in 2022. The increase is mainly due to higher Proportionate NOI of \$24,647, partially offset by an increase in interest expense of \$9,075 (calculated on a Proportionate Basis and excludes distributions on Class B LP Units and fair value adjustments on the conversion option on the convertible debentures), an increase in trust expenses of \$2,368 (calculated on a Proportionate Basis), an increase in current tax of \$884 (calculated on a Proportionate Basis) and a decrease in other income of \$3,181.

Basic FFO per Unit for the year ended December 31, 2023, increased by \$0.18 to \$1.65 per Unit, compared to \$1.47 per Unit in 2022 due to the following factors:

- on a Same Property Proportionate Basis, in local currency, an increase in NOI from higher AMR and ancillary revenue, partly offset by higher operating expenses, an increase in interest expense and trust expenses had a \$0.08 per Unit positive impact. In addition, a change in the foreign exchange rate had a \$0.05 per Unit positive impact, primarily resulting from an increase in FFO generated from U.S. properties;
- ii) the impact of acquisition, net of disposition of properties had a \$0.08 per Unit positive impact;
- iii) a decrease in other income primarily from a decrease in interest income on the Morguard Facility, and a decrease on interest earned on restricted cash held as part of a 1031 Exchange, had a \$0.05 per Unit negative impact; and
- iv) the impact from Units repurchased under the REIT's NCIB had a \$0.02 per Unit positive impact.

## **DISTRIBUTIONS**

Total distributions (including Class B LP Units) is a non-GAAP financial measure that does not have any standardized meaning prescribed by IFRS and is not necessarily comparable to similar measures presented by other reporting issuers in similar or different industries. This measure should be considered as supplemental in nature and not as substitutes for related financial information prepared in accordance with IFRS. Additional information on this non-GAAP financial measure can be found under the section Part I, "Specified Financial Measures."

On October 24, 2023, the REIT announced that its Board of Trustees has approved an increase to its annual cash distributions by \$0.02 per Unit (2.78%) to \$0.74 per Unit on an annualized basis from \$0.72 per Unit. The increase was effective for the November 2023 distribution, paid on December 15, 2023.

The Trustees have discretion with respect to the timing and amounts of distributions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, total distributions (including Class B LP Units) amounted to \$40,301 (2022 - \$39,588).

			2023			2022
For the years ended December 31		Class B			Class B	
(In thousands of dollars)	Units	LP Units	Total	Units	LP Units	Total
Distributions paid and declared	\$26,934	\$12,458	\$39,392	\$26,665	\$12,108	\$38,773
Distributions – DRIP	909	_	909	815	_	815
Total	\$27,843	\$12,458	\$40,301	\$27,480	\$12,108	\$39,588

The following table summarizes distributions paid to holders of Units in relation to net income and cash provided by operating activities:

For the years ended December 31			
(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022	2021
Net income	\$185,281	\$239,563	\$244,974
Cash provided by operating activities	88,966	75,173	63,696
Distributions - Units <sup>(1)</sup>	\$27,843	\$27,480	\$27,315
Excess of net income over distributions	\$157,438	\$212,083	\$217,659
Excess of cash provided by operating activities over distributions	\$61,123	\$47,693	\$36,381

<sup>(1)</sup> Excludes distributions on Class B LP Units since these were recorded as interest expense and, therefore, were deducted in calculating net income and cash provided by operating activities.

Net income for the year ended December 31, 2023, includes \$104,127 of non-cash components relating to a fair value gain on real estate properties, fair value gain on Class B LP Units, equity income from investments, an IFRIC 21 adjustment to realty taxes and deferred income taxes. Net income exceeded distributions when removing the impact of these non-cash items.

In determining the annual level of distributions to Unitholders, the REIT looks at forward-looking cash flow information, including forecasts and budgets, and the future prospects of the REIT. Furthermore, the REIT does not consider periodic cash flow fluctuations resulting from items such as the timing of property operating costs, property tax instalments or semi-annual debenture interest payments in determining the level of distributions to Unitholders in any particular quarter. Additionally, in establishing the level of distributions to the Unitholders, the REIT considers the impact of, among other items, the future growth in the income producing properties, the impact of future acquisitions and capital expenditures related to the income producing properties.

## **PART IV**

## **BALANCE SHEET ANALYSIS**

## **REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES**

The REIT accounts for its real estate properties using the fair value model. The following table provides the regional allocation of real estate properties for the following periods:

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(In thousands of Canadian dollars, unless otherwise stated)	2023	2022
Canadian Properties		
Alberta	\$50,000	\$50,200
Ontario	1,539,740	1,402,030
Total Canadian Properties	1,589,740	1,452,230
U.S. Properties (in U.S. dollars)		
Colorado	118,900	119,500
Texas	206,400	207,900
Louisiana	49,300	49,500
Illinois	406,000	336,000
Georgia	110,700	111,700
Florida	506,699	505,800
North Carolina	193,400	185,300
Virginia	50,200	52,200
Maryland	180,374	37,699
Total U.S. Properties (in U.S. dollars)	1,821,973	1,605,599
Exchange amount to Canadian dollars	587,768	569,024
Total U.S. Properties (in Canadian dollars)	2,409,741	2,174,623
Total real estate properties	\$3,999,481	\$3,626,853

The value of real estate properties increased by \$372,628 as at December 31, 2023, to \$3,999,481, compared to \$3,626,853 at December 31, 2022. The increase is mainly the result of the following:

- An increase due to the acquisition of Xavier of \$113,805 (US\$83,829);
- An increase due to the acquisition of Fenestra at Rockville Town Square, net of mark-to-market adjustment of \$93.853 (US\$69.294):
- An increase from the transfer of the REIT's equity interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square of \$96.840 (US\$71.500):
- Capitalization of property enhancements of \$44,299;
- A net fair value gain on real estate properties of \$80,996; and
- A decrease of \$57,717 due to the change in U.S. dollar foreign exchange rate.

#### **APPRAISAL CAPITALIZATION RATES**

Morguard's appraisal division consists of Appraisal Institute of Canada ("AIC") designated Accredited Appraiser Canadian Institute ("AACI") members who are qualified to offer valuation and consulting services and expertise for all types of real property, all of whom are knowledgeable and have recent experience in the fair value techniques for investment properties. AACI members must adhere to AIC's Canadian Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice ("CUSPAP") and undertake ongoing professional development. Morguard's appraisal division is responsible for determining the fair value of investment properties every quarter. Morguard's valuation processes and results are reviewed by the REIT's senior management at least once every quarter, in line with the REIT's quarterly reporting dates.

Key assumptions used in determining the valuation of income producing properties include estimates of capitalization rates and stabilized net operating income (which is primarily influenced by revenue growth, vacancy rates, inflation rates and operating costs), pertain to forward-looking assumptions and market evidence, and, accordingly, could materially and adversely impact the underlying valuation of the REIT's income producing properties.

As at December 31, 2023, and 2022, the REIT had all its portfolio appraised by Morguard's appraisal division. In addition, the REIT's U.S. portfolio is appraised by independent U.S. real estate appraisal firms on a three-year cycle.

The REIT utilizes the direct capitalization income method to appraise its portfolio. This method requires that rental income from current leases and key assumptions about rental income, vacancies and inflation rates, among other factors, are used to determine a one-year stabilized net operating income forecast for each individual property within the REIT's portfolio and also considers any capital expenditures anticipated within the year. A capitalization rate was also determined for each property based on market information related to the external sale of similar properties within a similar location. These factors were used to determine the fair value of income producing properties at each reporting period.

As at December 31, 2023, using the direct capitalization income approach, the properties were valued using capitalization rates in the range of 3.8% to 6.3% (2022 - 3.8% to 6.0%) applied to a stabilized net operating income of \$180,813 (2022 - \$161,168), resulting in an overall weighted average capitalization rate of 4.5% (2022 - 4.4%).

The stabilized occupancy and average capitalization rates by location are set out in the following table:

	<b>December 31, 2023</b>					Decer	mber 31, 2	022			
	Occupa	ancy	Capita	lization	Rates	Occupa	ancy	Capitalization Rates			
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Weighted Average	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Weighted Average	
Canada											
Alberta	96.0%	96.0%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	96.0%	96.0%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	
Ontario	97.5%	96.5%	4.3%	3.8%	3.9%	97.5%	96.5%	4.3%	3.8%	3.9%	
United States											
Colorado	95.0%	95.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	95.0%	95.0%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	
Texas	95.0%	95.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	95.0%	95.0%	4.8%	4.5%	4.7%	
Louisiana	95.0%	95.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	95.0%	95.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	
Illinois <sup>(1)</sup>	95.0%	94.0%	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%	95.0%	93.0%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%	
Georgia	96.0%	95.0%	5.3%	4.8%	5.1%	96.0%	95.0%	5.3%	4.8%	5.0%	
Florida	96.0%	93.6%	6.3%	4.5%	5.2%	96.0%	93.6%	6.0%	4.5%	5.1%	
North Carolina	94.0%	94.0%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%	94.0%	94.0%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%	
Virginia	95.0%	95.0%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	95.0%	95.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	
Maryland <sup>(1)</sup>	95.0%	95.0%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	95.0%	95.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes equity-accounted investments.

Fair values are most sensitive to changes in capitalization rates and stabilized net operating income. Generally, an increase in stabilized net operating income will result in an increase in the fair value of the income producing properties, and an increase in capitalization rates will result in a decrease in the fair value of the properties. The capitalization rate magnifies the effect of a change in stabilized net operating income, with a lower capitalization rate resulting in a greater impact on the fair value of the property than a higher capitalization rate. If the weighted average stabilized capitalization rate were to increase or decrease by 25 basis points (assuming no change in stabilized net operating income), the value of the income producing properties as at December 31, 2023 would decrease by \$206,456 or increase by \$230,959, respectively.

### PROPERTY CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

The REIT has a continual capital improvement program with respect to its investment properties. The program is designed to maintain and improve the operating performance of the properties and has enhanced the value of the properties by allowing the REIT to charge higher rents or by enabling it to lower operating expenses. The capital investments have also increased resident retention by ensuring that the properties retain their attractiveness to both existing and prospective tenants.

The REIT is committed to improving its operating performance by incurring appropriate capital expenditures in order to replace and maintain the productive capacity of its property portfolio so as to sustain its rental incomegenerating potential over the portfolio's useful life. In accordance with IFRS, the REIT capitalizes all capital improvement expenditures on its properties which enhance the service potential of the property and extend the useful lives of the asset.

The following table provides additional details on total capital expenditures over the past three years:

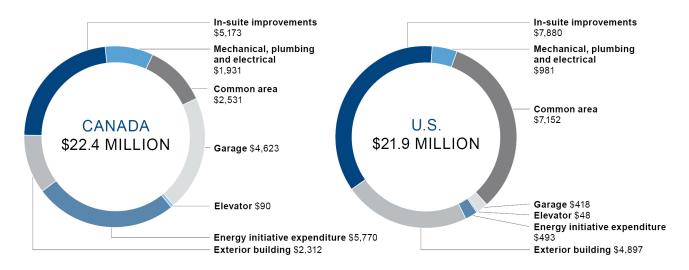
For the years ended December 31			
(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022	2021
Common area	\$9,683	\$6,583	\$3,848
Mechanical, plumbing and electrical	2,912	3,670	1,759
Exterior building	7,209	12,484	12,341
Garage	5,041	1,100	106
Elevator	138	263	201
Energy initiative expenditure	6,263	3,819	428
In-suite improvements	13,053	12,900	11,329
Total capital expenditures	\$44,299	\$40,819	\$30,012

## **Capital Expenditures by Country**

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The following details total capital expenditures by country:

For the year ended December 31, 2023 (In thousands of dollars)



During the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT's total capital expenditures amounted to \$44,299 (or \$3,599 per suite), compared to \$40,819 (or \$3,428 per suite) during 2022. The REIT's revenue-enhancing capital expenditures were mainly comprised of in-suite improvements and energy initiative upgrades, the REIT also benefited from common area and exterior building projects which enhance the overall appeal of the properties.

The REIT's in-suite renovations at properties where solid rental demand, coupled with strong market fundamentals allow for above-market rent increases and an attractive return on the capital invested. Across the portfolio, during 2023 in-suite improvements included upgrades such as new carpet, installation of more durable plank flooring, wall painting, kitchen sinks and faucets fittings and upgrades to energy efficient appliances.

The REIT continued capital expenditures on energy efficiency initiatives across the portfolio, which included boiler replacements, water and lighting retrofits. Common area capital expenditure included enhancing amenity areas such as courtyards and other outdoor/indoor amenity spaces as well as stairwell, hallway and corridors completed at several properties. Sustaining capital included several projects such as balcony, garage, roof, fencing, sidewalk and driveways, as well as landscaping upgrades which were completed across multiple properties.

## **EQUITY-ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS**

The following are the REIT's equity-accounted investments as at December 31, 2023, and 2022:

			Owne	rship	Carrying	y Value
Property	Place of Business	Investment Type	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
The Fenestra	Rockville, MD	Joint Venture	-%	50%	\$—	\$52,857
Marquee at Block 37	Chicago, IL	Joint Venture	50%	50%	53,282	52,605
					\$53,282	\$105,462

On January 5, 2023, the REIT acquired from Morguard the remaining 50% interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square, at which point the carrying value of the 50% interest was transferred to each respective balance sheet line item including income producing properties in the amount of \$96,840 and mortgages payable in the amount of \$45,997.

The Marquee at Block 37 is a 38-storey apartment building located in the heart of downtown Chicago and features 690 suites and extensive best-in-class amenities.

The following table presents the change in the balance of the equity-accounted investments:

## As at December 31

(In thousands of Canadian dollars)	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$105,462	\$96,376
Transfer	(52,857)	_
Distributions received	(3,385)	(1,796)
Share of net income	5,376	3,822
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(1,314)	7,060
Balance, end of year	\$53,282	\$105,462

## **PART V**

## LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES LIQUIDITY

The REIT has liquidity of \$120,500, comprised of approximately \$18,000 in cash and \$102,500 available credit under its revolving credit facility with Morguard Corporation. In addition, the REIT has approximately \$197,500 of unencumbered assets.

Net cash flows from operating activities represent the primary source of liquidity to fund distributions and maintenance capital expenditures. The REIT's net cash flows from operating activities depend on the occupancy level of its rental properties, rental rates on its leases, collectability of rent from its tenants, level of operating expenses and other factors. Material changes in these factors may adversely affect the REIT's cash flows from operating activities and liquidity (see Part VII, "Risks and Uncertainties").

The REIT expects to be able to meet all of its obligations, including distributions to Unitholders, maintenance and property capital expenditure commitments as they become due, and to provide for the future growth of the business. The REIT expects to have sufficient liquidity as a result of cash flows from operating activities and financing available through the Morguard Facility. Accordingly, the REIT does not intend to repay maturing debt from cash flow but rather with proceeds from refinancing such debt, subject to certain conditions (see Part V, "Capital Structure and Debt Profile").

#### **CASH FLOWS**

The following table details the changes in cash for the following periods:

(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022
Cash provided by operating activities	\$88,966	\$75,173
Cash used in investing activities	(209,009)	(11,058)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities	120,837	(78,880)
Net increase (decrease) in cash during the year	794	(14,765)
Net effect of foreign currency translation on cash balance	2,395	2,839
Cash, beginning of year	14,636	26,562
Cash, end of year	\$17,825	\$14,636

## **Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

Cash provided by operating activities during the year ended December 31, 2023, was \$88,966, compared to \$75,173 in 2022. The change during the year mainly relates to an increase in NOI (excluding IFRIC 21 adjustment) of \$27,954, a net increase in non-cash operating assets and liabilities of \$2,347 and an increase from distributions from equity-accounted investments of \$1,589, partially offset by an increase in interest expense of \$10,472, a decrease in other income of \$3,189, an increase in trust expenses of \$2,621 and an increase in current income taxes of \$1,077.

## **Cash Used in Investing Activities**

Cash used in investing activities during the year ended December 31, 2023, totalled \$209,009, compared to \$11,058 in 2022. The cash used in investing activities during the year consists of acquisition of income producing properties totalling \$164,710 and the capitalization of property enhancements of \$44,299.

#### Cash Provided by (Used in) Financing Activities

Cash provided by financing activities during the year ended December 31, 2023, totalled \$120,837, compared to cash used in financing activities of \$78,880 during the same period in 2022. The cash provided by financing activities during the year was largely due to net proceeds from new mortgages of \$183,262, a decrease in restricted cash of \$82,833 representing the net sales proceeds held by a qualified intermediary pursuant to the REIT utilizing the 1031 Exchange, net proceeds from Morguard Facility of \$78,022 and net proceeds from the issuance of convertible debentures of \$53,590, partially offset by the repayment of mortgages on maturity of \$106,449, the redemption of maturing convertible debentures of \$85,500, mortgage principal instalment repayments of \$32,817, distributions paid to Unitholders of \$26,953 and the repurchase of Units for cancellation of \$23,533.

## CAPITAL STRUCTURE AND DEBT PROFILE

The REIT's capital management is designed to maintain a level of capital that allows it to implement its business strategy while complying with investment and debt restrictions pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, as well as existing debt covenants, while continuing to build long-term Unitholder value and maintaining sufficient capital contingencies. Total capitalization is calculated as the sum of the principal amount of the REIT's total debt (including mortgages payable, convertible debentures, lease liabilities and amounts drawn under its revolving credit facility with Morguard), Unitholders' equity and Class B LP Units liability.

The total managed capital of the REIT is summarized below:

As at December 31		
(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022
Mortgages payable, principal balance	\$1,511,252	\$1,394,444
Convertible debentures, face value	56,000	85,500
Lease liabilities	16,059	16,235
Class B LP Units	254,385	279,014
Unitholders' equity	1,852,778	1,753,475
Total capitalization	\$3,690,474	\$3,528,668

### **DEBT PROFILE**

As at December 31, 2023, the overall leverage, as represented by the ratio of total indebtedness to gross book value was 38.7%. The requirements of the REIT's operating policies as outlined in the Declaration of Trust include the requirement that the REIT will not incur or assume indebtedness if, after giving effect to the incurring or assumption of the indebtedness, the total indebtedness of the REIT would be more than 70% of the gross book value.

The interest coverage ratio and the indebtedness coverage ratio are calculated based on obligations associated with mortgages payable, lease liability, the convertible debentures and the Morguard Facility.

The following table summarizes the key debt metrics:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Total indebtedness to gross book value <sup>(1)</sup>	38.7%	38.0%
Weighted average mortgage interest rate <sup>(2)</sup>	3.72%	3.50%
Weighted average term to maturity on mortgages payable (years)	4.9	4.9

- (1) A calculation of indebtedness to gross book value (a non-GAAP ratio) and a reconciliation of the ratio's non-GAAP financial measure components from the IFRS financial statement presentation is presented under the section Part IX, "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures."
- (2) Represents the contractual interest rates on mortgages payable.

For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Interest coverage ratio <sup>(1)</sup>	2.48	2.54
Indebtedness coverage ratio <sup>(2)</sup>	1.64	1.58

- (1) A calculation of interest coverage ratio (a non-GAAP ratio) and a reconciliation of the ratio's non-GAAP financial measure components from the IFRS financial statement presentation is presented under the section Part IX, "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures."
- (2) A calculation of indebtedness coverage ratio (a non-GAAP ratio) and a reconciliation of the ratio's non-GAAP financial measure components from the IFRS financial statement presentation is presented under the section Part IX, "Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures."

## **MORTGAGES PAYABLE**

Mortgages payable consist of the following:

As at December 31		
(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022
Principal balance of mortgages	\$1,511,252	\$1,394,444
Deferred financing costs	(13,628)	(12,270)
Mark-to-market adjustment	(2,262)	<u> </u>
	\$1,495,362	\$1,382,174
Range of interest rates	2.03-7.39%	2.03-5.79%
Weighted average interest rate	3.72%	3.50%
Weighted average term to maturity (years)	4.9	4.9
Fair value of mortgages	\$1,438,179	\$1,291,966

As at December 31, 2023, the principal balance on the mortgages payable totalled \$1,511,252 (2022 - \$1,394,444), the deferred financing costs associated with the mortgages amounted to \$13,628 (2022 - \$12,270) and the mark-to-market adjustment amounted to \$2,262 (2022 - \$nil).

Mortgages payable increased by \$113,188 as at December 31, 2023, to \$1,495,362, compared to \$1,382,174 at December 31, 2022. The increase is mainly due to the following:

- The repayment of mortgages totalling \$81,896 (US\$60,778) on four U.S. multi-suite residential properties, which were refinanced for an aggregate amount of \$126,173 (US\$93,745);
- The repayment of mortgages of \$24,553 on a Canadian multi-suite residential property, which was refinanced for an amount of \$61,137;
- An assumption of mortgage payable of \$45,997 (US\$33,961) on the acquisition of the remaining 50% interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square;
- A mark-to-market adjustment of \$3,049 (US\$2,251) on the mortgage payable assumed on the acquisition of the remaining 50% interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square;
- An increase of \$45,997 (US\$33,961) from the transfer of the REIT's equity interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square;
- Financing cost of \$4,048;
- Scheduled principal repayments of \$32,817;
- A decrease of \$23,043 due to the change in the U.S. dollar foreign exchange rate; and
- Amortization of deferred financing costs and mark-to-market adjustment on mortgages totalling \$3,671.

On April 28, 2023, the REIT completed the refinancing of two multi-suite residential properties located in Atlanta, Georgia, and Cary, North Carolina, for an aggregate amount of \$89,574 (US\$65,970) at an interest rate of 5.06% and for terms of 10 years. The maturing mortgages amounted to \$61,240 (US\$45,102) and had a weighted average interest rate of 3.51%.

