

**ESSEX**

PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

The Proven Leader in West Coast Apartment Communities

2007

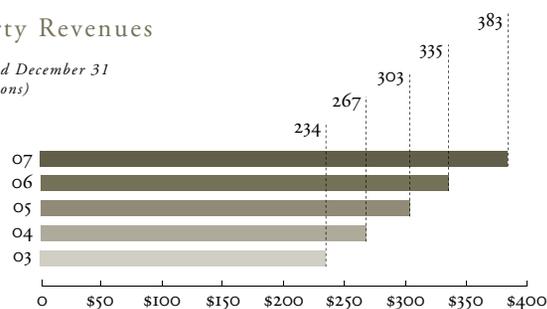
ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC., IS A LEADING FULLY INTEGRATED REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST (REIT) THAT ACQUIRES, DEVELOPS, REDEVELOPS, AND MANAGES APARTMENT COMMUNITIES. WITH MORE THAN THREE DECADES OF EXPERIENCE, WE HAVE GROWN TO BECOME ONE OF THE MOST SUCCESSFUL MULTIFAMILY REITS WITH A DIVERSIFIED PORTFOLIO FOCUSED ON WEST COAST, SUPPLY-CONSTRAINED MARKETS. OUR PORTFOLIO CONSISTS OF 134 APARTMENT COMMUNITIES, WITH 27,489 TOTAL UNITS, AND AN ADDITIONAL 1,079 UNITS IN VARIOUS STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT. REGARDLESS OF WHERE OUR COMMUNITIES ARE CONCENTRATED—SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN CALIFORNIA, OR THE SEATTLE METROPOLITAN AREA—WE CREATE VALUE AND CAPITALIZE ON OUR STRONG FINANCIAL CONDITION BY USING OUR ECONOMIC RESEARCH-BASED REAL ESTATE MODEL FOR MAKING INVESTMENT DECISIONS.

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## financial highlights

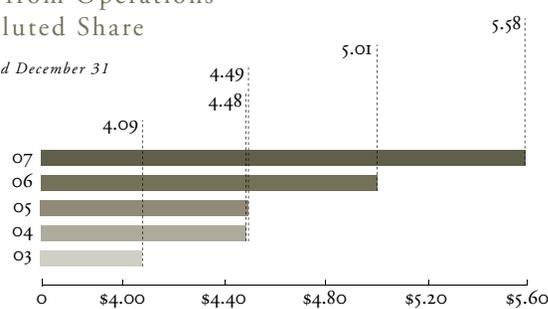
### Property Revenues

Years Ended December 31  
(\$ in millions)



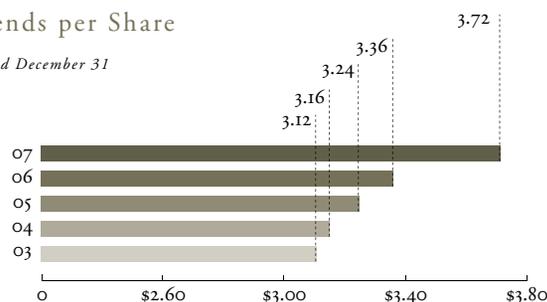
### Funds from Operations per Diluted Share

Years Ended December 31



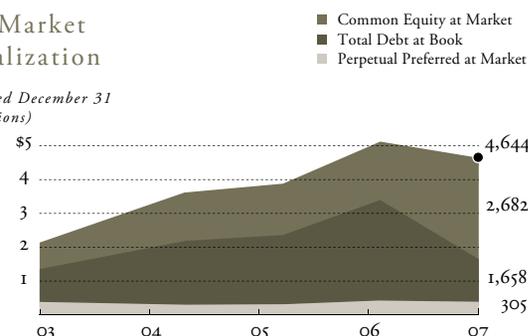
### Common Stock Dividends per Share

Years Ended December 31



### Total Market Capitalization

Years Ended December 31  
(\$ in millions)





It's all about fundamentals. The right markets, the right communities, and the right people. This is what Essex has continued to focus on, resulting in another strong year. We reported Funds from Operations (FFO) growth of 11.2% for 2007 compared with 2006, and continued to benefit from the strategies we put in place since our inception. We are the leader in West Coast, supply-constrained markets.