On May 1, 2023, the REIT completed the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ("CMHC") insured financing of a multi-suite residential property located in Toronto, Ontario, in the amount of \$61,137 at an interest rate of 4.18% and for a term of 10 years. The maturing mortgage amounted to \$24,553 and had an interest rate of 2.96%.

On July 31, 2023, the REIT completed the refinancing of two multi-suite residential properties located in Pensacola, Florida, for an aggregate amount of \$36,599 (US\$27,775) at an interest rate of 5.66% and for terms of eight years. The maturing mortgages amount to \$20,656 (US\$15,676) and had a weighted average interest rate of 3.39%.

The REIT's first mortgages are registered against specific real estate assets and substantially all of the REIT's rental properties and related rental revenue have been pledged as collateral for the mortgages payable.

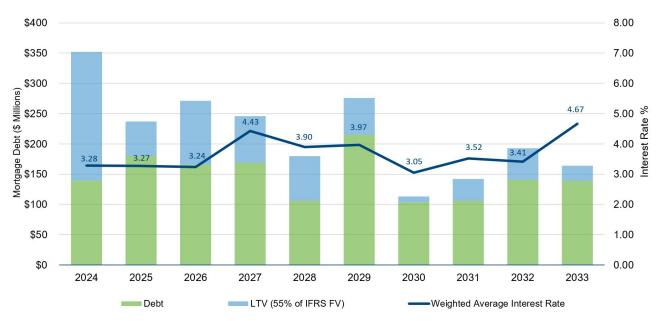
Short-term fluctuations in working capital are funded through the Morguard Facility. The REIT anticipates meeting all future obligations and has no off-balance-sheet financing arrangements.

The following table details the REIT's mortgages that are scheduled to mature in the next two years.

				2024				2025
Asset Type	Number of Properties	Principal Maturing	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Maturing Loan-to- Value Ratio	Number of Properties	Principal Maturing	Weighted Average Interest Rate	Maturing Loan-to- Value Ratio
Canada	5	\$140,446	3.28%	21.9%	1	\$30,832	2.25%	19.9%
U.S.	_	_	—%	—%	1	148,881	3.49%	53.9%
	5	\$140,446	3.28%	21.9%	2	\$179,713	3.27%	41.7%

As at December 31, 2023, the following table illustrates the REIT's mortgages (including equity-accounted investment at the REIT's interest), along with the IFRS fair value (at a loan-to-value of 55%) secured against the mortgages by year of maturity:

## As at December 31, 2023



#### **CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES**

Convertible debentures consist of the following:

## As at December 31

(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022
4.50% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures	\$—	\$85,223
6.00% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures	52,245	_
Fair value of conversion option	2,131	94
Unamortized financing costs	(2,100)	(191)
	\$52,276	\$85,126

For the year ended December 31, 2023, interest on the convertible debentures amounting to \$3,608 (2022 - \$3,848) is included in interest expense.

## 4.50% Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures

On February 13, 2018, the REIT issued \$75,000 principal amount of 4.50% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "2018 Debentures") maturing on March 31, 2023. On February 21, 2018, an additional principal amount of \$10,500 was issued pursuant to the exercise of the over-allotment option. Interest was payable semi-annually, not in advance, on March 31 and September 30 of each year. The underwriters' commissions, legal and other issue costs attributable to the 2018 Debentures in the amount of \$3,375 have been capitalized and amortized over their term to maturity. Morguard owned \$5,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Debentures.

On March 24, 2023, the REIT redeemed the 2018 Debentures in advance of their March 31, 2023 maturity date.

## 6.00% Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures

On March 9, 2023, the REIT issued \$50,000 principal amount of 6.00% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "2023 Debentures") maturing on March 31, 2028 (the "Maturity Date"). On March 17, 2023, an additional principal amount of \$6,000 was issued pursuant to the exercise of the over-allotment option. Interest is payable semi-annually, not in advance, on March 31 and September 30 of each year, commencing on September 30, 2023. The underwriters' commissions, legal and other issue costs attributable to the 2023 Debentures in the amount of \$2,410 have been capitalized and are being amortized over their term to maturity. Morguard and Paros Enterprises Limited, related parties, own \$5,000 and \$2,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Debentures, respectively.

As at December 31, 2023, \$56,000 of the face value of the 2023 Debentures were outstanding.

Each of the 2023 Debentures can be converted into fully paid, non-assessable and freely tradable Units at the option of the holder at any time prior to the close of business on the earlier of the Maturity Date and the business day immediately preceding the date specified by the REIT for redemption of the 2023 Debentures, at a conversion price of \$24.15 per Unit, being a ratio of approximately 41.4079 Units per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2023 Debentures.

From April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, the 2023 Debentures will be redeemable, in whole at any time, or in part from time to time, at the option of the REIT on not more than 60 days' and not less than 30 days' prior written notice, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest up to the date fixed for redemption, provided that the volume weighted average trading price per Unit on the TSX (or such other exchange if the Units are not listed on the TSX) for the 20 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth trading day preceding the date on which notice of redemption is given (the "Current Market Price") is not less than 125% of the conversion price. From April 1, 2027, and prior to the Maturity Date, the 2023 Debentures will be redeemable, in whole at any time, or in part from time to time, at the option of the REIT on not more than 60 days' and not less than 30 days' prior written notice, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest up to the date fixed for redemption. Subject to regulatory approval and other conditions, the REIT may, at its option, elect to satisfy its obligation to pay, in whole or in part, the principal amount of the 2023 Debentures that are to be redeemed or that have matured by issuing and delivering that number of freely tradable Units to the debentureholders obtained by dividing the principal amount of the 2023 Debentures being repaid by 95% of the Current Market Price on the date of redemption or maturity, as applicable.

#### **MORGUARD FACILITY**

The REIT has an unsecured revolving credit facility with Morguard (the "Morguard Facility") that provides for borrowings or advances that can be drawn or advanced either in Canadian dollars or an equivalent amount in United States dollars subject to the availability of sufficient funds. If in Canadian dollars, interest will be calculated either at the Canadian prime lending rate or at the bankers' acceptance rate plus 1.8%. If the borrowing or advance is in United States dollars, interest will be calculated at the United States prime lending rate. The maximum allowable to be borrowed or advanced under the Morguard Facility is \$100,000.

As at December 31, 2023, the net amount receivable under the Morguard Facility was \$2,627 (2022 - \$80,695).

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT recorded net interest expense of \$4 (2022 - net interest income of \$2,982) on the Morguard Facility.

## **LEASE LIABILITIES**

The REIT has classified its land leases as a lease liability under the assumption that substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership have been transferred.

### **Ground Lease #1**

The REIT's property located in Falls Church, Virginia, is subject to a land lease that expires in 2113, with a fixed price land purchase option available in September 2029 for US\$7,150.

#### **Ground Lease #2**

In connection with the acquisition of Rockville Town Square, the REIT assumed a land lease with an annual lease payment of \$389, expiring on September 1, 2061.

The future minimum lease payments under the lease liabilities are as follows:

#### As at December 31

Present value of minimum lease payments	\$16,059	\$16,235
Less: Future interest costs	(15,797)	(16,777)
Total minimum lease payments	31,856	33,012
Over 5 years	26,716	27,915
2 to 5 years	4,155	4,125
Within 12 months	\$985	\$972
(In thousands of Canadian dollars)	2023	2022

## **CONTRACTUAL MATURITIES**

The contractual maturities and repayment obligations of the REIT's financial liabilities for upcoming periods as at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

As at December 31, 2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	Thereafter	Total
Mortgages payable	\$170,925	\$202,977	\$183,933	\$184,448	\$118,660	\$650,309	\$1,511,252
Mortgage interest	51,660	44,956	37,617	33,447	27,280	68,138	263,098
Convertible debentures	_	_	_	_	56,000	_	56,000
Convertible debentures' interest	3,360	3,360	3,360	3,360	828	_	14,268
Accounts payable and	54,774	_	_	_	_	_	54,774
accrued liabilities							
Lease liabilities	985	1,038	1,038	1,038	1,041	26,716	31,856
	\$281,704	\$252,331	\$225,948	\$222,293	\$203,809	\$745,163	\$1,931,248

## UNITHOLDERS' EQUITY, SPECIAL VOTING UNITS AND CLASS B LP UNITS UNITS

The REIT is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Units. Each Unit confers the right to one vote at any meeting of Unitholders and to participate *pro rata* in the distributions by the REIT and, in the event of termination or winding-up of the REIT, in the net assets of the REIT. The Unitholders have the right to require the REIT to redeem their Units on demand subject to certain conditions. The Units have no par value. Upon receipt of the redemption notice by the REIT, all rights to and under the Units tendered for redemption will cease and the holder thereof will be entitled to receive a price per Unit ("Redemption Price") as determined by a formula outlined in the Declaration of Trust. The Redemption Price will be paid in accordance with the conditions provided for in the Declaration of Trust.

The Trustees have discretion with respect to the timing and amounts of distributions.

The following table summarizes the changes in Units for the period from December 31, 2021, to December 31, 2023:

Issued and Fully Paid Units (In thousands, except Unit amounts)	Units	Amount
Balance, December 31, 2021	39,064,265	\$469,959
Units issued under DRIP	47,528	815
Balance, December 31, 2022	39,111,793	470,774
Units issued under DRIP	56,150	909
Units repurchased through the REIT's NCIB plan	(1,431,984)	(23,533)
Balance, December 31, 2023	37,735,959	\$448,150

#### **NORMAL COURSE ISSUER BIDS**

On January 6, 2023, the REIT had the approval of the TSX under its normal course issuer bid ("NCIB") to purchase up to 1,474,371 Units and \$4,024 principal amount of the 2018 Debentures. The program expired on January 9, 2024. On January 10, 2024, the REIT obtained the approval of the TSX under its NCIB, commencing January 12, 2024, to purchase up to 2,795,028 Units, being approximately 10% of the public float of outstanding Units; the program expires on January 11, 2025. The daily repurchase restriction for the Units is 6,634. Additionally, the REIT may purchase up to \$4,900 principal amount of the 2023 Debentures, being 10% of the public float of outstanding 2023 Debentures. The daily repurchase restriction for the 2023 Debentures is \$6. The price that the REIT would pay for any such Units or 2023 Debentures would be the market price at the time of acquisition.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, 1,431,984 Units were repurchased for cash consideration of \$23,533 at a weighted average price of \$16.43 per Unit. There were no repurchases of Units under the NCIB plan for the year ended December 31, 2022.

## **DISTRIBUTION REINVESTMENT PLAN**

Under the REIT's Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("DRIP"), Unitholders can elect to reinvest cash distributions into additional Units at a weighted average closing price of the Units on the TSX for the five trading days immediately preceding the applicable date of distribution. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT issued 56,150 Units under the DRIP (2022 - 47,528 Units).

## SPECIAL VOTING UNITS AND CLASS B LP UNITS

The REIT is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Special Voting Units. The Declaration of Trust and the exchange agreement provide for the issuance of the Special Voting Units, which have no economic entitlement in the REIT or in the distribution of assets of the REIT but are used to provide voting rights proportionate to the votes of the Units to holders of securities exchangeable into Units, including the Class B LP Units. Each Special Voting Unit is not transferable separately from the Class B LP Unit to which it is attached and will be automatically redeemed and cancelled upon exchange of the attached Class B LP Unit into a Unit.

On April 18, 2012, the REIT issued 17,223,090 Class B LP Units to Morguard for \$172,231. The Class B LP Units are non-transferable, except under certain circumstances, but are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis into Units of the REIT at any time at the option of the holder. Prior to such exchange, distributions are made on the Class B LP Units in an amount equivalent to the distribution that would have been made had the Units of the REIT been issued. Each Class B LP Unit was accompanied by a Special Voting Unit that entitles the holder to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of the Unitholders. There is no value assigned to the Special Voting Units.

As at December 31, 2023, the REIT valued the Class B LP Units based on the closing price of the TSX-listed Units, which resulted in a fair value liability of \$254,385 (2022 - \$279,014) and a corresponding fair value gain for the year ended December 31, 2023 of \$24,629 (2022 - \$26,007). For the year ended December 31, 2023, distributions on Class B LP Units amounting to \$12,458 (2022 - \$12,108) are included in interest expense.

As at December 31, 2023, Morguard owned a 46.1% effective interest in the REIT through its ownership of 8,120,666 Units and 17,223,090 Class B LP Units.

As at December 31, 2023, there were 37,735,959 Units and 17,223,090 exchangeable Class B LP Units issued and outstanding.

As at February 13, 2024, there were 37,741,355 Units and 17,223,090 exchangeable Class B LP Units issued and outstanding.

## PART VI

## RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Related party transactions that are in the normal course of operations are subject to the same processes and controls as other transactions; that is, they are subject to standard approval procedures and management oversight but are also considered by management for reasonability against fair value. Related party transactions that are found to be material are subject to review and approval by a committee of independent Trustees.

## **AGREEMENTS WITH MORGUARD AFFILIATES**

The REIT, Morguard NAR Canada Limited Partnership (the "Partnership") and its subsidiaries entered into a series of agreements ("Agreements") with certain Morguard affiliates whereby the following services are provided by Morguard's affiliates under the direction of the REIT:

## **Property Management**

Pursuant to the Agreements, Morguard's affiliates administer the day-to-day operations of the Canadian and U.S. income producing properties, for which Morguard's affiliates receive partnership fees and distributions equal to 3.5% of gross property revenue of the income producing properties, payable monthly. For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees and distributions amounted to \$11,855 (2022 - \$10,174) and are included in property operating costs and equity income from investments.

## **Asset Management**

Pursuant to the Agreements, Morguard's affiliates have certain duties and responsibilities for the strategic management and administration of the Partnership and its subsidiaries, for which they receive partnership fees and distributions equal to 0.25% of the Partnership's gross book value defined as acquisition cost of the REIT's assets plus: (i) fair value adjustments; and (ii) accumulated amortization on property, plant and equipment. In addition, an annual fee and distribution is calculated in arrears, determined by multiplying 15% of the Partnership's funds from operations in excess of \$0.66 per Unit. For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees and distributions amounted to \$19,744 (2022 - \$17,193) and are included in trust expenses and equity income from investments.

## **Acquisition**

Pursuant to the Agreements, Morguard's affiliates are entitled to receive partnership fees with respect to properties acquired, directly or indirectly, by the REIT from third parties, and the fees are to be paid upon the closing of the purchase of each such property. The fees range from 0% of the purchase price paid for properties acquired directly or indirectly from Morguard, including entities controlled by Morguard, up to 0.75% of the purchase price paid for properties acquired from third parties. For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees relating to acquisition services amounted to \$825 (2022 - \$1,581) and have been capitalized to income producing properties.

## **Financing**

Pursuant to the Agreements, with respect to arranging for financing services, Morguard's affiliates are entitled to receive partnership fees equal to 0.15% of the principal amount and associated costs (excluding mortgage premiums) of any debt financing or refinancing. For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees relating to financing services amounted to \$285 (2022 - \$325) and have been capitalized to deferred financing costs.

## **Other Services**

As at December 31, 2023, and 2022, the REIT had its portfolio appraised by Morguard's appraisal division. Fees relating to appraisal services for the year ended December 31, 2023, amounted to \$208 (2022 - \$212) and are included in trust expenses.

All the Agreements had an initial term of 10 years and are renewable for further terms of five years each, subject to certain notice provisions or upon the occurrence of an event of default as stipulated in the provisions of the Agreements.

## **KEY MANAGEMENT COMPENSATION**

The executive officers of the REIT are employed by Morguard, and the REIT does not directly or indirectly pay any compensation to them. Any variability in compensation paid by Morguard to the executive officers of the REIT has no impact on the REIT's financial obligations, including its obligations under the Agreements with Morguard and Morguard's affiliates.

## **PART VII**

## SUMMARY OF MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The REIT's consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, have been prepared in accordance with IFRS. A summary of the material accounting policies is included in Note 2 to the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023.

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements 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 consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods.

In determining estimates of fair market value for the REIT's income producing properties, the assumptions underlying estimated values are limited by the availability of comparable data and the uncertainty of predictions concerning future events. Significant estimates used in determining fair value of the REIT's income producing properties include capitalization rates and stabilized net operating income (which is primarily influenced by revenue growth, vacancy rates, inflation rates and operating costs). Should any of these underlying assumptions change, actual results could differ from the estimated amounts.

## CRITICAL MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND ESTIMATES

The REIT's critical material accounting policies are those that management believes are the most important in portraying the REIT's financial condition and results and that require the most subjective judgment and estimates on the part of management.

## **INCOME PRODUCING PROPERTIES**

Income producing properties are recorded at fair value, determined based on available market evidence, at the balance sheet date. The critical assumptions and estimates used when determining the fair value of income producing properties are the amount of rental income from future leases reflecting current market conditions adjusted for assumption of future cash flows with respect to current and future leases, capitalization rates and expected occupancy rates. The properties are appraised using the direct capitalization income method. To assist with the evaluation of fair value, the REIT has its properties appraised by Morguard's appraisal division. Morguard's appraisal division is staffed with accredited members of the AIC who collectively in 2023 valued approximately \$13 billion of real estate properties in Canada and the U.S. for institutional and corporate clients.

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## **FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS**

Management reports on a quarterly basis the fair value of financial instruments. The fair value of financial instruments approximates amounts at which these instruments could be exchanged between knowledgeable and willing parties. The estimated fair value may differ in amount from that which could be realized on an immediate settlement of the instruments. Management estimates the fair value of mortgages payable by discounting the cash flows of these financial obligations using December 31, 2023, market rates for debts of similar terms.

## FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The following describes the REIT's recognized and unrecognized financial instruments.

The REIT's financial assets and liabilities comprise cash, restricted cash, amounts receivable, the Morguard Facility, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, mortgages payable, Class B LP Units, lease liabilities and the convertible debentures.

Financial assets must be classified and measured on the basis of both the business model in which the assets are managed and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the asset. Financial assets subsequent to initial

recognition are classified and measured based on three categories: amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") and fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). Financial liabilities are classified and measured based on two categories: amortized cost and FVTPL. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities are presented as follows:

# FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

The fair values of cash, restricted cash, amounts receivable, the Morguard Facility and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying values due to the short-term maturity of those instruments.

Mortgages payable, lease liabilities and the convertible debentures are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method of amortization. The estimated fair values of long-term borrowings have been determined based on market information, where available, or by discounting future payments of interest and principal at estimated interest rates expected to be available to the REIT.

The fair values of the mortgages payable have been determined by discounting the cash flows of these financial obligations using December 31, 2023, market rates for debts of similar terms. Based on these assumptions, as at December 31, 2023, the fair value of the mortgages payable before deferred financing costs and mark-to-market adjustments is estimated at \$1,438,179 (2022 - \$1,291,966), compared with the carrying value of \$1,511,252 (2022 - \$1,394,444). The fair values of the mortgages payable vary from their carrying values due to fluctuations in market interest rates since their issue.

The fair value of the convertible debentures is based on their market trading price. As at December 31, 2023, the fair value of the convertible debentures before deferred financing costs has been estimated at \$54,880 (2022 - \$85,081), compared with the carrying value of \$52,245 (2022 - \$85,223).

The fair value of the Class B LP Units is equal to the market trading price of the Units.

The REIT's convertible debentures have no restrictive covenants.

# RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

An investment in securities of the REIT involves significant risks. Investors should carefully consider the risks described below and the other information described elsewhere in this MD&A (and as updated by subsequent interim MD&A) and those risks set out in the REIT's Annual Information Form ("AIF") for the year ended December 31, 2023, dated February 13, 2024, before making a decision to buy securities of the REIT. If any of the following or other risks occur, the REIT's business, prospects, financial condition, financial performance and cash flows could be materially adversely impacted. In that case, the ability of the REIT to make distributions to Unitholders and the Partnership to make distributions could be adversely affected, the trading price of securities of the REIT could decline and investors could lose all or part of their investment in such securities. There is no assurance that risk management steps taken will avoid future loss due to the occurrence of the risks described below or other unforeseen risks.

There are certain risks inherent in an investment in the securities of the REIT and in the activities of the REIT, including those set out in the REIT's publicly filed disclosure available on SEDAR.

The following are business risks the REIT expects to face in the normal course of its operations and management's strategy to reduce the potential impact.

# PANDEMIC OR EPIDEMIC RISKS

Pandemic or epidemic risks may at various times lead to prolonged voluntary and mandatory building closures, business closures, government restrictions on travel, movement and gatherings, quarantines, curfews, self-isolation and physical distancing. The impact of these measures may lead to a general shutdown of economic activity and may disrupt workforce and business operations both in North America and other parts of the world. Such occurrences could have a material adverse effect on the demand for real estate, the ability of tenants to pay rent and the debt and equity capital markets. The duration and impact of pandemic or epidemic closures are unknown, as is the efficacy of any government and central bank interventions. The permanence of recovery following such occurrences cannot be accurately predicted, nor can the impact on the REIT's business and operations, real estate valuations, securities, cash flows, results of operations and the REIT's ability to obtain additional financing or re-financing and ability to make distributions to Unitholders.

Other outbreaks of pandemics and epidemics may have similar impacts on our business, operations, financial condition and ability to make distributions to Unitholders.

# **OPERATING RISK**

Real estate has a high fixed cost associated with ownership, and income lost due to vacancies cannot easily be minimized through cost reduction. Substantially all of our leases are for a term of one year or less. Because these leases generally permit residents to leave at the end of the lease without penalty, our rental revenues are impacted by declines in market rents more quickly than if our leases were for longer terms.