# shareholder letter

## 2007 highlights

Acquired nine apartment communities totaling \$350.4 million, exceeding our goal of completing \$200 million in new acquisitions in West Coast supply-constrained markets.

### TO OUR SHAREHOLDERS

In 2007, we achieved Funds from Operations (FFO) of \$5.58 per diluted share or year-over-year growth of 11.2%, results that were in the top quartile of the multifamily sector and consistent with our goal of delivering 10% annual FFO growth. Our West Coast markets—Southern California, Northern California, and the Seattle Metropolitan area—all performed well during the year. In particular, the Seattle Metro area and Northern California outperformed our expectations. Same-property NOI increased 14.8% percent in the Seattle Metro area and 10.9% in Northern California in 2007 compared with 2006 results. We continue to be confident that the favorable momentum for apartment fundamentals in our supply-constrained markets will generate industry-leading growth in net operating income for the next several years.

During the year, we focused increasing investment allocations on high-yielding redevelopment activities, and made important acquisitions, strategic joint ventures, and operating enhancements. One of these activities was the formation of a joint venture with the landowner of Hillside Garden. Essex acquired Hillside Garden Apartments in 2006 at a very attractive price partially due to the community being subject to a land lease. In 2007, the landowner contributed the land to a joint venture in exchange for an 18.5% interest in the venture. With this venture, Essex can now pursue plans for a value-creating redevelopment at the community. This joint venture is an example of the many strategic activities we have underway, and one of the reasons Essex had an industry-leading return on invested capital in the multifamily sector in 2007.

Maintained our development pipeline at approximately \$900 million, and significantly completed two new development communities that will be delivered into operations in 2008. At year-end, we had 16 developments in various stages of development, totaling approximately 3,171 units.

Invested \$45 million in redevelopment, well in excess of our \$35 million goal. As of December 2007, we had ownership interests in 15 redevelopment communities aggregating 4,237 apartment units with estimated redevelopment costs of \$145 million.

Exited the Portland Metro market because of an expansion of the area's urban growth boundary. Eventually, the continued production of affordable single family housing will effectively dilute apartment demand. The proceeds from the sale of the four Portland Metro communities totaling \$97.5 million were invested in Mill Creek at Windermere in the fast-growing Northern California area.

While we are proud of these accomplishments, external events including the collapse of the subprime mortgage market and its impact on the for-sale housing market have had a negative impact on our stock price. There is clearly a disconnect between our operating performance and stock market performance—with the share price down 34% from its \$148 per-share high achieved earlier in 2007. This disconnect was also seen in the disparity between Main Street and Wall Street's valuation of our communities. We believe that overall economic conditions will support demand for housing in excess of projected total new housing supply resulting in higher cash flows and increased property valuations.

### Looking Ahead

With concerns of recession and the decline in for-sale home prices, we continue to be optimistic about our future, and our ability to maintain high occupancy rates and increase rents. The economic environment will slow the new supply of homes in our already supply-constrained markets and sustain demand for apartments as our residents see the unfavorable cost of home ownership compared to the affordability of renting. Essex has a consistent strategy, a focus on fundamentals, and an ability to target and achieve success in the best markets in the West Coast. Case in point: We have reported a 10-year total shareholder return of 325.91%, the highest in the multifamily sector.<sup>1</sup>

For 2008, we expect FFO growth to be in the top quartile of the multifamily REIT sector. We believe that we are well positioned to achieve this goal given our focus on operational fundamentals, and our strong balance sheet which allows us access to capital at attractive rates. As a result, we are optimistic that 2008 will be another outstanding year for Essex.

As always, we thank you, our shareholders, employees, partners, and residents for your support.

Sincerely,



George M. Marcus  
Chairman



Keith R. Guericke  
President & Chief Executive Officer

<sup>1</sup> According to KeyBanc Capital Markets, The Leaderboard, January 18, 2008

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Acquisitions continue to play an important role in our growth strategy. During 2007, driven by our research-intensive model for locating the best markets for our investment dollars, our team purchased over \$350 million worth of properties in our supply-constrained markets. Our strategy was straightforward: focus on acquiring assets that will increase both FFO and net asset value (NAV) on a per share basis, and have an expected growth rate better than the existing portfolio as a whole.

ACQUIRING STRATEGIC COMMUNITIES,  
AND TEAMING UP ON VENTURES

It's all about location, location, location. We focus on the most desirable markets, and then acquire quality communities within those markets—thereby enhancing our portfolio. During 2007, we made nine strategic acquisitions, giving us an additional foothold in key West Coast markets. These acquisitions include approximately \$28 million in the Seattle Metropolitan area (one of the hottest markets in the country for income and job growth); \$221 million in Northern California (with the tech sector driving this strong economy); and the remaining \$102 million in Southern California. While acquiring the right properties in these supply-constrained markets is important, so too is knowing when to exit certain markets. Late in the year, we sold four communities (875 units) in the Portland metropolitan area for a total of \$97.5 million. The reason? We saw a greater risk of increased supply of rental and for-sale housing in this market, compared to our other core markets.

**Highlights Include:**

**Mill Creek at Windermere, San Ramon, Calif.**—Acquired this two-year-old, 400-unit apartment community for \$100.5 million, below current replacement costs. We anticipate steady rental growth from this community, and its sister community Canyon Oaks, over the next several years due to increased job growth and limited supply in the San Ramon area.

**Magnolia Lane/Thomas Jefferson Apartments, Sunnyvale, Calif.**—Magnolia Lane is a 32-unit community, built in 2001, and is adjacent to Thomas Jefferson Apartments, a 156-unit apartment community built in 1963. Both communities are in close proximity to job nodes in Silicon Valley/Peninsula and the South Bay, and are close to schools and retail shopping.

**Hillsdale Garden Apartments, San Mateo, Calif.**—After acquiring a leasehold interest in this 697-unit community last year, we entered into a joint venture with the landowner and now hold a majority stake in the value and operations of the joint venture. Our most significant win of the year, Hillsdale Garden is already providing significant redevelopment opportunities.

**The Cairns, Seattle, Wash.**—This 100-unit acquisition, built in 2005, is located in the vibrant neighborhood of South Lake Union or the “Cascade District” of Seattle. It is a hotbed of employment, residential, retail, and recreational growth. It is close to the new University of Washington biotech campus and major medical facilities, and will be just blocks from the new streetcar to downtown Seattle, and the new world headquarters of the Gates Foundation—both underway. The Cairns is close to the freeway, and a 10-minute walk to downtown Seattle.

35 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

1971

1971 George Marcus forms Essex Property Corporation.

1976

1976 Delivers first development community under the name Summerhill Development.



CANYON OAKS  SAN RAMON, CALIFORNIA

*This exceptional 250-unit community was built in 2005, and includes many luxury amenities. It is part of the new master-planned community of Windermere, a 2,300-acre community featuring new single-family homes.*

1988

1988 Delivers eight development communities (under Summerhill Development), a total of 1,184 units.

1994

1994 Prices IPO at \$19.50 per share (6.3 million shares); and has interests in 16 apartment communities (3,385 units) with 70% in Northern California, 10% in Southern California, and 20% in the Seattle Metro area.

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We have a \$900 million development pipeline with a strategy to maintain this level of development activity. It is our goal to deliver approximately \$200 million per year in new development.