Tenant retention and leasing vacant suites are critical to maintaining occupancy levels. Through well-located and professionally managed properties, management seeks to increase tenant loyalty and become the landlord of choice. The REIT reduces operating risk through diversification of its portfolio by tenants, lease maturities, product and location.

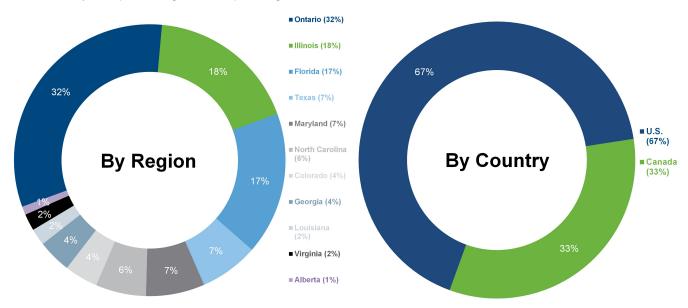
Certain significant expenditures, including property taxes, maintenance costs, mortgage payments, insurance costs and related charges, must be made throughout the period of ownership of real property regardless of whether a property is producing any income. If the REIT is unable to meet mortgage payments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

The REIT is also subject to utility and property tax risk relating to increased costs that the REIT may experience as a result of higher resource prices, as well as its exposure to significant increases in property taxes. There is a risk that property taxes may be raised as a result of revaluations of municipal properties and their adherent tax rates. In some instances, enhancements to properties may result in a significant increase in property assessments following a revaluation. Additionally, utility expenses, mainly consisting of natural gas, water and electricity service charges, have been subject to considerable price fluctuations over the past several years. Unlike commercial leases, which generally are "net" leases and allow a landlord to recover expenditures, residential leases are generally "gross" leases, and the landlord is not able to pass on costs to its tenants.

The REIT currently relies on third-party vendors, developers, co-owners and strategic partners to provide the REIT with various services or to complete projects. The lack of an effective process for developing joint venture arrangements or for contract tendering, drafting, review, approval and monitoring may pose a risk for the REIT. The REIT may not be able to negotiate contract terms, service levels and rates that are optimal for the REIT. In addition, co-owners or joint venture partners may fail to fund their share of capital, may not comply with the terms of any governing agreements or may incur reputational damage which could negatively impact the REIT. Inefficient, ineffective or incomplete vendor management/partnership strategies, policies and procedures could impact the REIT's reputation, operations and/or financial performance.

In connection with the prudent management of its properties, the REIT makes significant property capital investments (for example, to upgrade and maintain building structure, balconies, parking garages, roofing, and electrical and mechanical systems). The REIT commissioned building condition reports in connection with the acquisition of each of the properties, and subsequently as needed, and has committed to a multi-year property capital investment plan based on the findings of such reports. The REIT continually monitors its properties to ensure appropriate and timely capital repairs and replacements are carried out in accordance with its property capital investment programs. The REIT requires sufficient capital to carry out its planned property capital investment and repair and refurbishment programs to upgrade its properties or it could be exposed to operating business risks arising from structural failure, electrical or mechanical breakdowns, fire or water damage, etc., which may result in significant loss of earnings to the REIT. Distributions may be reduced, or even eliminated, at times when the REIT deems it necessary to make significant capital or other expenditures.

For the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT's portfolio diversification (inclusive of equity-accounted investments) as a percentage of net operating income is as follows:



#### **ENVIRONMENTAL RISK**

As an owner of real property, the REIT is subject to various laws relating to environmental matters. These laws impose liability for the cost of removal and remediation of certain hazardous materials released or deposited on properties owned or managed by the REIT or on adjacent properties. The failure to remove or remediate such substances or locations, if any, could adversely affect the REIT's ability to sell such real estate or to borrow using such real estate as collateral and could potentially also result in claims against the REIT. As a result, Phase 1 environmental site assessments are completed prior to the acquisition of any property. Once the property is acquired, environmental assessment programs ensure continued compliance with all laws and regulations governing environmental and related matters. The REIT's management is responsible for ensuring compliance with environmental legislation and is required to report quarterly to the REIT's Board of Trustees. The REIT has certain properties that contain hazardous substances, and management has concluded that the necessary remediation costs will not have a material impact on its operations. The REIT has obtained environmental insurance on certain assets to further manage risk.

# **CLIMATE CHANGE RISK**

The REIT is exposed to risks associated with inclement winter weather, including increased need for maintenance and repair and/or energy costs at its properties. Any of these events might have a material adverse effect on the REIT's business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations and ability to make distributions to Unitholders.

Morguard has a sustainability program which helps the group structure efforts and act on environmental, social and governance risks and opportunities that are most important to its stakeholders. These major areas of focus are:

- decreasing energy and water use; reducing waste and emissions;
- creating excellence in energy and environmental management that result in green building certifications;
- collecting consistent data that tracks and validates its performance towards its objectives;
- reporting transparency;
- · engaging investors, employees and tenants to support its initiatives; and
- driving new sustainability ideas and policies that align with this focus area.

# **RISK OF LOSS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE**

The REIT generally maintains insurance policies related to its business, including casualty, general liability and other policies covering the REIT's business operations, employees and assets; however, the REIT would be required to bear all losses that are not adequately covered by insurance, as well as any insurance deductibles.

In the event of a substantial property loss, the insurance coverage may not be sufficient to pay the full current market value or current replacement cost of the property. In the event of an uninsured loss, the REIT could lose some or all of its capital investment, cash flow and anticipated profits related to one or more properties. Although the REIT believes that its insurance programs are adequate, assurance cannot be provided that the REIT will not incur losses in excess of insurance coverage or that insurance can be obtained in the future at acceptable levels and reasonable cost.

#### **RISK OF NATURAL DISASTER**

While the REIT has insurance to cover a substantial portion of damages to properties caused by hurricanes and other natural disasters, the insurance includes deductible amounts, and certain items may not be covered by insurance. The REIT's operations and properties may be significantly affected by future natural disasters which may expose the REIT to loss of rent and incur additional storm or other natural disaster cleanup costs.

#### **RISK RELATED TO INSURANCE RENEWALS**

Certain events could make it more difficult and expensive to obtain property and casualty insurance, including coverage for terrorism. When the REIT's current insurance policies expire, the REIT may encounter difficulty in obtaining or renewing property or casualty insurance on its properties at the same levels of coverage and under similar terms, including limits and deductibles customarily carried for similar properties. Such insurance may be more limited and, for catastrophic risks (for example, earthquake, hurricane, flood and terrorism), may not be generally available to fully cover potential losses. Even if the REIT were able to renew its policies at levels and with limitations consistent with its current policies, the REIT cannot be sure that it will be able to obtain such insurance at premium rates that are commercially reasonable. If the REIT were unable to obtain adequate insurance on its properties for certain risks, it could cause the REIT to be in default under specific covenants on certain of its indebtedness or other contractual commitments it has that require the REIT to maintain adequate insurance on its properties to protect against the risk of loss. If this were to occur or if the REIT were unable to obtain adequate insurance and its properties experienced damages that would otherwise have been covered by insurance, it could adversely affect the REIT's financial condition and the operations of its properties.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL AVAILABILITY RISK

Liquidity risk is the risk that the REIT cannot meet a demand for cash or fund its obligations as they come due. Although a portion of the cash flows generated by the properties is devoted to servicing such outstanding debt, there can be no assurance that the REIT will continue to generate sufficient cash flows from operations to meet interest payments and principal repayment obligations upon an applicable maturity date. If the REIT is unable to meet interest payments and principal repayment obligations, it could be required to renegotiate such payments or issue additional equity or debt or obtain other financing. The failure of the REIT to make or renegotiate interest or principal payments or issue additional equity or debt or obtain other financing could have a material adverse effect on the REIT's business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations and ability to make distributions to Unitholders.

The real estate industry is highly capital intensive. The REIT requires access to capital to fund operating expenses, to maintain its properties, to fund its growth strategy and certain other capital expenditures from time to time, and to refinance indebtedness. Although the REIT expects to have access to the existing revolving credit facilities, there can be no assurance that it will otherwise have access to sufficient capital or access to capital on favourable terms. Further, in certain circumstances, the REIT may not be able to borrow funds due to limitations set forth in the Declaration of Trust. Failure by the REIT to access required capital could have a material adverse effect on the REIT's business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations and ability to make distributions to Unitholders.

Liquidity and capital availability risks are mitigated by maintaining appropriate levels of liquidity, by diversifying the REIT's sources of funding, by maintaining a well-diversified debt maturity profile and by actively monitoring market conditions.

# REPORTING INVESTMENT PROPERTY AT FAIR VALUE

The REIT holds investment property to earn rental income or for capital appreciation, or both. All investment properties are measured using the fair value model under IFRS, whereby changes in fair value are recognized for each reporting period in the consolidated statements of income (loss). Management values each investment property based on the most probable price that a property should be sold for in a competitive and open market as of the specified date under all conditions requisite to a fair sale, such as the buyer and seller each acting prudently and knowledgeably and assuming the price is not affected by undue stimulus. Each investment property has been valued on a highest and best-use basis.

There is a risk that general declines in real estate markets or sales of assets by the REIT under financial or other hardship, would have an impact on the fair values reported. Market assumptions applied for valuation purposes do not necessarily reflect the REIT's specific history or experience, and the conditions for realizing the fair values through a sale may change or may not be realized. Consequently, there is a risk that the actual fair values may differ, and the differences may be material. In addition, there is an inherent risk related to the reliance on and use of a single appraiser because this approach may not adequately capture the range of fair values that market participants would assign to the investment properties. Certain ratios and covenants could be negatively affected by downturns in the real estate market and could have a significant impact on the REIT's operating revenues and cash flows, as well as the fair values of the investment properties.

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# **FINANCING RISK**

The REIT is subject to the risks associated with debt financing, including the risk that mortgages and credit facilities secured by the REIT's properties will not be able to be refinanced or that the terms of such refinancing will not be as favourable as the terms of existing indebtedness. To minimize this risk, the REIT has structured its debt maturities over a number of years and has negotiated fixed interest rates on substantially all of its mortgages payable.

As at December 31, 2023, the majority of the REIT's mortgages are insured in Canada under the National Housing Act ("NHA") and administered by Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ("CMHC") and in the U.S. with Federal National Mortgage Association ("Fannie Mae"), Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation ("Freddie Mac") or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") insured mortgages. The REIT seeks to manage its financing risk by maintaining a balanced maturity profile with no significant debts coming due in any period.

The use of CMHC, Fannie Mae, Freddie Mac or HUD insured mortgages ("insured mortgages") will assist the REIT in managing its renewal risk, allowing the REIT to increase the overall credit quality of the mortgage and, as such, enable the REIT to obtain preferential interest rates as well as facilitating easier renewal on its due dates. However, there can be no assurance that the renewal of debt will be on as favourable terms as the REIT's existing debt. Insured mortgages are major sources of financing for the multi-family residential sector and any potential reduction in loans, guarantees and credit enhancement arrangements could limit the availability of financing, increase the cost of financing or otherwise decrease the liquidity and credit available to the multi-family residential sector generally and the REIT specifically. To the extent that any insured mortgage financing requires consent or approval that is not obtained or that such consent or approval is only available on unfavourable terms, the REIT may be required to finance a conventional mortgage, which may be less favourable to the REIT than an insured mortgage.

# **FOREIGN EXCHANGE RISK**

A significant portion of the REIT's real estate properties are located in the United States. As a result, the REIT is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate risk with respect to future cash flows derived from the properties located in the United States. The REIT's exposure to exchange rate risk could increase if the proportion of income from properties located in the United States increases as a result of future property acquisitions.

The REIT mitigates its foreign currency exposure by offsetting certain revenues earned in United States dollars from its U.S. properties against expenses and liabilities undertaken by the REIT in United States dollars.

#### **INTERNAL CONTROLS**

Effective internal controls are necessary for the REIT to provide reliable financial reports and to help prevent fraud. Although the REIT undertakes a number of procedures and Morguard and certain of its subsidiaries implement a number of safeguards, in each case in order to help ensure the reliability of their respective financial reports, including those imposed on the REIT under Canadian securities law, the REIT cannot be certain that such measures ensure that the REIT will maintain adequate control over financial processes and reporting. Failure to implement required new or improved controls or difficulties encountered in their implementation could harm the REIT's results of operations or cause it to fail to meet its reporting obligations. If the REIT or its auditors discover a material weakness, the disclosure of that fact, even if quickly remedied, could reduce the market's confidence in the REIT's consolidated financial statements and materially adversely affect the trading price of the REIT's securities.

The REIT's management has evaluated the effectiveness of the REIT's disclosure controls and procedures and, based on such evaluation, has concluded that their design and operation are adequate and effective as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. The REIT's management has also evaluated the effectiveness of the internal controls over financial reporting and has concluded that their design and operation are effective as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023.

# **VOLATILE MARKET PRICE FOR THE REIT'S SECURITIES**

The market price for the REIT's securities may be volatile and subject to wide fluctuations in response to numerous factors, many of which are beyond the REIT's control, including the following: (i) actual or anticipated fluctuations in the REIT's financial performance and future prospects; (ii) recommendations by securities research analysts; (iii) changes in the economic performance or market valuations of other issuers that investors deem comparable to the REIT; (iv) addition to or departure of the REIT's executive officers; (v) release or expiration of lock-up or other transfer restrictions on outstanding Units or Class B LP Units; (vi) sales or perceived sales of additional Units; (vii) significant acquisitions or business combinations, strategic partnerships, joint ventures or capital commitments by or involving the REIT or its competitors; (viii) news reports relating to trends, concerns, technological or competitive developments, regulatory changes and other related issues in the REIT's industry or target markets; (ix) liquidity of the REIT's securities; (x) prevailing interest rates; (xi) the market price of other REIT securities; (xii) a decrease in the amount of distributions declared and paid by the REIT; and (xiii) general economic conditions.

Financial markets have, in recent years, experienced significant price and volume fluctuations that have particularly affected the market prices of securities of issuers and that have, in many cases, been unrelated to the operating performance, underlying asset values or prospects of such issuers. Accordingly, the market price of the REIT's securities may decline even if the REIT's financial performance, underlying asset values, or prospects have not changed. Additionally, these factors, as well as other related factors, may cause decreases in asset values that are deemed to be other than temporary, which may result in impairment losses. As well, certain institutional investors may base their investment decisions on consideration of the REIT's environmental, social and governance practices and performance compared to such institutions' respective investment guidelines and criteria, and failure to meet such criteria may result in a limited or no investment in the REIT's securities by those institutions. There can be no assurance that continuing fluctuations in price and volume will not occur. If such increased levels of volatility and market turmoil exist for a protracted period of time, the REIT's operations could be adversely impacted and the trading price of the securities may be adversely affected.

#### **DISTRIBUTIONS**

As a result of seasonal fluctuations in cash flows or other potential reductions in cash flow, the REIT from time to time may pay distributions to Unitholders that have exceeded cash flow from operating activities. As a result, the REIT has not funded distributions from alternate sources such as the Morguard Facility, mortgages or other financing instruments, has not made any distributions that have included a return of capital and has not been required to amend any material contracts. There can be no assurance in the future that the REIT will continue to fund distributions entirely from cash from operating activities. In such an event, the REIT may be required to fund its distributions from sources other than operations, such as the Morguard Facility, mortgages or other financial instruments, make distributions that include a return of capital; or amend material contracts. In addition, non-cash distributions, such as the issuance of Units under the DRIP, have the effect of increasing the number of Units outstanding, which may cause cash distributions to increase over time assuming stable per Unit cash distribution levels.

# **DEPENDENCE ON MORGUARD**

The REIT is dependent upon Morguard for certain operational, administrative, information system and risk management services relating to the REIT's business. Should Morguard terminate the Asset Management Agreement, the REIT may be required to engage the services of an external asset manager. The REIT may be unable to engage an asset manager on acceptable terms, in which case the REIT's operations and cash available for distribution may be adversely affected. A part of our success depends in part on our ability to attract and retain the services of qualified personnel, especially executive officers who are responsible for making important capital allocation decisions. There is substantial competition for qualified personnel in the real estate industry, and the loss of key qualified personnel could adversely affect the REIT.

#### SIGNIFICANT OWNERSHIP BY MORGUARD

At the date hereof, Morguard holds an approximately 46.1% effective interest in the REIT through ownership of, or the control or direction over, Units and Class B LP Units. For so long as Morguard maintains a significant

effective interest in the REIT, Morguard benefits from certain contractual rights regarding the REIT and the Partnership, such as pre-emptive rights to maintain its *pro rata* ownership interest in the REIT and the Partnership and certain "tag-along" rights to sell a proportionate number of its Units pursuant to a *bona fide* third-party offer to the REIT to purchase any of the securities of a partnership controlled by the REIT on the same terms and conditions set forth in the *bona fide* offer. Morguard has the ability to exercise influence with respect to the affairs of the REIT and significantly affect the outcome of Unitholder votes and also may have the ability to effectively prevent certain fundamental transactions. Morguard's significant effective interest may discourage transactions involving a change of control of the REIT, including transactions in which an investor might otherwise receive a premium for its Units over the then current market price.

# POTENTIAL CONFLICTS OF INTEREST WITH MORGUARD

Morguard's continuing businesses may lead to conflicts of interest between Morguard and the REIT. The REIT may not be able to resolve any such conflicts, and, even if it does, the resolution may be less favourable to the REIT than if it were dealing with a party that was not a holder of a significant interest in the REIT. The agreements that the REIT entered into with Morguard may be amended upon agreement between the parties, subject to applicable law and approval of the independent Trustees. Because of Morguard's significant holdings in the REIT, the REIT may not have the leverage to negotiate any required amendments to these agreements on terms as favourable to the REIT as those the REIT could secure with a party that was not a significant holder of Units.

#### **RISK RELATED TO GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS**

Certain jurisdictions in Canada and the United States have enacted residential tenancy legislation that, among other things, imposes rent control guidelines that limit the REIT's ability to raise rental rates at its properties. Limits on the REIT's ability to raise rental rates at its properties may materially adversely affect the REIT's ability to increase income from its properties.

In addition to limiting the REIT's ability to raise rental rates, provincial and territorial residential tenancy legislation provides certain rights to tenants, while imposing obligations upon the landlord. Residential tenancy legislation in the provinces of Alberta and Ontario prescribes certain procedures that must be followed by a landlord in order to terminate a residential tenancy. As certain proceedings may need to be brought before the respective administrative body governing residential tenancies as appointed under a province's residential tenancy legislation, it may take several months to terminate a residential lease, even where the tenant's rent is in arrears.

Under Ontario's rent control legislation, a landlord is entitled to increase the rent for existing tenants once every 12 months by no more than the "guideline amount" based on the Ontario Consumer Price Index ("CPI"). The guideline increase cannot be more than 2.5%, even if the CPI increase is higher. For the calendar year 2023, the Government of Ontario passed legislation to freeze rent by setting the rental guideline amount at 2.5% (1.2% for 2022). This adjustment is meant to take into account the income of the building and the municipal and school taxes, the insurance bills, the energy costs, maintenance and service costs. Landlords may apply to the Ontario Rental Housing Tribunal for an increase above the guideline amounts if annual costs for heat, hydro, water or municipal taxes have increased significantly or if building security, maintenance and service costs have increased. When a suite is vacated, however, the landlord is entitled to lease the suite to a new tenant at any rental amount, after which annual increases are limited to the applicable guideline amount. The landlord may also be entitled to a greater increase in rent for a suite under certain circumstances, including, for example, where extra expenses have been incurred as a result of a renovation of that suite.

Further, residential tenancy legislation in certain jurisdictions in Canada and the United States provides the tenant with the right to bring certain claims to the respective administrative body seeking an order to, among other things, compel the landlord to comply with health, safety, housing and maintenance standards. As a result, the REIT may, in the future, incur capital expenditures that may not be fully recoverable from tenants. The inability to fully recover substantial capital expenditures from tenants may have a material adverse effect on the REIT's business, cash flows, financial condition and results of operations and ability to make distributions to Unitholders.

Residential tenancy legislation may be subject to further regulations or may be amended, repealed or enforced, or new legislation may be enacted, in a manner that will materially adversely affect the ability of the REIT to maintain the historical level of earnings of its properties.

#### **UNITHOLDER TAXATION**

The Act contains rules (the "SIFT Rules") that apply to a SIFT. A SIFT includes a publicly listed or traded partnership or trust such as an income trust. Under the SIFT Rules, certain distributions will not be deductible in computing the SIFT trust's taxable income, and the SIFT trust will be subject to tax on such distributions at a rate that is substantially equivalent to the general tax rate applicable to Canadian corporations. However, distributions paid by a SIFT trust as returns of capital should generally not be subject to the tax. The SIFT Rules do not apply to a trust that satisfies certain conditions relating to the nature of its income and investments (the "REIT Exception"). Although, as of the date hereof, management believes that the REIT will be able to meet the requirements of the REIT Exception throughout 2023 and beyond, there can be no assurance that the REIT will be able to qualify for the REIT Exception such that the REIT and the Unitholders will not be subject to the SIFT Rules in 2024 or in future years.

In the event that the SIFT Rules apply to the REIT, the impact to Unitholders will depend on the status of the holder and, in part, on the amount of income distributed, which would not be deductible by the REIT in computing its income in a particular year, and what portions of the REIT's distributions constitute "non-portfolio earnings", other income and returns of capital. The likely effect of the SIFT Rules on the market for Units and on the REIT's ability to finance future acquisitions through the issue of Units or other securities is unclear. If the SIFT Rules apply to the REIT, they may adversely affect the marketability of the Units, the amount of cash available for distributions and the after-tax return to investors.