#### ENHANCING THE VALUE OF THE ESSEX PORTFOLIO

From site selection, through entitlements, construction, and stabilized occupancy, apartment community development is a significant part of Essex's investment strategy. We are committed to delivering state of the art communities and following green building standards in the best markets in the country. As of December 2007, our \$900 million development pipeline remained constant at 3,171 rental units comprising approximately 2.8 million net rentable square feet of residential, and approximately 114,000 square feet of ancillary retail. We expect investment yields on our development activities to provide attractive external growth opportunities.

#### Highlights Include:

**Belmont Station, Los Angeles, Calif.**—In February 2008, we began pre-leasing for our April 2008 opening. This is a five-story, luxury apartment community with 275 apartment units in downtown Los Angeles.

**Studio 40–41, Studio City, Calif.**—Owned by Essex Apartment Value Fund II, L.P. (Fund II), this 149-unit apartment community is adjacent to CBS Studios, near Ventura Blvd., providing access to shopping, dining, and entertainment. The site demolition phase is underway, and initial occupancy is slated for March 2009.

**Eastlake 2851 on Lake Union, Seattle, Wash.**—Having started construction in August 2006, with initial framing in May 2007, we are on-target to deliver initial occupancy in March 2008. Also owned by Fund II, this community consists of 127 apartment homes, 9,330 square feet of ground-floor retail space, fitness center, rooftop deck and barbecue pits, and offers many residents stunning views of Lake Union.

1996

1996 Completes sale of 5.3 million shares of common stock for \$134 million; and achieves 38% one-year total shareholder return.

1997

1997 Increases portfolio by 60% by acquiring 27 apartment communities for \$325 million; completes sale of 4.9 million shares of common stock for \$154 million; increases Southern California exposure to 36% of portfolio, up from 19% in 1996; and passes \$1 billion in market capitalization (72% increase).



## THE GRAND OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

*Construction began on this Lake Merritt community in December 2006. This 22-story high-rise building will contain 238 units and 7,800 square feet of retail space. It is located in the uptown business district in downtown Oakland.*

1998

1998 Begins redevelopment program with two properties, and identifies more than 4,500 units with redevelopment potential.

1999

1999 Ranks #1 in the multifamily REIT sector for one-year total shareholder return (21%) and #3 for five-year total annual return in entire REIT sector (23%).

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We seek to create a 10% return on our invested capital through redeveloping our best-located assets. We define our redevelopment communities as existing properties owned or recently acquired that have been targeted for additional investment, with the expectation of increased financial returns through property improvement.

EXPANDING REDEVELOPMENT EFFORTS AND RETURNS

More inviting entrances, attractive landscaping, and sought-after amenities such as a fitness center, and a media and business center are some of the redevelopment activities that set Essex apartment communities apart from the rest. We renovate older assets in well-located markets to drive higher rental rates and increase the overall value of our assets.

As of December 2007, we had ownership interests in 15 redevelopment communities aggregating 4,237 apartment units with a total estimated redevelopment cost of approximately \$145 million. We expect to invest approximately \$30 million on redevelopment in 2008.

**Highlights Include:**

**City View, Hayward, Calif.**—In the final stages of redevelopment, this 560-unit hillside community is near California State University, East Bay. In an effort to enhance its curb appeal, the building was resided, new balcony railings were installed, and landscaping was updated. Additionally, three pool areas have been renovated and the community now has a new dog park, playground, and meditation area. As a result of these efforts, property NOI increased 13% in 2007 as compared to 2006.

**Boulevard, Fremont, Calif.**—For this 29-year-old, 172-unit apartment community, the ongoing redevelopment includes a complete repositioning, including exterior renovations, landscaping, roofing, new amenities, and interior unit renovation.

**Regency Tower, Oakland, Calif.**—This 178-unit, high-rise community, owned by Fund II was built in 1975. We successfully remodeled the asset, transforming apartments with luxury amenities, custom kitchens, and added a pool and fitness center. We're now in the second phase, renovating interiors upon unit turn. This distinctive community offers breathtaking views of San Francisco, Lake Merritt, and the Oakland Hills.

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2000 Achieves 68% one-year total shareholder return, the highest of any multifamily REIT; and wins Gold Nugget Merit Award for Mirabella.

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2001 Acquires eight communities for \$171.4 million, primarily in Southern California—Southern California portfolio now reaches more than 50% of total portfolio; and completes redevelopment of six communities for approximately \$30 million.



## BRIDGEPORT NEWARK, CALIFORNIA

*This 20-year-old, 184-unit community is an example of a strategic asset in a great location (close to the Boulevard Apartment Homes) that has benefited from a range of redevelopment activities. Enhancing its curb appeal was a key factor in our redevelopment including renovating the leasing center, siding and roof replacement, and new landscaping.*

2001

2001 Creates Essex Apartment Value Fund L.P. with approximately \$700 million in investment capability; and wins Pillars of the Industry 2001—Best Garden Apartment Community for Tierra Vista.

2002

2002 Acquires John M. Sachs, Inc., through merger and gains 18 communities in Southern California for \$301 million; and development pipeline totals \$300 million.

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Our business is about choosing the right markets (high barrier to entry, supply constrained, desirable quality of life), such as the Seattle Metro area, San Francisco Bay Area and coastal Southern California, investing in the right communities, and attracting the right people to operate our communities. While our focus on West Coast markets bodes well for our future growth in rents and earnings, it is our dedicated operations group and talented management team that will continue to help Essex create shareholder value.

MANAGING OUR ASSETS—THE RIGHT PEOPLE,  
THE RIGHT SYSTEMS

Within property management we have continued to make long-term investments in our operating platform. Chief among these improvements was selecting Yardi Systems software as our platform for the future. We began migrating our general ledger and property management system to Yardi in 2007, and by the end of the year, we had converted approximately 50% of our communities. We expect to complete this conversion in 2008. Two other exciting initiatives underway at Essex are the implementation of YieldStar, a provider of revenue management tools, and Level One, a provider of centralized leasing call centers. We expect both of these programs to be fully deployed in 2008.

However, all of the technology in the world is no substitute for quality people. Our objective with these initiatives is to systematize frequently recurring tasks so that our associates can focus more attention on our customers and their needs. At Essex, “creating communities people call home” is not just a tag line, it is the cornerstone of our operations.

The same care we show our residents is the philosophy that we apply to building our team. Many of our executives have been with Essex for 10, 20 or even 30 years, and dozens of our invaluable property associates have called Essex home for decades. Essex continues to enhance core training, as well as expand its leadership development. Our relentless focus on attracting, developing, and retaining the best people possible will ensure strong performance so that Essex Property Trust remains a leader in the multifamily industry.

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2003 Owns more than 25,000 multifamily units; fully invests Fund I with 15 multifamily and three development communities valued at \$640 million; inducted into Realty Stock Review's REIT Hall of Fame; and wins Pillars of the Industry Award 2003—Best Apartment High Rise in the Nation for the Essex on Lake Merritt.