The REIT intends to comply with the requirements under the Act at all relevant times such that it will maintain its status as a "unit trust" and a "mutual fund trust" for purposes of the Act. Under current law, a trust may lose its status under the Act as a mutual fund trust if it can reasonably be considered that the trust was established or is maintained primarily for the benefit of non-residents, except in limited circumstances. Accordingly, non-residents may not be the beneficial owners of more than 49% of the Units (determined on a basic or a fully diluted basis). The Trustees will also have various powers that can be used for the purpose of monitoring and controlling the extent of non-resident ownership of the Units. The restrictions on the issuance of Units by the REIT to non-residents may negatively affect the REIT's ability to raise financing for future acquisitions or operations. In addition, the non-resident ownership restrictions could have a negative impact on the liquidity of the Units and the market price at which Units can be sold. There can be no assurance that Canadian federal income tax laws and the administrative policies and assessing practices of the CRA respecting mutual fund trusts will not be changed in a manner that adversely affects Unitholders.

The Act may impose additional withholding or other taxes on distributions made by the REIT to Unitholders who are non-residents. These taxes and any reduction thereof under a tax treaty between Canada and another country may change from time to time. Unitholders who are non-residents should consult their own tax advisers.

The Act includes "loss restriction event" ("LRE") rules that could potentially apply to the REIT. In general, the REIT will be subject to an LRE if a person (or group of persons) acquires more than 50% of the fair market value of the Units. If an LRE occurs: (i) the REIT will be deemed to have a year-end for tax purposes immediately before the LRE occurs; (ii) any net income and net realized capital gains of the REIT at such year-end will be distributed to Unitholders to the extent required for the REIT not to be liable for income taxes; and (iii) the REIT will be restricted in its ability to use tax losses (including any unrealized capital losses) that exist at the time of the LRE in taxation years that end after the time of the LRE.

On November 21, 2023, the Department of Finance (Canada) confirmed the government intends to proceed with the measures announced in its 2023 federal budget and other previously announced measures, as modified to take into account consultations. The proposed rules that may limit the amount of interest that certain taxpayers may be able to deduct for tax purposes (the "Interest Rules") will become effective for the 2024 fiscal year. The Interest Rules are proposed to address base erosion and profit shifting issues arising from taxpayers deducting interest, principally in the context of multi-national enterprises and cross-border investments. Management assessed the potential impact of the Interest Rules based on the most recent tax filing and financial statements. Based on the assessment, the Interest Rules will limit the deductibility of certain interest expenses of the REIT.

In December 2021, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") published the Pillar Two model rules outlining a structure for a new 15% global minimum tax to be implemented by participating countries at an agreed future date, currently expected (for most countries) to be 2024. In its 2023

budget, the Canadian Federal Government announced its intentions to substantively enact Pillar Two legislation for the fiscal years beginning on or after December 31, 2023. To date, the U.S., in which certain of the REIT's subsidiaries operate has not indicated its commitment to enact Pillar Two legislation. The REIT and its subsidiaries are reviewing the relevant legislation and available guidance to assess the full implications of the Pillar Two model rules. The REIT and its subsidiaries currently operate in countries with a higher tax rate than the proposed minimum.

# **INVESTMENT RESTRICTIONS**

The REIT has been structured and operates in adherence to stringent investment restrictions and operating policies as set out in its Declaration of Trust and as applicable under tax laws relating to real estate investment trusts. These policies cover such matters as the type and location of properties that the REIT can acquire, the maximum leverage allowed, environmental matters and investment restrictions. Pursuant to the Declaration of Trust, the REIT's overall leverage is limited to 70% of its reported gross book value.

# **UNITHOLDER LIABILITY**

The Declaration of Trust provides that no holders of Units will be subject to any liability whatsoever to any person in connection with a holding of Units. In addition, legislation has been enacted in the province of Ontario and certain other provinces that is intended to provide holders of Units in those provinces with limited liability. However, there remains a risk, which is considered by the REIT to be remote in the circumstances, that a holder of Units could be held personally liable for the obligations of the REIT to the extent that claims are not satisfied out of the assets of the REIT. The affairs of the REIT are conducted in a manner to seek to minimize such risk wherever possible.

The Declaration of Trust provides that no Unitholder or annuitant under a plan of which a Unitholder acts as trustee or carrier will be held to have any personal liability as such, and that no recourse may be had to the private property of any Unitholder or annuitant for satisfaction of any obligation or claim arising out of or in connection with any contract or obligation of the REIT. Only assets of the REIT are intended to be liable and subject to levy or execution.

The following provinces have legislation relating to Unitholder liability protection: British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario and Québec. Certain of these statutes have not yet been judicially considered, and it is possible that reliance on such statutes by a Unitholder could be successfully challenged on jurisdictional or other grounds. The Trustees will cause the operations of the REIT to be conducted, with the advice of counsel, in a manner and in such jurisdictions so as to avoid, as far as practicable, any material risk of liability to the Unitholders for claims against the REIT. The Trustees will also cause the REIT to carry insurance, to the extent to which they determine to be possible and reasonable, for the benefit of Unitholders and annuitants in such amounts as they consider adequate to cover non-contractual or non-excluded liability.

# **TECHNOLOGY AND INFORMATION SECURITY RISK**

The REIT uses information technology for general business operations, the effective achievement of strategic business objectives, to improve tenants' experience and to streamline operations. Consequently, the REIT faces information technology risk from its continuous adoption and use of information technology. The risk consists of information technology-related events such as cybersecurity incidents that could potentially have an adverse impact on the REIT's financial condition, IT systems, operations and tenants. Although we make efforts to maintain the security and integrity of our IT networks and related systems, and we have implemented various measures to manage the risk of a security breach or disruption, there can be no assurance that our security efforts will be effective or that attempted security breaches or disruptions will not be successful or damaging.

The efficient operation of the REIT's business is dependent on computer hardware and software systems operated primarily by Morguard. Information systems are vulnerable to cybersecurity incidents. A cybersecurity incident is considered to be any material adverse event that threatens the confidentiality, integrity or availability of the REIT's information resources. A cybersecurity incident is an intentional attack or an unintentional event including, but not limited to, malicious software, attempts to gain unauthorized access to data or information systems, and other electronic security breaches that could lead to disruptions in critical systems, unauthorized release of confidential or otherwise protected information and corruption of data. The REIT's primary risks that could directly result from the occurrence of a cyber incident include operational interruption, damage to its reputation, damage to its business relationships with users, the disclosure of confidential information including personally identifiable information, potential liability to third parties, loss of revenue, additional regulatory scrutiny and fines, as well as litigation and other costs and expenses. Morguard takes data privacy and

protection seriously and has implemented processes, procedures and controls to help mitigate these risks. Access to personal data is controlled through physical security and IT security mechanisms. Additionally, Morguard monitors and assesses risks surrounding collection, usage, storage, protection and retention/ destruction practices of personal data. These measures, as well at its increased awareness of a risk of a cyber incident, do not guarantee that the REIT's financial results will not be negatively impacted by such an incident.

The REIT and Morguard depend on relevant and reliable information for decision-making and financial reporting. As the volume of data being generated and reported by the REIT increases and evolves, Morguard will continue to undertake investments in IT systems to store, process and leverage such data. The failure to successfully migrate to new IT systems, or disruptions which may arise as a result of the transition to new IT systems, could result in a lack of relevant and reliable information to enable management to effectively achieve its strategic plan or manage the operations of the REIT, which could negatively affect the reputation, operations and financial performance of the REIT. In addition, any significant loss of data or failure to maintain reliable data could negatively affect the reputation, operations and financial performance of the REIT.

# CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES CONCERNING FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The financial certification process project team has documented and assessed the design and effectiveness of the internal controls in order to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with IFRS. This undertaking has enabled the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer to attest that the design and effectiveness of the internal controls with regard to financial information are effective using the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) Internal Control - Integrated Framework (2013). In order to ensure that the consolidated financial statements and MD&A present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the REIT and the results of its operations, management is responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures, as well as internal control over financial reporting.

The REIT's management has evaluated the effectiveness of the REIT's disclosure controls and procedures and, based on such evaluation, has concluded that their design and operation are adequate and effective as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023. The REIT's management has also evaluated the effectiveness of the internal controls over financial reporting and has concluded that the design and operation are effective as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023.

An information disclosure policy constitutes the framework for the information disclosure process with regard to the annual and interim filings, as well as to other reports filed or submitted under securities legislation. This policy aims in particular at identifying material information and validating the related reporting. Morguard's Disclosure Committee, established in 2005, is responsible for ensuring compliance with this policy for both Morguard and the REIT. Morguard's senior management acts as the Disclosure Committee, ensuring compliance with this policy and reviewing main documents to be filed with regulatory authorities to ensure that all significant information regarding operations is communicated in a timely manner.

# **PART VIII**

# SELECTED ANNUAL AND QUARTERLY INFORMATION

The following table shows information for revenue from real estate properties, NOI, net income attributable to Unitholders, FFO, total distributions (including Class B LP Units), total assets, non-current financial liabilities, and per Unit amounts for the periods noted.

For the	years	ended	Decem	ber 31
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(In thousands of dollars)	2023	2022	2021
Revenue from real estate properties	\$331,620	\$278,491	\$245,566
NOI	180,240	151,215	129,495
NOI per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			
- basic	3.24	2.68	2.30
- diluted	3.08	2.50	2.14
Net income attributable to Unitholders	176,336	219,282	242,088
Net income attributable to Unitholders per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			
- basic	3.17	3.89	4.30
- diluted	3.08	3.68	4.06
FFO			
- basic	91,942	82,803	64,770
- diluted	95,550	86,651	68,618
FFO per Unit <sup>(1)</sup>			
- basic	1.65	1.47	1.15
- diluted	1.63	1.43	1.13
Total distributions (including Class B LP Units)	40,301	39,588	39,364
Distributions per Unit (annualized)	0.7233	0.7030	0.6996
Total assets	4,095,931	3,934,417	3,473,287
Non-current portion of financial liabilities			
Mortgages payable	1,327,738	1,247,355	1,191,578
Convertible debentures	52,276	_	86,319
Class B LP Units	254,385	279,014	305,021
Lease liability	16,059	16,235	9,065
Number of suites	13,089	12,849	13,275

<sup>(1)</sup> For the purpose of calculating NOI, net income attributable to Unitholders and FFO per Unit, Class B LP Units are included as Units outstanding on both a basic and diluted basis.

The following table provides a summary of operating results for the last eight quarters.

(In thousands of dollars	thousands of dollars,		Proportionate		Net Income (Loss) Attributable to	Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Unitholders per Unit		
except per Unit amounts)	Revenue	NOI	NOI	FFO	Unitholders	Basic	Diluted <sup>(1)</sup>	
December 31, 2023	\$85,000	\$55,020	\$47,675	\$24,341	\$25,123	\$0.47	\$0.47	
September 30, 2023	83,646	52,418	44,179	21,936	40,491	0.73	0.71	
June 30, 2023	83,326	53,494	45,238	23,711	81,227	1.45	1.40	
March 31, 2023	79,648	19,308	41,664	21,954	29,495	0.52	0.50	
December 31, 2022	75,076	46,460	42,284	23,526	(175,846)	(3.13)	(2.89)	
September 30, 2022	70,766	44,875	39,597	21,137	70,097	1.24	1.17	
June 30, 2022	67,392	42,456	37,101	19,833	162,601	2.89	2.70	
March 31, 2022	65,257	17,424	35,127	18,307	162,430	2.89	2.70	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the dilutive impact of the convertible debentures.

# **SUMMARY OF QUARTERLY RESULTS**

A significant portion of the REIT's real estate properties are located in the United States. As a result, the REIT is exposed to foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations with respect to its quarterly results derived from its properties located in the U.S.

Quarterly results fluctuate due to acquisitions and dispositions, the impact of foreign exchange rate fluctuations and mortgage refinancing. In addition, net income (loss) includes a number of non-cash components, such as, fair value gain (loss) on Class B LP Units, fair value gain (loss) on real estate properties, an IFRIC 21 adjustment to realty taxes, equity income (loss) from investments and deferred income taxes.

During the first quarter of 2023, the REIT acquired a property comprising 240 suites and the remaining 50% interest in a property comprising 492 suites.

During the fourth quarter of 2022, the REIT disposed of a property comprising 340 suites.

During the third quarter of 2022, the REIT disposed of a property comprising a total of 144 suites and acquired two properties, one multi-suite residential property comprising 350 suites and one retail property comprising 186,712 square feet of commercial area.

During the second quarter of 2022, the REIT disposed of a property comprising 292 suites.

# **Revenue and Net Operating Income**

The regional distribution of the REIT's suites serves to add stability to the REIT's cash flows because it reduces the REIT's vulnerability to economic fluctuations affecting any particular region. However, tenant retention and leasing vacant suites are critical to maintaining occupancy levels.

In Canada, certain provinces and territories have enacted residential tenancy legislation that, among other things, imposes rent control guidelines that limit the REIT's ability to raise rental rates at its properties. For the calendar year 2023, the Ontario guideline increase amount was established at 2.5% (1.2% for 2022). In addition, overbuilding in the multi-suite residential sector, particularly in the United States, may increase the supply of multi-suite residential properties, further increasing the level of competition in certain markets. Such competition may reduce occupancy rates and rental revenues of the REIT and, consequently, revenue and operating results.

As at December 31, 2023, Same Property occupancy in Canada was 98.7%, reflecting stable demand predominantly in Ontario. Approximately 79% of the suites in Canada are located in the GTA. The GTA is Canada's most significant economic cluster and contains the largest concentration of people.

As at December 31, 2023, Same Property occupancy in the U.S. was 94.2% as the REIT's overall U.S. occupancy maintained optimum levels.

The REIT has seen steady revenue growth resulting from an increase in Same Property revenue. The increase in revenue since the first quarter of 2022 is due to improvements in occupancy as well as the REIT's acquisition and disposition activity.

Similar to revenue, NOI has profiled stable and steady growth over the last eight quarters resulting from an increase in revenue and the REIT's ability to control expenses as a percentage of revenue. The impact of foreign exchange rates and the REIT's acquisition and disposition activity also factored into the variance from quarter to quarter. Furthermore, the first quarter results (three months ended March 31) are impacted by IFRIC 21, whereby the REIT records the entire annual realty tax expense for its U.S. properties on January 1, except for U.S. properties acquired during the year in which the realty taxes are not recorded in the year of acquisition. As a result, the second, third and fourth quarters typically have no realty tax expense, which results in higher NOI and NOI margins.

# **Net Income (Loss) Attributable to Unitholders**

Taking into account the above factors for revenue and NOI variations, the change in net income (loss) is predominantly due to a change in non-cash components described below:

- The REIT valued the Class B LP Units based on the closing price of the TSX-listed Units from period to period, resulting in a fair value gain/loss on Class B LP Units due to volatility in the trading price of the REIT's Units:
- The REIT recognized a fair value gain on real estate properties for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 mainly due to an increase in stabilized NOI across the REIT's portfolio, partially offset by a 25 basis point increase in capitalization rates across most U.S. properties. In addition, the equity-accounted investment include non-cash fair value changes on real estate properties; and
- The REIT has recorded deferred tax expense/recovery coinciding with the fair value gains/loss of the REIT's U.S. real estate properties.

33,385

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#### For the three months ended December 31 (In thousands of dollars) 2023 2022 \$75,076 Revenue from real estate properties \$85,000 Property operating expenses Property operating costs (23,946)(20,413)Realty taxes (692)(2,587)Utilities (5,342)(5,616)Net operating income 55,020 46,460 Other expenses (income) Interest expense 20,451 17,308 Trust expenses 5,625 5,579 6,195 Equity loss (income) from investments (4,359)Foreign exchange loss 23 Other income (90)(1,675)

 Net income (loss) for the period
 \$24,366
 (\$179,297)

 Net income (loss) attributable to:
 \$25,123
 (\$175,846)

 Unitholders
 \$25,123
 (\$175,846)

 Non-controlling interest
 (757)
 (3,451)

 \$24,366
 (\$179,297)

The REIT's net income attributable to Unitholders for the three months ended December 31, 2023, amounted to \$25,123, compared to a net loss of \$175,846 for the three months ended December 31, 2022. Non-controlling interest share of net loss during the three months ended December 31, 2023, amounted to \$757, compared to \$3,451 for the three months ended December 31, 2022.

The net income was primarily due to the following:

Income before fair value changes and income taxes

Fair value loss on real estate properties, net

Fair value gain (loss) on Class B LP Units

Provision for (recovery of) income taxes

Income (loss) before income taxes

Current

Deferred

**Fourth Quarter Results** 

- A decrease in fair value loss on real estate properties of \$183,002, resulting to a lower fair value loss of \$20,172 recorded during the fourth quarter of 2023, compared to a fair value loss of \$203,174 recorded in 2022 that included an increase in capitalization rates across most U.S. properties;
- An increase in fair value gain on Class B LP Units of \$16,018 due to a decrease in trading price of the Units during the fourth quarter of 2023 compared to the same period in 2022;
- An increase in equity income from investments of \$10,554, resulting from fair value gain on real estate
  properties during the fourth quarter of 2023, compared to a fair value loss during the same period in 2022;
  and
- An increase in NOI of \$8,560, largely attributable to an increase in revenue, partially offset by higher operating cost.

These items were partially offset by the following:

- A decrease in deferred income tax recovery of \$8,920, mainly due to a lower fair value loss on the REIT's U.S. real estate properties;
- An increase in interest expenses of \$3,143 due to refinancings completed at higher interest rates and additional net mortgage proceeds, and the net impact of acquisitions and dispositions; and
- A decrease in interest income of \$1,585, mainly from lower interest income on the Morguard Facility as well as lower interest earned on restricted cash held as part of a 1031 Exchange.

# **PART IX**

# RECONCILIATION OF NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES

The REIT's proportionate consolidated financial statements are as follows:

# **BALANCE SHEETS**

		Non-GAAP Adj		
	_			Proportionate
		NCI	Equity	Basis
As at December 31, 2023	IFRS	Share	Interest	(Non-GAAP)
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Real estate properties	\$3,999,481	(\$204,814)	\$157,390	\$3,952,057
Equity-accounted investments	53,282	_	(53,282)	_
	4,052,763	(204,814)	104,108	3,952,057
Current assets				
Morguard Facility	2,627	_	_	2,627
Amounts receivable	9,571	(361)	68	9,278
Prepaid expenses	9,070	(318)	208	8,960
Restricted cash	4,075	(451)	_	3,624
Cash	17,825	(2,659)	990	16,156
	43,168	(3,789)	1,266	40,645
	\$4,095,931	(\$208,603)	\$105,374	\$3,992,702
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
Non-current liabilities				
Mortgages payable	\$1,327,738	(\$94,452)	\$99,732	\$1,333,018
Convertible debentures	52,276	_	_	52,276
Class B LP Units	254,385	_	_	254,385
Deferred income tax liabilities	263,424	_	_	263,424
Lease liabilities	16,059	_	_	16,059
	1,913,882	(94,452)	99,732	1,919,162
Current liabilities				
Mortgages payable	167,624	(1,572)	2,338	168,390
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	54,774	(5,706)	3,304	52,372
	222,398	(7,278)	5,642	220,762
Total liabilities	2,136,280	(101,730)	105,374	2,139,924
EQUITY				
Unitholders' equity	1,852,778	_	_	1,852,778
Non-controlling interest	106,873	(106,873)	_	_
Total equity	1,959,651	(106,873)	_	1,852,778
	\$4,095,931	(\$208,603)	\$105,374	\$3,992,702

The following table provides a reconciliation of gross book value and indebtedness as defined in the Declaration of Trust from their IFRS financial statement presentation:

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As at December 31, 2023	IFRS	NCI Share	Equity Interest	Proportionate Basis (Non-GAAP)
Total Assets / Gross book value <sup>(1)</sup>	\$4,095,931	(\$208,603)	\$105,374	\$3,992,702
Mortgage payable	\$1,495,362	(\$96,024)	\$102,070	\$1,501,408
Add: Deferred financing costs	13,628	(296)	294	13,626
Mark-to-market adjustment	2,262	` —	_	2,262
•	1,511,252	(96,320)	102,364	1,517,296
Convertible debentures, face value	56,000	`	· —	56,000
Lease liabilities	16,059	_	_	16,059
Indebtedness	\$1,583,311	(\$96,320)	\$102,364	\$1,589,355
Indebtedness / Gross book value	38.7%			39.8%

<sup>(1)</sup> Gross book value (as defined in the Declaration of Trust) includes the impact of any fair value adjustments.

# **STATEMENTS OF INCOME (LOSS)**

						2023					2022
		No	on-GAAP	Adjustme	nts			Non-G	AAP Adju	stments	
For the three months						Proportionate					Proportionate
ended December 31		NCI	Equity	Equity		Basis		NCI	Equity		Basis
(In thousands of dollars)	IFRS	Share	Interest	Reclass	IFRIC 21	(Non-GAAP)	IFRS	Share	Interest	IFRIC 21	(Non-GAAP)
Revenue from properties						7					,
Same Property											
Gross rental revenue	\$70,230	(\$4,277)	\$3,953	\$2,133	\$—	\$72,039	\$66,005	(\$3,995)	\$5,725	\$—	\$67,735
Vacancy	(3,554)	213	(146)	(86)	_	(3,573)	(2,837)	158	(307)	_	(2,986)
Ancillary	5,877	(389)	238	163	_	5,889	6,073	(332)	358	_	6,099
Same Property	72,553	(4,453)	4,045	2,210	_	74,355	69,241	(4,169)	5,776		70,848
Equity Reclassification	2,210	` _	´ —	(2,210)	_	´ —	· —	`	· —	_	_
Acquisition/Disposition	10,237	_	_	`	_	10,237	5,835	_	_	_	5,835
Total revenue from properties	85,000	(4,453)	4,045	_	_	84,592	75,076	(4,169)	5,776	_	76,683
Property operating expenses							·		·		·
Same Property											
Operating costs	19,975	(1,240)	887	575	_	20,197	17,947	(1,026)	1,515	_	18,436
Realty taxes	1,443	143	(684)	6	6,493	7,401	2,585	400	(1,010)	5,265	7,240
Utilities	4,877	(169)	140	92	· —	4,940	5,239	(111)	197	_	5,325
Same Property	26,295	(1,266)	343	673	6,493	32,538	25,771	(737)	702	5,265	31,001
Equity Reclassification	673	_	_	(673)	_	_	_	· —	_	_	_
Acquisition/Disposition	3,012	_	_	· —	1,367	4,379	2,845	_	_	553	3,398
Total property operating	20.000	(4.000)	343		7.000	20.047	00.040	(707)	700	E 040	24.200
expenses	29,980	(1,266)	343		7,860	36,917	28,616	(737)	702	5,818	34,399
NOI											
Same Property	46,258	(3,187)	3,702	1,537	(6,493)	41,817	43,470	(3,432)	5,074	(5,265)	39,847
Equity Reclassification	1,537	_	_	(1,537)	<del>-</del>			_	_		
Acquisition/Disposition	7,225		<del></del>		(1,367)	5,858	2,990	<del></del>		(553)	2,437
Total NOI <sup>(1)</sup>	55,020	(3,187)	3,702	_	(7,860)	47,675	46,460	(3,432)	5,074	(5,818)	42,284
Other expenses (income)											
Interest expense	20,451	(1,065)	878	_	_	20,264	17,308	(927)	1,328	_	17,709
Trust expenses	5,625	(101)	102	_	_	5,626	5,579	(111)	153	_	5,621
Equity loss (income) from	(4.250)		4,359				6,195		(G 10E)		
investments	(4,359)	_	4,339	_	_	_	,	_	(6,195)	_	_
Foreign exchange gain	8	_	_	_	_	8	23	_	_	_	23
Other expense (income)	(90)	(8)				(98)	(1,675)				(1,675)
Income before fair value changes and income taxes	33,385	(2,013)	(1,637)	_	(7,860)	21,875	19,030	(2,394)	9,788	(5,818)	20,606
Fair value gain (loss) on real estate properties, net	(20,172)	2,627	1,637	_	7,860	(8,048)	(203,174)	5,845	(9,788)	5,818	(201,299)
Fair value gain (loss) on Class B LP Units	1,378	_	_	_	_	1,378	(14,640)	_	_	_	(14,640)
Income (loss) before income taxes	14,591	614	_	_	_	15,205	(198,784)	3,451	_	_	(195,333)
Provision for (recovery of) income taxes											
Current	819	(143)	_	_	_	676	27	_	_	_	27
Deferred	(10,594)	`	_	_	_	(10,594)	(19,514)	_	_	_	(19,514)
	(9,775)	(143)	_	_	_	(9,918)	(19,487)		_	_	(19,487)
Net income (loss) for the period	\$24,366	\$757	\$—	\$—	\$—	\$25,123	(\$179,297)	\$3,451	\$—	\$—	(\$175,846)
(1) IFRIC 21 included in NOI	(\$7,786)	\$685	(\$759)	\$—	\$7,860	\$—	(\$5,577)	\$673	(\$914)	\$5,818	\$—

The following table provides a reconciliation of interest and indebtedness coverage ratios from their IFRS financial statement presentation:

The following table provides a recond					2023				·	2022
		Non-G	AAP Adjus	stments			Non-GA	AAP Adjus	tments	
For the three months					Proportionate					Proportionate
ended December 31		NCI	Equity		Basis		NCI	Equity		Basis
(In thousands of dollars)	IFRS	Share	Interest	IFRIC 21	(Non-GAAP)	IFRS	Share	Interest	IFRIC 21	(Non-GAAP)
NOI	\$55,020	(\$3,187)	\$3,702	(\$7,860)	\$47,675	\$46,460	(\$3,432)	\$5,074	(\$5,818)	\$42,284
IFRIC 21 adjustment	(7,786)	685	(759)	7,860	_	(5,577)	673	(914)	5,818	_
Trust expenses	(5,625)	101	(102)	_	(5,626)	(5,579)	111	(153)	_	(5,621)
Other expense (income)	90	8	_	_	98	1,675	_	_	_	1,675
	\$41,699	(\$2,393)	\$2,841	\$—	\$42,147	\$36,979	(\$2,648)	\$4,007	\$—	\$38,338
Interest expense	\$20,451	(\$1,065)	\$878	\$—	\$20,264	\$17,308	(\$927)	\$1,328	\$—	\$17,709
Amortization of mark-to-market adjustment on mortgages	(169)	_	_	_	(169)	_	_	_	_	_
Accretion on convertible debentures	(663)	_	_	_	(663)	_	_	_	_	_
Fair value gain on conversion option on the convertible debentures	24	_	_	_	24	147	_	_	_	147
Distributions on Class B LP Units	(3,158)	_	_	_	(3,158)	(3,071)	_	_	_	(3,071)
	\$16,485	(\$1,065)	\$878	\$—	\$16,298	\$14,384	(\$927)	\$1,328	\$—	\$14,785
Interest coverage ratio	2.53				2.59	2.57				2.59
Indebtedness coverage ratio	1.70				1.71	1.64				1.65

# **STATEMENTS OF INCOME (CONTINUED)**

						2023					2022
		No	n-GAAP	Adjustme	nts			Non-G/	AAP Adjus	tments	
For the year ended						Proportionate					Proportionate
December 31		NCI	Equity	Equity		Basis		NCI	Equity		Basis
(In thousands of dollars)	IFRS	Share	Interest	Reclass	IFRIC 21	(Non-GAAP)	IFRS	Share	Interest	IFRIC 21	(Non-GAAP)
Revenue from properties											
Same Property											
Gross rental revenue	\$275,259	(\$16,548)	\$15,311	\$8,289	\$—	\$282,311	\$252,220	(\$14,762)	\$21,139	\$—	\$258,597
Vacancy	(13,105)	764	(680)	(396)	_	(13,417)	(12,849)	716	(1,108)	_	(13,241)
Ancillary	22,783	(1,577)	920	589		22,715	20,134	(1,257)	862		19,739
Same Property	284,937	(17,361)	15,551	8,482	_	291,609	259,505	(15,303)	20,893	_	265,095
Equity Reclassification	8,482	_	_	(8,482)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Acquisition/Disposition	38,201					38,201	18,986				18,986
Total revenue from properties	331,620	(17,361)	15,551	_		329,810	278,491	(15,303)	20,893		284,081
Property operating expenses											
Same Property											
Operating costs	76,731	(4,573)	3,594	2,354	_	78,106	67,312	(3,881)	5,586	_	69,017
Realty taxes	33,859	(2,643)	2,318	1,090	_	34,624	30,602	(2,197)	2,806	_	31,211
Utilities	18,820	(641)	570	516		19,265	19,170	(505)	909	_	19,574
Same Property	129,410	(7,857)	6,482	3,960	_	131,995	117,084	(6,583)	9,301	_	119,802
Equity Reclassification	3,960	_	_	(3,960)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_
Acquisition/Disposition	18,010				1,049	19,059	10,192			(22)	10,170
Total property operating expenses	151,380	(7,857)	6,482	_	1,049	151,054	127,276	(6,583)	9,301	(22)	129,972
NOI											
Same Property	155,527	(9,504)	9,069	4,522	_	159,614	142,421	(8,720)	11,592	_	145,293
Equity Reclassification	4,522	_	_	(4,522)	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Acquisition/Disposition	20,191	_	_	_	(1,049)	19,142	8,794	_	_	22	8,816
Total NOI <sup>(1)</sup>	180,240	(9,504)	9,069	_	(1,049)	178,756	151,215	(8,720)	11,592	22	154,109
Other expenses (income)	-	,	•			•					
Interest expense	75.189	(4.197)	3.511	_	_	74.503	63.681	(3,550)	5.117	_	65,248
Trust expenses	21,977	(374)	414	_	_	22.017	19.356	(334)	627	_	19,649
Equity income from	,,	(,				,-	,	( /			,
investments	(5,376)	_	5,376	_	_	_	(3,822)	_	3,822	_	_
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	22	_	_	_	_	22	(69)	_	_	_	(69)
Other income	(360)	(8)	_	_	_	(368)	(3,549)	_	_	_	(3,549)
Income before fair value changes and income taxes	88,788	(4,925)	(232)	_	(1,049)	82,582	75,618	(4,836)	2,026	22	72,830
Fair value gain on real estate properties, net	79,947	(4,213)	232	_	1,049	77,015	208,275	(15,445)	(2,026)	(22)	190,782
Fair value gain on Class B LP Units	24,629	_	_	_	_	24,629	26,007	_	_	_	26,007
Income before income taxes	193,364	(9,138)	_	_	_	184,226	309,900	(20,281)	_	_	289,619
Provision for income taxes	,	1-71				- ,==-	,	, ,			,
Current	1,209	(193)	_	_	_	1,016	132	_	_	_	132
Deferred	6,874	_	_	_	_	6,874	70.205	_	_	_	70,205
	8,083	(193)				7.890	70,337				70,337
Net income for the year	\$185,281	(\$8,945)	\$—	\$	\$—	\$176,336	-,	(\$20,281)	\$—	\$—	\$219,282
(1) IFRIC 21 included in NOI	(\$1,049)	\$-	\$—	\$ <u></u>	\$1.049	\$	\$22	\$—	\$ <u></u>	(\$22)	\$—
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The following table provides a reconciliation of interest and indebtedness coverage ratios from their IFRS financial statement presentation:

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					2023					2022
		Non-GA	AP Adjus	stments			Non-G	AAP Adjus	stments	
For the year ended					Proportionate					Proportionate
December 31		NCI	Equity		Basis		NCI	Equity		Basis
(In thousands of dollars)	IFRS	Share	Interest	IFRIC 21	(Non-GAAP)	IFRS	Share	Interest	IFRIC 21	(Non-GAAP)
NOI	\$180,240	(\$9,504)	\$9,069	(\$1,049)	\$178,756	\$151,215	(\$8,720)	\$11,592	\$22	\$154,109
IFRIC 21 adjustment	(1,049)	_	_	1,049	_	22	_	_	(22)	_
Trust expenses	(21,977)	374	(414)	_	(22,017)	(19,356)	334	(627)	_	(19,649)
Other income	360	8	_	_	368	3,549	_	_	_	3,549
	\$157,574	(\$9,122)	\$8,655	\$—	\$157,107	\$135,430	(\$8,386)	\$10,965	\$—	\$138,009
Interest expense	\$75,189	(\$4,197)	\$3,511	\$	\$74,503	\$63,681	(\$3,550)	\$5,117	\$—	\$65,248
Loss on extinguishment of mortgages Amortization of mark-to-market	_	_	_	_	_	(181)	_	_	_	(181)
adjustment on mortgages	(731)	_	_	_	(731)	_	_	_	_	_
Accretion on convertible debentures	(663)	_	_	_	(663)	_	_	_	_	_
Fair value gain on conversion option on the convertible debentures	2,104	_	_	_	2,104	1,934	_	_	_	1,934
Distributions on Class B LP Units	(12,458)	_	_	_	(12,458)	(12,108)	_	_	_	(12,108)
	\$63,441	(\$4,197)	\$3,511	\$—	\$62,755	\$53,326	(\$3,550)	\$5,117	\$—	\$54,893
Interest coverage ratio	2.48			<u> </u>	2.50	2.54				2.51
Indebtedness coverage ratio	1.64				1.63	1.58				1.56

# PART X

#### OUTLOOK

Canadian multi-suite residential rental market recovery continued to strengthen during 2023, in keeping with the trend of the past few years. Stable and healthy demand fundamentals were observed across the nation. Generally positive economic and labour market trends supported demand for rental accommodation. Record high international migration helped ensure demand exceeded supply. At the same time, few renters were able to move out and purchase a home because of the interest rate hikes of the past year and elevated inflation levels. Market conditions tightened across the country, given positive rental demand momentum and limited available supply. As a result, rents continued to rise in most regions. In short, rental market conditions strengthened over the past year, extending the recovery phase of the cycle.

Multi-suite residential rental market fundamentals will remain stable and healthy over the near term, in keeping with the trend of the past few years. Rental demand will outdistance supply, despite relatively weak economic and labour market performance during the first half of 2024. Supply constraints will persist in all regions of the country, with demand exceeding supply. Options for tenants looking to relocate will be limited and expensive, as rents continue to hold at the peak for the cycle. International migration volume will continue to range near the record high of the past couple of years. The resulting demand pressure will drive rents steadily higher. In conclusion, the rental market outlook is generally stable and positive, which will represent the extension of the recovery phase of the cycle.

The U.S. multi-suite residential purpose-built rental market will exhibit a measure of resilience over the near term, having softened considerably in 2023. The national vacancy rate is forecast to hold at 7.6% in 2024, matching the 2023 average. Demand will keep pace with new supply, which will continue to exceed the long-term average by a significant margin. CoStar is forecasting roughly 456,000 units of new supply for 2024 and another 375,000 units in 2025, following the record-high 573,000 units completed in 2023. Stronger-than-anticipated economic and labour market performance will boost demand for rental accommodation in most regions. At the same time, many renters will stay put while interest rates remain high. Renter households will continue to struggle with elevated consumer pricing and will therefore continue to rent. Market rents will rise at a relatively modest pace over the near term. CoStar is forecasting the national average rent will increase by 3.5% in 2024, up from just shy of a 1.0% increase this year. The moderately positive rent growth outlook for 2024 is indicative of the measure of resilience forecast for the U.S. multi-suite residential rental market over the near term.

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# To the Unitholders of Morguard North American Residential Real Estate Investment Trust

# **Opinion**

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Morguard North American Residential Real Estate Investment Trust and its subsidiaries (the "REIT"), which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and the consolidated statements of income, consolidated statements of comprehensive income, consolidated statements of changes in unitholders' equity and consolidated statements of cash flows for the years then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including material accounting policy information.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the REIT as at December 31, 2023 and 2022, and its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

# **Basis for opinion**

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report. We are independent of the REIT in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the consolidated financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# **Key audit matters**

Key audit matters are those matters that, in our professional judgment, were of most significance in the audit of the consolidated financial statements of the current period. These matters were addressed in the context of the audit of the consolidated financial statements as a whole, and in forming the auditor's opinion thereon, and we do not provide a separate opinion on these matters. For each matter below, our description of how our audit addressed the matter is provided in that context.

We have fulfilled the responsibilities described in the *Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements* section of our report, including in relation to these matters. Accordingly, our audit included the performance of procedures designed to respond to our assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements. The results of our audit procedures, including the procedures performed to address the matters below, provide the basis for our audit opinion on the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

#### Valuation of real estate properties

# **Key Audit Matter**

The REIT's real estate property portfolio comprises income producing properties with a fair value of \$4.0 billion which represents 98% of total assets as at December 31, 2023.

Fair value of real estate properties is based on external and internal valuations, carried out by third party and certified staff appraisers respectively, using recognized valuation techniques. The valuation methodology for these real estate properties is primarily based on an income approach, utilizing the direct capitalization method. Recent real estate transactions with

# How our audit addressed the key audit matter

With the assistance of our real estate valuation specialists, we evaluated the appropriateness of the underlying valuation methodology, and performed the following audit procedures, among others:

 We assessed the competence and objectivity of management's valuation team, and any third-party appraisers engaged, by reviewing the qualifications and expertise of the individuals involved in the preparation and review of the valuations. characteristics and locations similar to the REIT's assets are also considered when developing the valuations.

Note 2 of the consolidated financial statements describes the accounting policy for real estate properties, including the valuation method and valuation inputs.

Note 3 of the consolidated financial statements discloses the sensitivity of the fair value of real estate properties to a change in capitalization rates.

The valuation of the REIT's real estate property portfolio is a key audit matter given the inherently subjective nature of significant assumptions including capitalization rates, and assumptions involved in determining stabilized net operating income, including vacancy and rental income. These assumptions are influenced by property specific characteristics including location, type and quality of the properties.

- We selected a sample of properties where either the fair value change from prior year or significant assumptions fell outside our expectations, based on our understanding of the geographical real estate market for the specific asset type. For this sample of real estate properties, we evaluated the significant assumptions, including capitalization rates and stabilized net operating income which includes vacancy and rental income, by comparison to the expected real estate market benchmark range for similar assets, in similar locations. We also considered whether there were any additional asset-specific characteristics that may impact the significant assumptions utilized and that these were appropriately considered in the overall assessment of fair value.
- We assessed the accuracy of management's historical fair value estimates through comparison to transactions to acquire and dispose of interests in real estate properties completed by the REIT during the year.
- We evaluated the REIT's critical accounting policies and related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements to assess appropriateness and conformity with IFRSs.

#### Other information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis
- The information, other than the consolidated financial statements and our auditor's report thereon, in the Annual Report

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

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

We obtained Management's Discussion and Analysis prior to the date of this auditor's report. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact in this auditor's report. We have nothing to report in this regard.

The Annual Report is expected to be made available to us after the date of the auditor's report. If based on the work we will perform on this other information, we conclude there is a material misstatement of other information, we are required to report that fact to those charged with governance.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The engagement partner on the audit resulting in this independent auditor's report is Kim Tang.

Chartered Professional Accountants
Licensed Public Accountants

Toronto, Canada February 13, 2024

# **BALANCE SHEETS**

In thousands of Canadian dollars

As at December 31	Note	2023	2022
ASSETS			
Non-current assets			
Real estate properties	3	\$3,999,481	\$3,626,853
Equity-accounted investments	5	53,282	105,462
		4,052,763	3,732,315
Current assets			
Morguard Facility	9	2,627	80,695
Amounts receivable		9,571	11,402
Prepaid expenses		9,070	6,373
Restricted cash		4,075	88,996
Cash		17,825	14,636
		43,168	202,102
		\$4,095,931	\$3,934,417
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY			
Non-current liabilities			
Mortgages payable	6	\$1,327,738	\$1,247,355
Convertible debentures	7	52,276	_
Class B LP Units	8	254,385	279,014
Deferred income tax liabilities	17	263,424	262,760
Lease liabilities	10	16,059	16,235
		1,913,882	1,805,364
Current liabilities			
Mortgages payable	6	167,624	134,819
Convertible debentures	7	_	85,126
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	11	54,774	53,719
		222,398	273,664
Total liabilities		2,136,280	2,079,028
EQUITY			
Unitholders' equity		1,852,778	1,753,475
Non-controlling interest		106,873	101,914
Total equity		1,959,651	1,855,389
		\$4,095,931	\$3,934,417
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Commitments and contingencies

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See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# On behalf of the Trustees:

(Signed) "K. Rai Sahi"

(Signed) "Mel Leiderman"

K. Rai Sahi, Trustee Mel Leiderman, Trustee

# STATEMENTS OF INCOME

In thousands of Canadian dollars

For the years ended December 31	Note	2023	2022
Revenue from real estate properties	13	\$331,620	\$278,491
Property operating expenses			
Property operating costs		(92,110)	(74,226)
Realty taxes		(38,531)	(33,080)
Utilities		(20,739)	(19,970)
Net operating income		180,240	151,215
Other expenses (income)			
Interest expense	14	75,189	63,681
Trust expenses	15	21,977	19,356
Equity income from investments	5	(5,376)	(3,822)
Foreign exchange loss (gain)		22	(69)
Other income	9	(360)	(3,549)
Income before fair value changes and income taxes		88,788	75,618
Fair value gain on real estate properties, net	3	79,947	208,275
Fair value gain on Class B LP Units	8	24,629	26,007
Income before income taxes		193,364	309,900
Provision for income taxes	17		
Current		1,209	132
Deferred		6,874	70,205
		8,083	70,337
Net income for the year		\$185,281	\$239,563
Net income attributable to:			
Unitholders		\$176,336	\$219,282
Non-controlling interest		8,945	20,281
		\$185,281	\$239,563

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

#### STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME In thousands of Canadian dollars For the years ended December 31 2023 2022 \$185,281 \$239,563 Net income for the year OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME Item that may be reclassified subsequently to net income: Unrealized foreign currency translation gain (loss) (28,967)82,290 Total comprehensive income for the year \$156,314 \$321,853 Total comprehensive income attributable to: Unitholders \$149,770 \$295,402 Non-controlling interest 6,544 26,451 \$156,314 \$321,853

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN UNITHOLDERS' EQUITY

In thousands of Canadian dollars

N	ote	Units	Contributed Surplus	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Unitholders' Equity	Non- controlling Interest	Total Equity
Unitholders' equity, December 31, 2021		\$469,959	\$48,762	\$897,597	\$68,420	\$1,484,738	\$76,647	\$1,561,385
Changes during the year:								
Net income		_	_	219,282	_	219,282	20,281	239,563
Other comprehensive income		_	_	_	76,120	76,120	6,170	82,290
Issue of Units - DRIP		815	_	(815)	_	_	_	_
Distributions		_	_	(26,665)	_	(26,665)	(1,184)	(27,849)
Unitholders' equity, December 31, 2022		\$470,774	\$48,762	\$1,089,399	\$144,540	\$1,753,475	\$101,914	\$1,855,389
Changes during the year:								
Net income		_	_	176,336	_	176,336	8,945	185,281
Other comprehensive loss		_	_	_	(26,566)	(26,566)	(2,401)	(28,967)
Repurchase of Units 12	2(b)	(23,533)	_	_	_	(23,533)	_	(23,533)
Issue of Units - DRIP	2(d)	909	_	(909)	_	_	_	_
Distributions 12	2(d)	_	_	(26,934)	_	(26,934)	(1,585)	(28,519)
Unitholders' equity, December 31, 2023		\$448,150	\$48,762	\$1,237,892	\$117,974	\$1,852,778	\$106,873	\$1,959,651

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

In thousands of Canadian dollars

For the years ended December 31	Note	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Net income		\$185,281	\$239,563
Add (deduct) items not affecting cash	18(a)	(100,859)	(164,912)
Additions to tenant incentives		(848)	(934)
Distributions from equity-accounted investments	5	3,385	1,796
Net change in non-cash operating assets and liabilities	18(b)	2,007	(340)
Cash provided by operating activities		88,966	75,173
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from sale of income producing properties, net	3	_	250,857
Acquisition of income producing properties	3	(164,710)	(221,096)
Additions to real estate properties	3	(44,299)	(40,819)
Cash used in investing activities		(209,009)	(11,058)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds from new mortgages	3, 6	187,310	212,633
Financing cost on new mortgages		(4,048)	(2,507)
Repayment of mortgages			
Principal instalment repayments		(32,817)	(32,535)
Repayment on maturity	6	(106,449)	(78,271)
Repayment due to mortgage extinguishment	3	_	(65,075)
Principal payment of lease liabilities	10	(33)	(8)
Proceeds from issuance of convertible debentures, net of costs	7	53,590	_
Redemption of convertible debentures	7	(85,500)	_
Proceeds from Morguard Facility		258,660	74,786
Repayments on Morguard Facility		(180,638)	(83,661)
Units repurchased for cancellation	12(b)	(23,533)	_
Distributions to Unitholders		(26,953)	(26,665)
Distributions to non-controlling interest		(1,585)	(1,184)
Decrease (increase) in restricted cash		82,833	(76,393)
Cash provided by (used in) financing activities		120,837	(78,880)
Net increase (decrease) in cash during the year		794	(14,765)
Net effect of foreign currency translation on cash balance		2,395	2,839
Cash, beginning of year		14,636	26,562
Cash, end of year		\$17,825	\$14,636

See accompanying notes to the consolidated financial statements.

# **NOTES**

For the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

In thousands of Canadian dollars, except Unit and per Unit amounts and where otherwise noted

#### NOTE 1

#### NATURE AND FORMATION OF TRUST

Morguard North American Residential Real Estate Investment Trust (the "REIT") is an unincorporated open-ended real estate investment trust established pursuant to a Declaration of Trust dated March 1, 2012, and as most recently amended and restated on February 16, 2021 (the "Declaration of Trust"), under and governed by the laws of the Province of Ontario. The trust units of the REIT ("Units") trade on the Toronto Stock Exchange ("TSX") under the symbol "MRG.UN." The REIT invests in multi-suite residential rental properties in Canada and the United States. The REIT's head office is located at 55 City Centre Drive, Suite 1000, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 1M3.

The REIT holds its investments in its real estate properties through its ownership in Morguard NAR Canada Limited Partnership (the "Partnership"). As at December 31, 2023, Morguard Corporation ("Morguard"), the parent company of the REIT, holds an indirect 46.1% (2022 - 44.7%) interest through its ownership of 8,120,666 Units and 17,223,090 Class B LP Units.

# NOTE 2

# STATEMENT OF COMPLIANCE AND MATERIAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards ("IFRS") as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board ("IASB").

The consolidated financial statements were approved and authorized for issue by the Board of Trustees on February 13, 2024.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

The REIT's consolidated financial statements are prepared on a going-concern basis and have been presented in Canadian dollars rounded to the nearest thousand unless otherwise indicated. The consolidated financial statements are prepared on a historical cost basis, except for real estate properties and certain financial instruments that are measured at fair value. The material accounting policies set out below have been applied consistently to all periods presented in these consolidated financial statements unless otherwise indicated.

# **Basis of Consolidation**

The REIT holds its interest in the real estate properties and other assets and liabilities related to these properties directly or indirectly through the Partnership. The consolidated financial statements include the financial statements of the REIT, as well as the entities that are controlled by the REIT ("subsidiaries"). The REIT controls an entity when the REIT is exposed to or has rights to variable returns from its involvement with the entity and has the ability to affect those returns through its power over the entity. Subsidiaries are fully consolidated from the date of acquisition or the date on which the REIT obtains control and are deconsolidated from the date that control ceases. Intercompany transactions, balances, unrealized losses and unrealized gains on transactions between the REIT and its subsidiaries are eliminated upon consolidation.

# **Non-controlling Interest**

Non-controlling interest represents equity interest in subsidiaries that is not attributable to the REIT. For all of the REIT's subsidiaries, the share of the net assets of the subsidiaries that is attributable to non-controlling interest is presented as a component of equity.

# **Income Producing Properties**

Income producing properties include multi-suite residential properties held to earn rental income. An income producing property that is acquired as an asset purchase and not as a business combination is recorded initially at cost, including transaction costs. Transaction costs include transfer taxes and professional fees for legal and other services.

Subsequent to initial recognition, income producing properties are recorded at fair value. The changes in fair value for each reporting period will be recorded in the consolidated statements of income. In order to avoid double counting, the carrying value of income producing properties includes all capital expenditures associated with upgrading and extending the economic life of the existing properties since these amounts are incorporated in the appraised values of the income producing properties. Fair value is based on valuations using the direct capitalization income method. Recent real estate transactions with characteristics and locations similar to the REIT's assets are also considered. The direct capitalization income method applies a capitalization rate to the property's stabilized net operating income, which incorporates allowances for vacancy, management fees and structural reserves for capital expenditures for the property. The resulting appraised value is further adjusted, where appropriate, for non-recurring costs to stabilize the income.

# **Interests in Joint Arrangements**

The REIT reviews its interests in joint arrangements and accounts for those joint arrangements in which the REIT is entitled only to the net assets of the arrangement as joint ventures using the equity method of accounting; and for those joint arrangements in which the REIT is entitled to its share of the assets and liabilities as joint operations and recognizes its rights to and obligations of the assets, liabilities, revenue and expenses of the joint operation.

#### Classification of Units and Class B LP Units

#### Units

Units meet the definition of a financial liability under IFRS as the redemption feature of the Units creates an unavoidable contractual obligation to pay cash (or another financial instrument such as notes payable, if redemptions exceed \$50 in a given month).

Units are redeemable at the option of the holder and, therefore, are considered "puttable instruments" in accordance with International Accounting Standard ("IAS") 32, Financial Instruments - Presentation ("IAS 32"). IAS 32 allows puttable instruments to be presented as equity, provided the instrument meets all of the following conditions: (i) it must entitle the holder to a *pro rata* share of the entity's net assets in the event of the entity's dissolution; (ii) it must be in the class of instruments that is subordinate to all other instruments; (iii) all instruments in the class in point (ii) must have identical features; (iv) other than the redemption feature, there can be no other contractual obligations that meet the definition of a liability; and (v) the expected cash flows for the instruments must be based substantially on the profit or loss of the entity or change in fair value of the entity over the life of the instrument. The Units meet these criteria and, accordingly, are presented as equity in the consolidated financial statements, and the distributions declared on the Units are deducted from retained earnings.

# **Class B LP Units**

The Class B limited partnership units of the Partnership ("Class B LP Units") are exchangeable into Units at the option of the holder. As a result of this obligation, the Class B LP Units are exchangeable into a liability (as the Units are a liability by definition) and do not qualify for the exception in IAS 32 to be presented as equity. Accordingly, the Class B LP Units are also considered to be a liability, measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in the consolidated statements of income. The distributions paid on the Class B LP Units are classified as interest expense in the consolidated statements of income.

#### **Financial Instruments**

#### **Recognition and Measurement of Financial Instruments**

Financial assets must be classified and measured on the basis of both the business model in which the assets are managed and the contractual cash flow characteristics of the asset. Financial assets subsequent to initial recognition are classified and measured based on three categories: amortized cost, fair value through other comprehensive income ("FVTOCI") and fair value through profit or loss ("FVTPL"). Financial liabilities are classified and measured based on two categories: amortized cost and FVTPL. Initially, all financial assets and financial liabilities are recorded in the consolidated balance sheets at fair value. After initial recognition, the effective interest related to financial assets and liabilities measured at amortized cost and the gain or loss arising from the change in the fair value of financial assets or liabilities classified as FVTPL are included in net income for the year in which they arise. At each consolidated balance sheet date, financial assets measured at amortized cost or at FVTOCI, except for investments in equity instruments, require an impairment analysis using the expected credit loss model ("ECL model") to determine the expected credit losses using judgment determined on a probability weighting basis.

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

Financial Assets	
Amounts receivable	Amortized cost
Morguard Facility	Amortized cost
Restricted cash	Amortized cost
Cash	Amortized cost
Financial Liabilities	
Mortgages payable	Amortized cost
Convertible debentures, excluding conversion option	Amortized cost
Morguard Facility	Amortized cost
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	Amortized cost
Lease liabilities	Amortized cost
Conversion option of convertible debentures	FVTPL
Class B LP Units	FVTPL

#### **Transaction Costs**

Direct and indirect financing costs that are attributable to the issue of financial liabilities measured at amortized cost are presented as a reduction from the carrying amount of the related debt and are amortized using the effective interest rate method over the term of the related debt. These costs include interest, amortization of discounts or premiums relating to borrowings, fees and commissions paid to lenders, agents, brokers and advisers, and transfer taxes and duties that are incurred in connection with the arrangement of borrowings.

#### **Fair Value**

The fair value of a financial instrument is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement is based on the presumption that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either: (i) in the principal market for the asset or liability; or (ii) in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability.

Fair value measurements recognized in the consolidated balance sheets are categorized using a fair value hierarchy that reflects the significance of inputs used in determining the fair values:

- Level 1: Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2: Quoted prices in active markets for similar assets or liabilities or valuation techniques where significant inputs are based on observable market data.
- Level 3: Valuation techniques for which any significant input is not based on observable market data.

Each type of fair value measurement is categorized based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

# **Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, balances with banks and short-term deposits with remaining maturities at the time of acquisition of three months or less.

# **Convertible Debentures**

Convertible debentures issued by the REIT are convertible into Units at the option of the holder, and the number of Units to be issued does not vary with changes in their fair value.

Upon issuance, convertible debentures are separated into their debt and conversion feature components. The debt component of the convertible debentures is recognized initially at the fair value of a similar debt instrument without a conversion feature. Subsequent to initial recognition, the debt component of a compound financial instrument is measured at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method.

The conversion feature component of the convertible debentures is recognized at fair value using the Black-Scholes option pricing model as at each consolidated balance sheet date. The convertible debentures are convertible into Units at the holder's option. As a result of this obligation, the convertible debentures are

exchangeable into a liability since the Units are puttable instruments that meet the definition of a financial liability under IAS 32. Accordingly, the conversion feature component of the convertible debentures is recorded in the consolidated balance sheets as a liability measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in the consolidated statements of income.

Any directly attributable transaction costs are allocated to the debt and conversion components of the convertible debentures in proportion to their initial carrying amounts.

# **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue from income producing properties includes rents from tenants under leases and property management and ancillary income (such as utilities, parking and laundry) paid by the tenants under the terms of their existing leases. Revenue recognition under a lease commences when a tenant has a right to use the leased asset, and revenue is recognized when control of the goods or services is transferred to the customer at an amount that reflects the consideration to which the REIT expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. The REIT has not transferred substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of its income producing properties and, therefore, accounts for leases with its tenants as operating leases.

Rental income from tenants under leases include lease components within the scope of IFRS 16, Leases ("IFRS 16"), and are comprised of rental income and a recovery of property taxes and insurance. Rental income is accounted for on a straight-line basis over the lease terms. Property tax and insurance recoveries are recognized as income in the period in which they are earned. Any suite-specific incentives offered or initial direct costs incurred in negotiating and arranging an operating lease are reflected in the consolidated balance sheets in the carrying value of income producing properties and are amortized over the term of the operating lease and recognized in the consolidated statements of income on a straight-line basis.

Property management and ancillary income are considered non-lease components and are within the scope of IFRS 15, Revenue from Contracts with Customers ("IFRS 15"). The performance obligation for property management and ancillary services is satisfied over time. Rents charged to tenants are generally charged on a gross basis, inclusive of property management and ancillary services. If a contract is separated into more than one performance obligation, the REIT allocates the total transaction price to each performance obligation in an amount based on an expected cost plus a margin approach. The REIT applies the practical expedient in paragraph 121 of IFRS 15 and does not disclose information about remaining performance obligations that have original expected durations of one year or less.

#### **Income Taxes**

The REIT is a "mutual fund trust" pursuant to the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) (the "Act"). Under current tax legislation, a real estate investment trust is entitled to deduct distributions of taxable income such that it is not liable to pay income taxes, provided that its taxable income is fully distributed to Unitholders. The REIT intends to continue to qualify as a real estate investment trust and to make distributions of not less than the amount necessary to ensure that the REIT will not be liable to pay income taxes in Canada. Accordingly, no current or deferred income taxes have been recorded in the consolidated financial statements for the REIT's Canadian properties.

The REIT's U.S. properties are held by U.S. subsidiaries that are taxable legal entities. The REIT uses the liability method of accounting for U.S. income taxes. Under the liability method of tax allocation, current income tax assets and liabilities are based on the amount expected to be paid to tax authorities, net of recoveries, based on the tax rates and laws enacted or substantively enacted as at the consolidated balance sheet dates. Deferred income tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using substantively enacted tax rates and laws that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse. Deferred income tax assets are recognized for all deductible temporary differences, carryforward of unused tax credits and unused tax losses to the extent that it is probable that deductions, tax credits and tax losses can be utilized. The carrying amounts of deferred income tax assets are reviewed as at each consolidated balance sheet date and reduced to the extent it is no longer probable that the income tax asset will be recovered.

In accordance with IAS 12, Income Taxes ("IAS 12"), the REIT measures deferred income tax assets and liabilities on its U.S. real estate properties based on the rebuttable presumption that the carrying amount of the real estate

property is recovered through sale, as opposed to presuming that the economic benefits of the real estate property will be substantially consumed through use over time. This presumption is rebutted if the property is held within a business model whose objective is to consume substantially all of the economic benefits embodied in the income producing property over time rather than through sale.

# Foreign Exchange

The operations of the REIT's U.S.-based subsidiaries are in United States dollars, which is the functional currency of the foreign subsidiaries. Accordingly, the assets and liabilities of foreign subsidiaries are translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate as at the consolidated balance sheet dates. Revenue and expenses are translated at the average rate of exchange for the year. The resulting gains and losses are recorded in other comprehensive income ("OCI"). Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated into Canadian dollars at the exchange rate in effect at the reporting date. Exchange differences are recognized in profit or loss, except for exchange differences arising from a monetary item receivable from or payable to a foreign subsidiary, the settlement of which is neither planned nor likely to occur in the foreseeable future and which in substance is considered to form part of the net investment in the foreign subsidiary. These exchange differences are recognized in OCI until the disposal of the net investment, at which time they are reclassified to profit or loss.

The foreign exchange rates for the current and prior reporting years are as follows:

	2023	2022
Canadian dollar to United States dollar exchange rates:		
- As at December 31	\$0.7561	\$0.7383
- Average for the year ended December 31	0.7409	0.7686
United States dollar to Canadian dollar exchange rates:		
- As at December 31	1.3226	1.3544
- Average for the year ended December 31	1.3497	1.3011

# **Distributions**

Distributions are recognized as a deduction from retained earnings for the Units classified as equity and as interest expense for Class B LP Units classified as a liability.

#### **Reportable Operating Segments**

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

# **Critical Judgments in Applying Material Accounting Policies**

The following are the critical judgments that have been made in applying the REIT's material accounting policies and that have the most significant effect on the amounts in the consolidated financial statements:

# **Income Producing Properties**

The REIT's accounting policies relating to income producing properties are described above. In applying these policies, judgment has been applied in determining whether certain costs are additions to the carrying amount of the property, and, for properties under development, identifying the point at which practical completion of the property occurs and identifying the directly attributable borrowing costs to be included in the carrying value of the development property. The key assumptions in the valuation of the REIT's income producing properties are further defined in Note 3.

# **Joint Arrangements**

The REIT applies judgment to determine whether the joint arrangements provide it with joint control, significant influence or no influence and whether the arrangements are joint operations or joint ventures.

#### **Basis of Consolidation**

The REIT's basis of consolidation is described above in the "Basis of Consolidation" section. Judgment is applied in determining whether "control" exists within the framework of IFRS 10, Consolidated Financial Statements.

# **Revenue Recognition**

The REIT applies judgment about the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows arising from a contract with a customer. The REIT concluded that revenue for property management and ancillary services is to be recognized over time because the tenant simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by the REIT. Rents charged to tenants are generally charged on a gross basis, inclusive of property management and ancillary services. If a contract is identified as containing more than one performance obligation, the REIT allocates the total transaction price to each performance obligation in an amount based on an expected cost plus a margin approach.

#### **Income Taxes**

Under current tax legislation, a real estate investment trust is not liable to pay Canadian income taxes, provided that its taxable income is fully distributed to Unitholders during the year. The REIT is a real estate investment trust if it meets prescribed conditions under the Act relating to the nature of its assets and revenue (the "REIT Conditions"). The REIT has reviewed the REIT Conditions and has assessed their interpretation and application to the REIT's Canadian assets and revenue, and it has determined that it qualifies as a real estate investment trust. The REIT expects to qualify as a real estate investment trust under the Act; however, should it no longer qualify, it would not be able to flow through its taxable income to Unitholders, and the REIT would, therefore, be subject to tax on its Canadian properties.

# **Critical Material Accounting Estimates and Assumptions**

The preparation of the consolidated financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as at the date of the consolidated financial statements and reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting periods.

In determining estimates of fair market value for the REIT's income producing properties, the assumptions underlying estimated values are limited by the availability of comparable data and the uncertainty of predictions concerning future events. Significant estimates used in determining fair value of the REIT's income producing properties include capitalization rates and stabilized net operating income (which is primarily influenced by revenue growth, vacancy rates, inflation rates and operating costs). Should any of these underlying assumptions change, actual results could differ from the estimated amounts. The critical estimates and assumptions underlying the valuation of income producing properties are outlined in Note 3.

# **Current Material Accounting Policy Changes**

# Amendments to IAS 1, Presentation of Financial Statements ("IAS 1") and IFRS Practice Statement 2, Disclosure of Accounting Policies

On January 1, 2023, the REIT adopted the amendments to IAS 1 and IFRS Practice Statement 2. The amendments aim to help entities provide accounting policy disclosures that are more useful by replacing the requirement for entities to disclose their "significant" accounting policies with a requirement to disclose their "material" accounting policies and adding guidance on how entities apply the concept of materiality in making decisions about accounting policy disclosures.

The amendments did not have a material impact on the REIT's consolidated financial statements.

# Amendments to IAS 8, Accounting Policies, Changes in Accounting Estimates and Errors ("IAS 8") - Definition of Accounting Estimates

On January 1, 2023, the REIT adopted the amendments to IAS 8, which aim to clarify the distinction between changes in accounting estimates and changes in accounting policies and the correction of errors. Also, they clarify how entities use measurement techniques and inputs to develop accounting estimates.

The amendments did not have a material impact on the REIT's consolidated financial statements.

# Amendments to IAS 12 - International Tax Reform: Pillar Two Model Rules

In December 2021, the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development ("OECD") published the Pillar Two model rules outlining a structure for a new 15% global minimum tax to be implemented by participating countries at an agreed future date, currently expected (for most countries) to be 2024. On May 23, 2023, the IASB announced that it has finalized its amendments to IAS 12 as a result of the Pillar Two model rules published by

the OECD. The amendments provide temporary relief for companies from having to account for deferred taxes arising from the implementation of the Pillar Two model rules.

The amendments introduce:

- A mandatory temporary exception from recognizing and disclosing deferred tax assets and liabilities related to Pillar Two income taxes:
- Targeted disclosure requirements for affected companies to help users of the financial statements better understand a company's exposure to Pillar Two income taxes arising from that legislation, particularly before its effective date; and
- The amendments ensure that affected companies apply IAS 12 consistently and that investors are given better information before and after any jurisdictional Pillar Two legislation comes into effect.

The REIT has applied the mandatory temporary exception immediately upon issue of the amendments and retrospectively in accordance with IAS 8.

The REIT's entities are operating in jurisdictions in which the Pillar Two legislation has not been enacted or substantively enacted. In its 2023 budget, the Canadian Federal Government announced its intentions to substantively enact Pillar Two legislation for the fiscal years beginning on or after December 31, 2023. To date, the U.S. has not indicated its commitment to enact Pillar Two legislation. The REIT and its subsidiaries are reviewing the relevant legislation and available guidance to assess the full implications of the Pillar Two model rules.

# **Future Material Accounting Policy Changes**

#### Amendments to IAS 1 - Classification of Liabilities as Current or Non-Current

The amendments aim to promote consistency in applying the requirements by helping companies determine whether, in the statement of financial position, debt and other liabilities with an uncertain settlement date should be classified as current (due or potentially due to be settled within one year) or non-current.

The amendments to IAS 1 are effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and are not expected to have a material impact on the REIT's consolidated financial statements.

# Amendments to IAS 1 - Non-Current Liabilities with Covenants

The amendments aim to improve the information companies provide about long-term debt with covenants. The amendments to IAS 1 specify that covenants to be complied with after the reporting date do not affect the classification of debt as current or non-current at the reporting date. Instead, the amendments require a company to disclose information about these covenants in the notes to the financial statements.

The amendments to IAS 1 are effective for reporting periods beginning on or after January 1, 2024 and are not expected to have a material impact on the REIT's consolidated financial statements.

# NOTE 3

#### **REAL ESTATE PROPERTIES**

Reconciliations of the carrying amounts for real estate properties at the beginning and end of the current and prior financial years are set out below:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$3,626,853	\$3,256,158
Additions:		
Acquisition of income producing properties	207,658	221,096
Capital expenditures	44,299	40,819
Right-of-use assets	241	6,643
Transfer from equity-accounted investments (Note 5)	96,840	_
Dispositions	<del>-</del>	(250,857)
Fair value gain, net	80,996	208,253
Foreign currency translation	(57,717)	145,077
Other	311	(336)
Balance, end of year	\$3,999,481	\$3,626,853

# Transactions completed during the year ended December 31, 2023

#### **Acquisitions**

On January 5, 2023, the REIT acquired from Morguard the remaining 50% interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square (Note 5), comprising 492 residential suites, for a purchase price of \$96,902 (US\$71,545), including closing costs, and assumed mortgages payable of \$45,997 (US\$33,961) at a contractual interest rate of 3.55%, maturing on September 1, 2027. In addition, a mark-to-market adjustment of \$3,049 (US\$2,251) was recorded to mortgages payable at an effective interest rate of 5.26%.

On March 29, 2023, the REIT acquired a multi-suite residential property comprising 240 suites located in Chicago, Illinois ("Xavier"), for a purchase price of \$113,805 (US\$83,829), including closing costs.

The REIT pursued a tax deferred exchange under Internal Revenue Code Section 1031 ("1031 Exchange") in connection with its U.S. property dispositions. Under a 1031 Exchange, the REIT was able to defer tax payable upon the acquisition of its replacement property.

# Transactions completed during the year ended December 31, 2022

# **Acquisitions**

On August 8, 2022, the REIT acquired a multi-suite residential property comprising 350 suites located in Chicago, Illinois ("Echelon Chicago"), for a purchase price of \$174,345 (US\$135,603), including closing costs, and was partially funded by a mortgage in the amount of \$96,008 (US\$74,674) at an interest rate of 4.71% for a term of 7 years.

On September 26, 2022, the REIT acquired a retail property ("Rockville Town Square") comprising 186,712 square feet of commercial area located in Rockville, Maryland, for a purchase price of \$46,751 (US\$34,085), including closing costs. The retail property is part of a mixed-use complex ("Fenestra at Rockville Town Square") where the REIT owns the residential property.

#### **Dispositions**

On June 6, 2022, the REIT sold a multi-suite residential property located in Atlanta, Georgia, comprising 292 suites, for net proceeds of \$93,165 (US\$74,152), including closing costs, and repaid the mortgage payable secured by the property in the amount of \$27,048 (US\$21,528).

On August 24, 2022, the REIT sold a multi-suite residential property located in Slidell, Louisiana, comprising 144 suites, for net proceeds of \$32,778 (US\$25,247), including closing costs, and repaid the mortgage payable secured by the property in the amount of \$9,972 (US\$7,681).

On October 6, 2022, the REIT sold a multi-suite residential property located in Coconut Creek, Florida, comprising 340 suites, for net proceeds of \$124,914 (US\$91,052), including closing costs, and repaid the mortgage payable secured by the property in the amount of \$28,055 (US\$20,450).

As at December 31, 2023, and 2022, the REIT had its portfolio appraised by Morguard's appraisal division. In addition, the REIT's U.S. portfolio is appraised by independent U.S. real estate appraisal firms on a three-year cycle.

Morguard's appraisal division consists of Appraisal Institute of Canada ("AIC") designated Accredited Appraiser Canadian Institute ("AACI") members who are qualified to offer valuation and consulting services and expertise for all types of real property, all of whom are knowledgeable and have recent experience in the fair value techniques for investment properties. AACI members must adhere to AIC's Canadian Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice ("CUSPAP") and undertake ongoing professional development. Morguard's appraisal division is responsible for determining the fair value of investment properties every quarter. Morguard's valuation processes and results are reviewed by the REIT's senior management at least once every quarter, in line with the REIT's quarterly reporting dates.

Key assumptions used in determining the valuation of income producing properties include estimates of capitalization rates and stabilized net operating income (which is primarily influenced by revenue growth, vacancy rates, inflation rates and operating costs), pertain to forward-looking assumptions and market evidence and, accordingly, could materially and adversely impact the underlying valuation of the REIT's income producing properties.

The REIT utilizes the direct capitalization income method to appraise its portfolio. This method requires that rental income from current leases and key assumptions about rental income, vacancies and inflation rates, among other factors, are used to determine a one-year stabilized net operating income forecast for each individual property within the REIT's portfolio and also considers any capital expenditures anticipated within the year. A capitalization rate was also determined for each property based on market information related to the external sale of similar properties within a similar location. These factors were used to determine the fair value of income producing properties at each reporting period.

As at December 31, 2023, using the direct capitalization income approach, the properties were valued using capitalization rates in the range of 3.8% to 6.3% (2022 - 3.8% to 6.0%) applied to a stabilized net operating income of \$180,813 (2022 - \$161,168), resulting in an overall weighted average capitalization rate of 4.5% (2022 - 4.4%).

The stabilized occupancy and average capitalization rates by location are set out in the following table:

	<b>December 31, 2023</b>					Decei	mber 31, 2	022	Weighted			
	Occupancy Rates		Capita	lization l	Rates	Occupancy Rates Capit			talization Rates			
	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Weighted Average	Max.	Min.	Max.	Min.	Weighted Average		
Canada												
Alberta	96.0%	96.0%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	96.0%	96.0%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%		
Ontario	97.5%	96.5%	4.3%	3.8%	3.9%	97.5%	96.5%	4.3%	3.8%	3.9%		
<b>United States</b>												
Colorado	95.0%	95.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	95.0%	95.0%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%		
Texas	95.0%	95.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	95.0%	95.0%	4.8%	4.5%	4.7%		
Louisiana	95.0%	95.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	95.0%	95.0%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%		
Illinois	95.0%	95.0%	5.3%	5.0%	5.1%	95.0%	95.0%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%		
Georgia	96.0%	95.0%	5.3%	4.8%	5.1%	96.0%	95.0%	5.3%	4.8%	5.0%		
Florida	96.0%	93.6%	6.3%	4.5%	5.2%	96.0%	93.6%	6.0%	4.5%	5.1%		
North Carolina	94.0%	94.0%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%	94.0%	94.0%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%		
Virginia	95.0%	95.0%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	95.0%	95.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%		
Maryland	94.0%	94.0%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	—%	—%	-%	—%	-%		

Fair values are most sensitive to changes in capitalization rates and stabilized net operating income. Generally, an increase in stabilized net operating income will result in an increase in the fair value of the real estate properties, and an increase in capitalization rates will result in a decrease in the fair value of the properties. The capitalization rate magnifies the effect of a change in stabilized net operating income, with a lower capitalization rate resulting in a greater impact on the fair value of the property than a higher capitalization rate. If the weighted average stabilized capitalization rate were to increase or decrease by 25 basis points (assuming no change to stabilized net operating income), the fair value of the real estate properties as at December 31, 2023 would decrease by \$206,456 or increase by \$230,959, respectively.

#### NOTE 4

# SUBSIDIARIES WITH NON-CONTROLLING INTEREST

As at December 31, 2023, and 2022, the REIT owns a 51% effective interest in a limited partnership (the "LP"). The LP owns a garden-style property comprising 252 suites located in Cooper City, Florida ("2940 Solano at Monterra"), and a high-rise property comprising 515 suites and approximately 20,000 square feet of commercial area located in Chicago, Illinois ("Coast at Lakeshore East").

The following summarizes the results of the REIT's material subsidiaries with non-controlling interest before any intercompany eliminations and the corresponding non-controlling interest in the equity of the LP:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Non-current assets	\$398,499	\$399,006
Current assets	5,975	5,649
Total assets	\$404,474	\$404,655
Non-current liabilities	\$186,920	\$194,681
Current liabilities	9,081	9,797
Total liabilities	\$196,001	\$204,478
Equity	\$208,473	\$200,177
Non-controlling interest	\$102,152	\$98,087
For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Revenue from income producing properties	\$34,231	\$30,113
Expenses	(25,113)	(20,717)
Fair value gain on income producing properties	7,334	32,357
Net income for the year	\$16,452	\$41,753
Non-controlling interest	\$8,061	\$20,459
For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Cash provided by operating activities	\$9,215	\$8,551
Cash used in investing activities	(1,639)	(1,704)
Cash used in financing activities	(6,718)	(6,524)
Net increase in cash during the year	\$858	\$323

### NOTE 5

## **EQUITY-ACCOUNTED INVESTMENTS**

The following are the REIT's equity-accounted investments as at December 31, 2023, and 2022:

			REIT's Ow	nership	Carryir	ng Value
	Principal Place		December 31,	December 31,	December 31,	December 31,
Property	of Business	Type	2023	2022	2023	2022
Fenestra <sup>(1)</sup>	Rockville, MD	Joint Venture	—%	50%	\$—	\$52,857
Marquee at Block 37	Chicago, IL	Joint Venture	50%	50%	53,282	52,605
					\$53,282	\$105,462

<sup>(1)</sup> The REIT acquired the 50% interest not already owned in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square on January 5, 2023 (Note 3).

The following table presents the change in the balance of the equity-accounted investments:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$105,462	\$96,376
Transfer (1)	(52,857)	_
Distributions received	(3,385)	(1,796)
Share of net income	5,376	3,822
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(1,314)	7,060
Balance, end of year	\$53,282	\$105,462

<sup>(1)</sup> On January 5, 2023, the REIT acquired from Morguard the remaining 50% interest in Fenestra at Rockville Town Square, at which point the carrying value of the 50% interest was transferred to each respective balance sheet line item including income producing properties in the amount of \$96,840 (Note 3) and mortgages payable in the amount of \$45,997.

The following tables present the financial results of the REIT's equity-accounted investments on a 100% basis:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Non-current assets	\$314,780	\$515,080
Current assets	2,532	10,600
Total assets	\$317,312	\$525,680
Non-current liabilities	\$199,464	\$298,836
Current liabilities	11,284	15,920
Total liabilities	\$210,748	\$314,756
Net assets	\$106,564	\$210,924
Equity-accounted investments	\$53,282	\$105,462
For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Revenue	\$31,102	\$41,786
Expenses	(20,814)	(30,090)
Fair value gain (loss) on income producing properties	464	(4,052)
Net income for the year	\$10,752	\$7,644
Income in equity-accounted investments	\$5,376	\$3,822

#### NOTE 6

### **MORTGAGES PAYABLE**

Mortgages payable consist of the following:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Principal balance of mortgages	\$1,511,252	\$1,394,444
Deferred financing costs	(13,628)	(12,270)
Mark-to-market adjustment	(2,262)	_
	\$1,495,362	\$1,382,174
Current	\$167,624	\$134,819
Non-current	1,327,738	1,247,355
	\$1,495,362	\$1,382,174
Range of interest rates	2.03-7.39%	2.03-5.79%
Weighted average interest rate	3.72%	3.50%
Weighted average term to maturity (years)	4.9	4.9
Fair value of mortgages	\$1,438,179	\$1,291,966

The REIT's first mortgages are registered against specific real estate assets, and substantially all of the REIT's rental properties and related rental revenue have been pledged as collateral for the mortgages payable.

On April 28, 2023, the REIT completed the refinancing of two multi-suite residential properties located in Atlanta, Georgia, and Cary, North Carolina, for an aggregate amount of \$89,574 (US\$65,970) at an interest rate of 5.06% and for terms of 10 years. The maturing mortgages amounted to \$61,240 (US\$45,102) and had a weighted average interest rate of 3.51%.

On May 1, 2023, the REIT completed the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation ("CMHC") insured financing of a multi-suite residential property located in Toronto, Ontario, in the amount of \$61,137 at an interest rate of 4.18% and for a term of 10 years. The maturing mortgage amounted to \$24,553 and had an interest rate of 2.96%.

On July 31, 2023, the REIT completed the refinancing of two multi-suite residential properties located in Pensacola, Florida, for an aggregate amount of \$36,599 (US\$27,775) at an interest rate of 5.66% and for terms of eight years. The maturing mortgages amounted to \$20,656 (US\$15,676) and had a weighted average interest rate of 3.39%.

The aggregate principal repayments and balances maturing of the mortgages payable as at December 31, 2023, together with the weighted average contractual interest rate on debt maturing in the next five years and thereafter, are as follows:

	Principal			Weighted
	Instalment	<b>Balances</b>		Average
	Repayments	Maturing	Total	<b>Contractual Rate</b>
2024	\$30,479	\$140,446	\$170,925	3.28%
2025	23,264	179,713	202,977	3.27%
2026	17,686	166,247	183,933	3.24%
2027	15,584	168,864	184,448	4.43%
2028	12,403	106,257	118,660	3.90%
Thereafter	32,948	617,361	650,309	3.83%
	\$132,364	\$1,378,888	\$1,511,252	3.72%

### NOTE 7

### **CONVERTIBLE DEBENTURES**

Convertible debentures consist of the following:

As at December 31	2023	2022
4.50% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures	\$—	\$85,223
6.00% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures	52,245	_
Fair value of conversion option	2,131	94
Unamortized financing costs	(2,100)	(191)
	\$52,276	\$85,126
Current	\$—	\$85,126
Non-current	52,276	<u> </u>
	\$52,276	\$85,126

For the year ended December 31, 2023, interest on the convertible debentures amounting to \$3,608 (2022 - \$3,848) is included in interest expense (Note 14). As at December 31, 2023, \$856 (2022 - \$980) is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

## 4.50% Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures

On February 13, 2018, the REIT issued \$75,000 principal amount of 4.50% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "2018 Debentures") maturing on March 31, 2023. On February 21, 2018, an additional principal amount of \$10,500 was issued pursuant to the exercise of the over-allotment option. Interest was payable semi-annually, not in advance, on March 31 and September 30 of each year. The underwriters' commissions, legal and other issue costs attributable to the 2018 Debentures in the amount of \$3,375 have been capitalized and amortized over their term to maturity. Morguard owned \$5,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2018 Debentures.

On March 24, 2023, the REIT redeemed the 2018 Debentures in advance of their March 31, 2023 maturity date.

### 6.00% Convertible Unsecured Subordinated Debentures

On March 9, 2023, the REIT issued \$50,000 principal amount of 6.00% convertible unsecured subordinated debentures (the "2023 Debentures") maturing on March 31, 2028 (the "Maturity Date"). On March 17, 2023, an additional principal amount of \$6,000 was issued pursuant to the exercise of the over-allotment option. Interest is payable semi-annually, not in advance, on March 31 and September 30 of each year, commencing on September 30, 2023. The underwriters' commissions, legal and other issue costs attributable to the 2023 Debentures in the amount of \$2,410 have been capitalized and are being amortized over their term to maturity. Morguard and Paros Enterprises Limited, related parties, own \$5,000 and \$2,000 aggregate principal amount of the 2023 Debentures, respectively.

As at December 31, 2023, \$56,000 of the face value of the 2023 Debentures were outstanding.

Each of the 2023 Debentures can be converted into fully paid, non-assessable and freely tradable Units at the option of the holder at any time prior to the close of business on the earlier of the Maturity Date and the business day immediately preceding the date specified by the REIT for redemption of the 2023 Debentures, at a conversion price of \$24.15 per Unit, being a ratio of approximately 41.4079 Units per \$1,000 principal amount of the 2023 Debentures.

From April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2027, the 2023 Debentures will be redeemable, in whole at any time, or in part from time to time, at the option of the REIT on not more than 60 days' and not less than 30 days' prior written notice, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest up to the date fixed for redemption, provided that the volume weighted average trading price per Unit on the TSX (or such other exchange if the Units are not listed on the TSX) for the 20 consecutive trading days ending on the fifth trading day preceding the date on which notice of redemption is given (the "Current Market Price") is not less than 125% of the conversion price. From April 1, 2027, and prior to the Maturity Date, the 2023 Debentures will be redeemable, in whole at any time, or in part from time to time, at the option of the REIT on not more than 60 days' and not less than 30 days' prior written notice, at a redemption price equal to the principal amount thereof plus accrued and unpaid interest up to the date fixed for redemption. Subject to regulatory approval and other conditions, the REIT may, at its option, elect to satisfy its obligation to pay, in whole or in part, the principal amount of the 2023 Debentures that are to be redeemed or that have matured by issuing and delivering that number of freely tradable Units to the debentureholders obtained by dividing the principal amount of the 2023 Debentures being repaid by 95% of the Current Market Price on the date of redemption or maturity, as applicable.

### NOTE 8

## **CLASS B LP UNITS**

On April 18, 2012, the REIT issued 17,223,090 Class B LP Units to Morguard for \$172,231. The Class B LP Units are non-transferable, except under certain circumstances, but are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis into Units of the REIT at any time at the option of the holder. Prior to such exchange, distributions are made on the Class B LP Units in an amount equivalent to the distribution that would have been made had the Units of the REIT been issued. Each Class B LP Unit was accompanied by a Special Voting Unit, which entitles the holder to receive notice of, attend and vote at all meetings of the Unitholders. There is no value assigned to the Special Voting Units.

As at December 31, 2023, the REIT valued the Class B LP Units based on the closing price of the TSX-listed Units, which resulted in a fair value liability of \$254,385 (2022 - \$279,014) and a corresponding fair value gain for the year ended December 31, 2023 of \$24,629 (2022 - \$26,007).

For the year ended December 31, 2023, distributions on Class B LP Units amounting to \$12,458 (2022 - \$12,108) are included in interest expense (Note 14).

As at December 31, 2023, and 2022, there were 17,223,090 Class B LP Units issued and outstanding.

### NOTE 9

## **MORGUARD FACILITY**

The REIT has an unsecured revolving credit facility with Morguard (the "Morguard Facility") that provides for borrowings or advances that can be drawn or advanced either in Canadian dollars or an equivalent amount in United States dollars subject to the availability of sufficient funds. If in Canadian dollars, interest will be calculated either at the Canadian prime lending rate or at the bankers' acceptance rate plus 1.8%. If the borrowing or advance is in United States dollars, interest will be calculated at the United States prime lending rate. The maximum allowable to be borrowed or advanced under the Morguard Facility is \$100,000.

As part of Morguard's asset management arrangement, Morguard will make payments on behalf of the REIT and charge the Morguard Facility. These transactions are reflected in the consolidated statements of cash flows. Borrowings under the Morguard Facility are considered to be financing activities.

As at December 31, 2023, the net amount receivable under the Morguard Facility was \$2,627 (2022 - \$80,695).

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT recorded net interest expense of \$4 (2022 - net interest income of \$2,982) on the Morguard Facility.

#### NOTE 10

#### **LEASE LIABILITIES**

The following table presents the change in the balance of lease liabilities:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Balance, beginning of year	\$16,235	\$9,065
Interest on lease liabilities (Note 14)	943	565
Payments	(976)	(573)
Additions	241	6,643
Foreign exchange loss (gain)	(384)	535
	\$16,059	\$16,235

Future minimum lease payments under the lease liabilities are as follows:

(15,797)	(16,777)
,	
31.856	33,012
26,716	27,915
4,155	4,125
\$985	\$972
2023	2022
	\$985 4,155

#### NOTE 11

## **ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AND ACCRUED LIABILITIES**

Accounts payable and accrued liabilities consist of the following:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$45,620	\$44,982
Tenant deposits	9,154	8,737
	\$54,774	\$53,719

### NOTE 12

## **UNITHOLDERS' EQUITY**

# (a) Units

The REIT is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Units. Each Unit confers the right to one vote at any meeting of Unitholders and to participate *pro rata* in the distributions by the REIT and, in the event of termination or winding-up of the REIT, in the net assets of the REIT. The Unitholders have the right to require the REIT to redeem their Units on demand subject to certain conditions. The Units have no par value. Upon receipt of the redemption notice by the REIT, all rights to and under the Units tendered for redemption will cease and the holder thereof will be entitled to receive a price per Unit ("Redemption Price") as determined by a formula outlined in the Declaration of Trust. The Redemption Price will be paid in accordance with the conditions provided for in the Declaration of Trust.

The Trustees have discretion with respect to the timing and amounts of distributions.

### (b) Normal Course Issuer Bids

On January 6, 2023, the REIT had the approval of the TSX under its normal course issuer bid ("NCIB") to purchase up to 1,474,371 Units and \$4,024 principal amount of the 2018 Debentures. The program expired on

January 9, 2024. On January 10, 2024, the REIT obtained the approval of the TSX under its NCIB, commencing January 12, 2024, to purchase up to 2,795,028 Units, being approximately 10% of the public float of outstanding Units; the program expires on January 11, 2025. The daily repurchase restriction for the Units is 6,634. Additionally, the REIT may purchase up to \$4,900 principal amount of the 2023 Debentures, being 10% of the public float of outstanding 2023 Debentures. The daily repurchase restriction for the 2023 Debentures is \$6. The price that the REIT would pay for any such Units or 2023 Debentures would be the market price at the time of acquisition.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, 1,431,984 Units were repurchased for cash consideration of \$23,533 at a weighted average price of \$16.43 per Unit. There were no repurchases of Units under the NCIB plan for the year ended December 31, 2022.

## (c) Special Voting Units

The REIT is authorized to issue an unlimited number of Special Voting Units. The Declaration of Trust and the exchange agreement provide for the issuance of the Special Voting Units, which have no economic entitlement in the REIT or in the distribution or assets of the REIT, but are used to provide voting rights proportionate to the votes of the Units to holders of securities exchangeable into Units, including the Class B LP Units. Each Special Voting Unit is not transferable separately from the Class B LP Unit to which it is attached and will be automatically redeemed and cancelled upon exchange of the attached Class B LP Unit into a Unit.

## (d) Units Outstanding

The following table summarizes the changes in Units for the period from December 31, 2021, to December 31, 2023:

Issued and Fully Paid Units	Units	Amount
Balance, December 31, 2021	39,064,265	\$469,959
Units issued under the DRIP	47,528	815
Balance, December 31, 2022	39,111,793	470,774
Units issued under the DRIP	56,150	909
Units repurchased through the REIT's NCIB plan	(1,431,984)	(23,533)
Balance, December 31, 2023	37,735,959	\$448,150

Total distributions declared during the year ended December 31, 2023, amounted to \$27,843, or \$0.7233 per Unit (2022 - \$27,480, or \$0.7030 per Unit), including distributions payable of \$2,327 that were declared on December 15, 2023, and paid on January 15, 2024. On January 15, 2024, the REIT declared a distribution of \$0.06167 per Unit payable on February 15, 2024.

### (e) Distribution Reinvestment Plan

Under the REIT's Distribution Reinvestment Plan ("DRIP"), Unitholders can elect to reinvest cash distributions into additional Units at a weighted average closing price of the Units on the TSX for the five trading days immediately preceding the applicable date of distribution. During the year ended December 31, 2023, the REIT issued 56,150 Units under the DRIP (2022 - 47,528 Units).

## NOTE 13

#### **RENTAL INCOME**

The components of revenue from real estate properties are as follows:

For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Rental income	\$166,389	\$141,147
Property management and ancillary income	115,435	96,637
Property tax and insurance	49,796	40,707
	\$331,620	\$278,491

## NOTE 14

## **INTEREST EXPENSE**

The components of interest expense are as follows:

For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Interest on mortgages	\$55,449	\$45,465
Interest on convertible debentures (Note 7)	3,608	3,848
Interest on lease liabilities (Note 10)	943	565
Amortization of mark-to-market adjustment on mortgages	731	_
Amortization of deferred financing costs	2,940	2,707
Amortization of deferred financing costs on the convertible debentures (Note 7)	501	741
Accretion on convertible debentures (Note 7)	663	_
Fair value gain on conversion option on the convertible debentures (Note 7)	(2,104)	(1,934)
Loss on extinguishment of mortgages payable		181
	62,731	51,573
Distributions on Class B LP Units (Note 8)	12,458	12,108
	\$75,189	\$63,681

## NOTE 15

#### TRUST EXPENSES

The components of trust expenses are as follows:

For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Asset management fees and distributions	\$19,340	\$16,579
Professional fees	1,150	1,209
Public company expenses	815	819
Other	672	749
	\$21,977	\$19,356

### NOTE 16

## **RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS**

In addition to the related party transactions disclosed in Notes 3, 7, 8 and 9, related party transactions also include the following:

### **Agreements with Morguard Affiliates**

The REIT, the Partnership and its subsidiaries entered into a series of agreements (the "Agreements") with certain Morguard affiliates whereby the following services are provided by Morguard's affiliates under the direction of the REIT:

#### **Property Management**

Pursuant to the Agreements, Morguard's affiliates administer the day-to-day operations of the Canadian and U.S. income producing properties, for which Morguard's affiliates receive partnership fees and distributions equal to 3.5% of gross property revenue of the income producing properties, payable monthly. For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees and distributions amounted to \$11,855 (2022 - \$10,174) and are included in property operating costs and equity income from investments. As at December 31, 2023, \$868 (2022 - \$737) is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

## **Asset Management**

Pursuant to the Agreements, Morguard's affiliates have certain duties and responsibilities for the strategic management and administration of the Partnership and its subsidiaries, for which they receive partnership fees and distributions equal to 0.25% of the Partnership's gross book value defined as acquisition cost of the REIT's assets plus: (i) fair value adjustments; and (ii) accumulated amortization on property, plant and equipment. In addition, an annual fee and distribution is calculated in arrears, determined by multiplying 15% of the Partnership's funds from operations in excess of \$0.66 per Unit. For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees and distributions amounted to \$19,744 (2022 - \$17,193) and are included in trust expenses and equity income from investments. As at December 31, 2023, \$3,555 (2022 - \$3,210) is included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities.

## Acquisition

Pursuant to the Agreements, Morguard's affiliates are entitled to receive partnership fees with respect to properties acquired, directly or indirectly, by the REIT from third parties, and the fees are to be paid upon the closing of the purchase of each such property. The fees range from 0% of the purchase price paid for properties acquired directly or indirectly from Morguard, including entities controlled by Morguard, up to 0.75% of the purchase price paid for properties acquired from third parties. For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees relating to acquisition services amounted to \$825 (2022 - \$1,581) and have been capitalized to income producing properties.

### **Financing**

Pursuant to the Agreements, with respect to arranging for financing services, Morguard's affiliates are entitled to receive partnership fees equal to 0.15% of the principal amount and associated costs (excluding mortgage premiums) of any debt financing or refinancing. For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees relating to financing services amounted to \$285 (2022 - \$325) and have been capitalized to deferred financing costs.

#### **Other Services**

As at December 31, 2023, and 2022, the REIT had its portfolio appraised by Morguard's appraisal division. For the year ended December 31, 2023, fees relating to appraisal services amounted to \$208 (2022 - \$212) and are included in trust expenses.

### **Key Management Compensation**

The executive officers of the REIT are employed by Morguard, and the REIT does not directly or indirectly pay any compensation to them. Any variability in compensation paid by Morguard to the executive officers of the REIT has no impact on the REIT's financial obligations, including its obligations under the Agreements with Morguard and Morguard's affiliates.

## NOTE 17

### **INCOME TAXES**

### (a) Canadian Status

The REIT is a "mutual fund trust" pursuant to the Act. Under current tax legislation, a mutual fund trust that is not a Specified Investment Flow-Through ("SIFT") trust pursuant to the Act is entitled to deduct distributions of taxable income such that it is not liable to pay income taxes, provided that its taxable income is fully distributed to Unitholders. The REIT intends to continue to qualify as a mutual fund trust that is not a SIFT trust and to make distributions not less than the amount necessary to ensure that the REIT will not be liable to pay income taxes.

## (b) U.S. Status

Certain of the REIT's operations or a portion thereof are conducted through its taxable U.S. subsidiaries, which are subject to U.S. federal and state corporate income taxes.

## (c) Provision for Income Taxes

For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Current income taxes	\$1,209	\$132
Deferred income taxes		
Impact of foreign tax rates	\$7,589	\$78,831
Impact of change in foreign tax rate	(403)	1,686
Recognition of the benefit of tax losses	(162)	(10,382)
Other	(150)	70
	\$6,874	\$70,205
Provision for income taxes	\$8,083	\$70,337

# (d) Major Components of Deferred Income Tax Liabilities

As at December 31	2023	2022
Real estate properties	\$283,973	\$286,096
Net operating losses	(9,123)	(15,078)
Interest expense limitation	(11,940)	(7,195)
Other	514	(1,063)
Total net deferred income tax liabilities	\$263,424	\$262,760

### (e) Tax Losses

As at December 31, 2023, the REIT's U.S. subsidiaries have total net operating losses of approximately US\$27,333 (2022 - US\$44,622) of which deferred income tax assets were recognized as it is probable that taxable profit will be available against such losses. The total net operating losses comprise US\$nil (2022 - US\$16,996) that will expire in various years commencing in 2032 and US\$27,333 (2022 - US\$27,626) that can be carried forward indefinitely. Included in the net operating losses is the REIT's portion of net operating losses of the LP (Note 4) of US\$9,253 (2022 - US\$9,405).

As at December 31, 2023, the REIT's U.S. subsidiaries have a total of US\$36,171 (2022 - US\$20,929) of unutilized interest expense deductions on which deferred income tax assets were recognized.

#### NOTE 18

## **CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

## (a) Items Not Affecting Cash

For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Fair value gain on real estate properties, net	(\$80,996)	(\$208,253)
Fair value gain on Class B LP Units	(24,629)	(26,007)
Fair value gain on conversion option on the convertible debentures	(2,104)	(1,934)
Equity income from investments	(5,376)	(3,822)
Amortization of deferred financing - mortgages	2,940	2,707
Amortization of deferred financing - convertible debentures	501	741
Amortization of mark-to-market adjustment on mortgages	731	_
Accretion on convertible debentures	663	_
Loss on extinguishment of mortgages payable	_	181
Amortization of tenant incentives	537	1,270
Deferred income taxes	6,874	70,205
	(\$100,859)	(\$164,912)
(b) Net Change in Non-cash Operating Assets and Liabilities		
For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Amounts receivable	\$2,685	(\$3,806)
Prepaid expenses	(1,240)	(891)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	562	4,357
	\$2,007	(\$340)
(c) Supplemental Cash Flow Information		
For the years ended December 31	2023	2022
Interest paid	\$58,361	\$49,009

# (d) Reconciliation of Liabilities Arising from Financing Activities

The following provides a reconciliation of liabilities arising from financing activities:

As at December 31, 2023	Mortgages Payable	Convertible Debentures	Lease Liabilities	Total
Balance, beginning of year	\$1,382,174	\$85,126	\$16,235	\$1,483,535
Repayments	(32,817)	(85,500)	(33)	(118,350)
New financing, net of financing costs	183,262	53,590	_	236,852
Lump-sum repayments	(106,449)	_	_	(106,449)
Non-cash changes	92,235	(940)	241	91,536
Foreign exchange	(23,043)	_	(384)	(23,427)
Balance, end of year	\$1,495,362	\$52,276	\$16,059	\$1,563,697

### NOTE 19

### **MANAGEMENT OF CAPITAL**

The REIT defines capital that it manages as the aggregate of its Unitholders' equity, Class B LP Units, mortgages payable, convertible debentures, Morguard Facility payable and lease liabilities. The REIT's objective when managing capital is to ensure that the REIT will continue as a going concern so that it can sustain daily operations and provide adequate returns to its Unitholders.

The REIT is subject to risks associated with debt financing, including the possibility that existing mortgages may not be refinanced or may not be refinanced on as favourable terms or with interest rates as favourable as those of the existing debt. The REIT mitigates these risks by its continued efforts to stagger the maturity profile of its long-term debt, enhance the value of its real estate properties, maintain high occupancy levels and foster excellent relations with its lenders. The REIT manages its capital structure and makes adjustments to it in light of changes in economic conditions and the risk characteristics of the underlying assets.

The total managed capital for the REIT as at December 31, 2023, and 2022, is summarized below:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Mortgages payable, principal balance	\$1,511,252	\$1,394,444
Convertible debentures, face value	56,000	85,500
Lease liabilities	16,059	16,235
Class B LP Units	254,385	279,014
Unitholders' equity	1,852,778	1,753,475
	\$3,690,474	\$3,528,668

The REIT's primary objectives when managing capital are to maximize Unit value through the ongoing active management of the REIT's assets and the acquisition of additional real estate properties, which are leased to creditworthy tenants, as opportunities arise.

The REIT's strategy is also driven by policies as set out in the Declaration of Trust, as well as requirements from certain lenders.

The requirements of the REIT's operating policies as outlined in the Declaration of Trust include requirements that the REIT will not:

- (a) Incur or assume indebtedness if, after giving effect to the incurring or assumption of the indebtedness, the total indebtedness of the REIT would be more than 70% of the gross book value (as defined in the Declaration of Trust) in accordance with IFRS; and
- (b) Incur indebtedness aggregating more than 20% of gross book value (as defined in the Declaration of Trust) in accordance with IFRS at floating interest rates or having maturities of less than one year.

The REIT's debt ratios compared to its borrowing limits established in the Declaration of Trust are outlined in the table below:

As at December 31	Borrowing Limits	2023	2022
Total debt to gross book value	70%	38.7%	38.0%
Floating-rate debt to gross book value	20%	0.9%	0.9%

### NOTE 20

#### FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS AND RISK MANAGEMENT

The REIT's financial assets and liabilities comprise cash, restricted cash, amounts receivable, the Morguard Facility, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, mortgages payable, Class B LP Units, lease liabilities and convertible debentures. Fair values of financial assets and liabilities and discussion of risks associated with financial assets and liabilities are presented as follows.

#### Fair Value of Financial Assets and Liabilities

The fair values of cash, restricted cash, amounts receivable, the Morguard Facility and accounts payable and accrued liabilities approximate their carrying values due to the short-term maturity of these instruments.

Mortgages payable, lease liabilities and the convertible debentures are carried at amortized cost using the effective interest rate method of amortization. The estimated fair values of long-term borrowings have been determined based on market information, where available, or by discounting future payments of interest and principal at estimated interest rates expected to be available to the REIT.

The fair value of the mortgages payable has been determined by discounting the cash flows of these financial obligations using December 31, 2023, market rates for debts of similar terms (Level 2). Based on these assumptions, as at December 31, 2023, the fair value of the mortgages payable before deferred financing costs and mark-to-market adjustment is estimated at \$1,438,179 (2022 - \$1,291,966), compared with the carrying value of \$1,511,252 (2022 - \$1,394,444). The fair value of the mortgages payable varies from the carrying value due to fluctuations in market interest rates since their issue.

The fair value of the convertible debentures is based on their market trading price (Level 1). As at December 31, 2023, the fair value of the convertible debentures before deferred financing costs has been estimated at \$54,880 (2022 - \$85,081), compared with the carrying value of \$52,245 (2022 - \$85,223).

The fair value of the Class B LP Units is equal to the market trading price of the Units.

The REIT's convertible debentures have no restrictive covenants.

The fair value hierarchy of real estate properties and financial instruments measured at fair value on the consolidated balance sheets is as follows:

	<b>December 31, 2023</b>		December 31,		2022	
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Assets:						
Real estate properties	<b>\$</b> —	<b>\$</b> —	\$3,999,481	\$—	\$—	\$3,626,853
Financial liabilities:						
Class B LP Units	254,385	_	_	279,014	_	_
Conversion option of the convertible debentures	_	2,131	_	_	94	_

#### Risks Associated with Financial Assets and Liabilities

The REIT is exposed to financial risks arising from its financial assets and liabilities. The financial risks include market risk relating to interest rates and foreign exchange rates, credit risk and liquidity risk. The REIT's overall risk management program focuses on establishing policies to identify and analyze the risks faced by the REIT, to set appropriate risk limits and controls, and to monitor risks and adherence to limits. Risk management policies and systems are reviewed regularly to reflect changes in market conditions and the REIT's activities. The REIT aims to develop a disciplined control environment in which all employees understand their roles and obligations.

## (a) Market Risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of financial assets or liabilities will fluctuate due to movements in market prices and comprises the following:

#### Interest Rate Risk

The REIT is subject to the risks associated with debt financing, including the risk that mortgages and credit facilities will not be refinanced on terms as favourable as those of the existing indebtedness. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the increase or decrease in annual net income for each 1% change in interest rates on floating-rate debt would amount to \$364.

The REIT's objective when managing interest rate risk is to minimize the volatility of the REIT's income. As at December 31, 2023, interest rate risk has been minimized because substantially all of the long-term debt is financed at fixed interest rates with maturities scheduled over a number of years.

In addition, all mortgages on the Canadian properties are insured by the CMHC. This added level of insurance offered to lenders allows the REIT to receive advantageous interest rates while minimizing the risk of mortgage renewals or extensions.

## Foreign Exchange Risk

The REIT is exposed to foreign exchange risk as it relates to its U.S. income producing properties due to fluctuations in the exchange rate between Canadian and United States dollars. Changes in the exchange rate may result in a reduction or an increase of reported earnings and OCI. For the year ended December 31, 2023, a \$0.05 change in the United States to Canadian dollar exchange rate would have resulted in a change to net income or loss of approximately \$1,161 and a change to OCI of approximately \$46,401.

The REIT's objective when managing foreign exchange risk is to mitigate the exposure from fluctuations in the exchange rate by maintaining U.S. dollar-denominated debt against its U.S. assets, which amounted to US\$741,172 as at December 31, 2023 (2022 - US\$649,804). The REIT currently does not hedge translation exposures.

### (b) Credit Risk

Credit risk is the risk that: (i) one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the REIT by failing to discharge its obligations; and (ii) the possibility that tenants may experience financial difficulty and be unable to meet their rental obligations.

The REIT is exposed to credit risk on all financial assets, and its exposure is generally limited to the carrying value of the financial assets. The REIT mitigates the risk of credit loss with respect to tenants by evaluating their creditworthiness, obtaining security deposits as permitted by legislation and regionally diversifying its portfolio.

The REIT monitors its collection process on a month-to-month basis to ensure that a stringent policy is adopted to provide for all past due amounts. The REIT utilizes the simplified approach to measure expected credit losses under IFRS 9, which requires the REIT to recognize a lifetime expected credit loss allowance on all receivables at each reporting date and are provided for as bad debt expense in the consolidated statements of income within property operating costs. When a receivable balance is considered uncollectible, it is written off against the allowance for doubtful accounts. Subsequent recoveries of amounts previously written off are credited against property operating costs in the consolidated statements of income.

The following table sets forth details of trade receivables and the related allowance for doubtful accounts:

As at December 31	2023	2022
Trade receivables	\$4,682	\$5,039
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(2,280)	(1,537)
Total trade receivables, net	\$2,402	\$3,502

## (c) Liquidity Risk

Liquidity risk is the risk the REIT will encounter difficulties in meeting its financial liability obligations. The REIT is subject to the risks associated with debt financing, including the risk that mortgages and credit facilities will not be able to be refinanced. The REIT's objectives in minimizing liquidity risk are to maintain appropriate levels of leverage on its real estate assets and to stagger the debt maturity profile. As at December 31, 2023, the REIT was holding cash of \$17,825 and had no amount drawn on the \$100,000 Morguard Facility.

### NOTE 21

## **COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

#### (a) Land Leases

The REIT has classified its land leases as a lease liability under the assumption that substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership have been transferred.

The minimum annual rental payments for the REIT's land leases are payable over the next five years and thereafter as follows:

2024	US\$744
2025	785
2026	785
2027	785
2028	785
Thereafter	99,360

The REIT assumed a land lease in connection with a property located in Falls Church, Virginia, that expires in 2113. The REIT has the option to purchase the land in September 2029 for US\$7,150.

The annual rental expenses on the land leases are as follows:

Ground Lease #1	Annual rental expense
From October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2024	US\$342
From October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2029	396
	The greater of: (i) 1.1 times the rent for the fifteenth lease year (2029) and the last year of each fifth lease year increment
Every 5 years thereafter	thereafter until 2113; or (ii) Index Adjustment

The REIT assumed a land lease in connection with the acquisition of Rockville Town Square (Note 3) that expires on September 1, 2061.

Ground Lease #2

From September 1, 2023 to August 31, 2024

US\$389

Consumer Price Index Adjustment

Every year thereafter to September 1, 2061

### (b) Other

The REIT is involved in litigation and claims in relation to income producing properties that arise from time to time in the normal course of business. In the opinion of management, none of these, individually or in aggregate, would result in a liability that would have a significant adverse effect on the final position of the REIT. The REIT has agreed to indemnify, in certain circumstances, the Trustees and officers of the REIT.

In the Province of Ontario, the REIT is subject to, and believes it has complied with, the *Residential Tenancies Act, 2006* (Ontario). Each year, the Ontario government determines the province's residential rent increase for existing tenants. In 2023, the rental guideline increase was 2.5% (2022 - 1.2%).

# NOTE 22

#### **SEGMENTED INFORMATION**

Substantially all of the REIT's assets and liabilities are in, and their revenue is derived from, the Canadian and U.S. multi-suite residential real estate segments. The Canadian properties are located in the provinces of Alberta and Ontario, and the U.S. properties are located in the states of Colorado, Texas, Louisiana, Illinois, Georgia, Florida, North Carolina, Virginia and Maryland. No single tenant accounts for 10% or more of the REIT's total revenue. The REIT is separated into two reportable segments: Canada and the United States. The REIT has applied judgment by aggregating its operating segments according to the nature of the property operations. Such judgment considers the nature of operations, types of customers and an expectation that operating segments within a reportable segment have similar long-term economic characteristics.

Additional information with respect to each reportable segment is outlined below:

	<b>December 31, 2023</b>			December 31, 2022		
For the years ended	Canada	U.S.	Total	Canada	U.S.	Total
Revenue from real estate properties	\$107,004	\$224,616	\$331,620	\$99,413	\$179,078	\$278,491
Property operating expenses	(45,230)	(106,150)	(151,380)	(44,736)	(82,540)	(127,276)
Net operating income	\$61,774	\$118,466	\$180,240	\$54,677	\$96,538	\$151,215
	<b>December 31, 2023</b>			December 31, 2022		
As at	Canada	U.S.	Total	Canada	U.S.	Total
Real estate properties	\$1,589,740	\$2,409,741	\$3,999,481	\$1,452,230	\$2,174,623	\$3,626,853
Mortgages payable	\$523,795	\$971,567	\$1,495,362	\$507,757	\$874,417	\$1,382,174
	<b>December 31, 2023</b>		December 31, 2022			
For the years ended	Canada	U.S.	Total	Canada	U.S.	Total
Additions to real estate properties	\$22,430	\$326,367	\$348,797	\$20,053	\$241,862	\$261,915
Fair value gain (loss) on real estate properties	\$115,259	(\$35,312)	\$79,947	(\$69,328)	\$277,603	\$208,275