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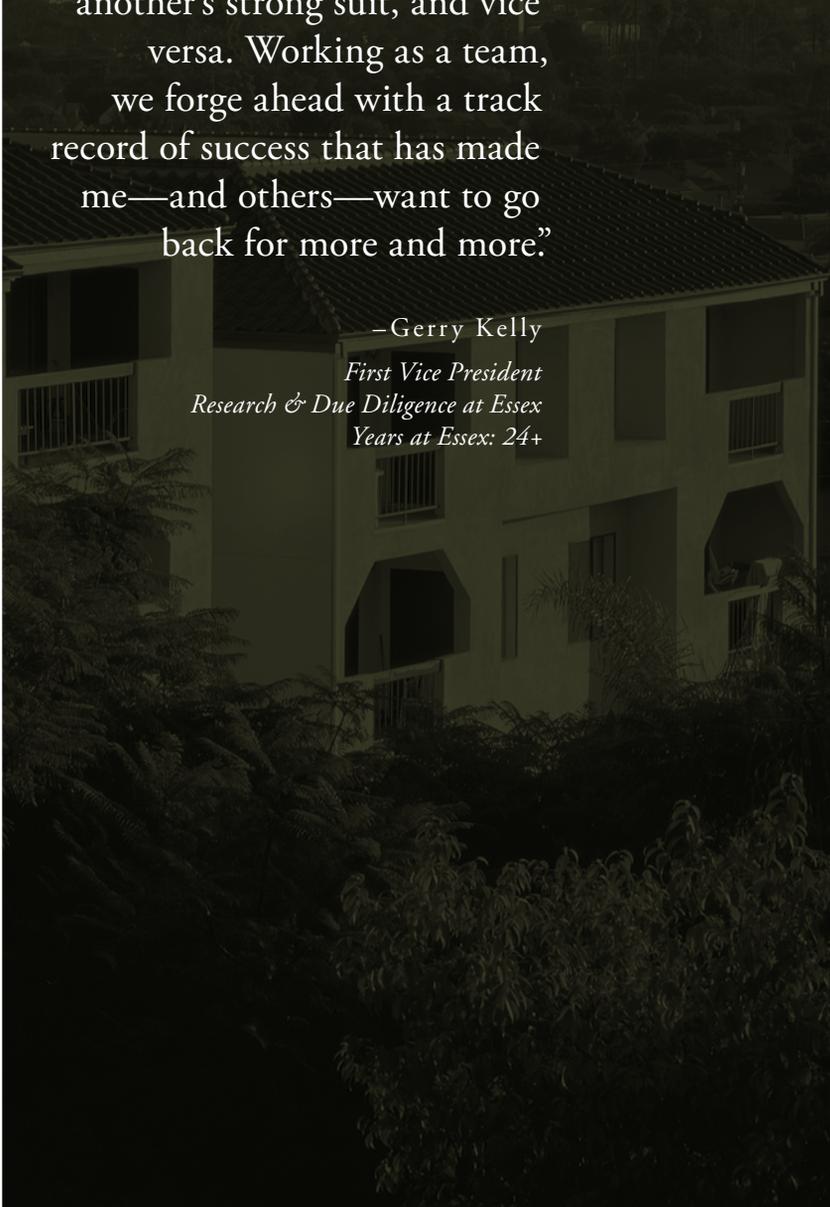
2004 Sells remaining Essex Apartment Value Fund I assets for \$756 million, generating a 41% gross partnership IRR; and forms Essex Apartment Value Fund II with \$750 million investment capacity.



“There is a terrific camaraderie and partnership among the executives here. We’ve learned to stay focused on our end goal and work tremendously well with one another. My shortcoming is picked up by another’s strong suit, and vice versa. Working as a team, we forge ahead with a track record of success that has made me—and others—want to go back for more and more.”



–Gerry Kelly  
*First Vice President  
 Research & Due Diligence at Essex  
 Years at Essex: 24+*



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2005 Achieves average ten-year total return of 25%; acquires eight communities for \$304 million; has \$134 million in development pipeline with \$450 million in predevelopment; increases portfolio in Northern California and the Seattle Metro area.

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2006 Achieves 44% one-year total shareholder return; closes Fund II for additional investment with 11 apartment communities and three development projects totaling \$380 million; and development pipeline totals \$900 million, including predevelopment projects.



“There is a lot of growth and potential with Essex, we are constantly changing and growing and I really like that. I think we’re in the right markets, and have the right management and marketing outlook. I also really like the fact that we own and manage our assets, as opposed to having a third-party management company do this.”

–KIM LEVESQUE

*Senior Property Manager  
at Stonehedge Village in Bothell, WA  
& Bridle Trails in Kirkland, WA  
Years at Essex: 14+*

“I LOVE this place, I’m very happy with the company. Essex has been my home for so long that I’m going to keep it that way, so whatever needs to be done, I am more than happy to do it.”



–JOSE JACOBO

*Maintenance Supervisor for  
The Montclair in Sunnyvale, CA  
Years at Essex: 20+*



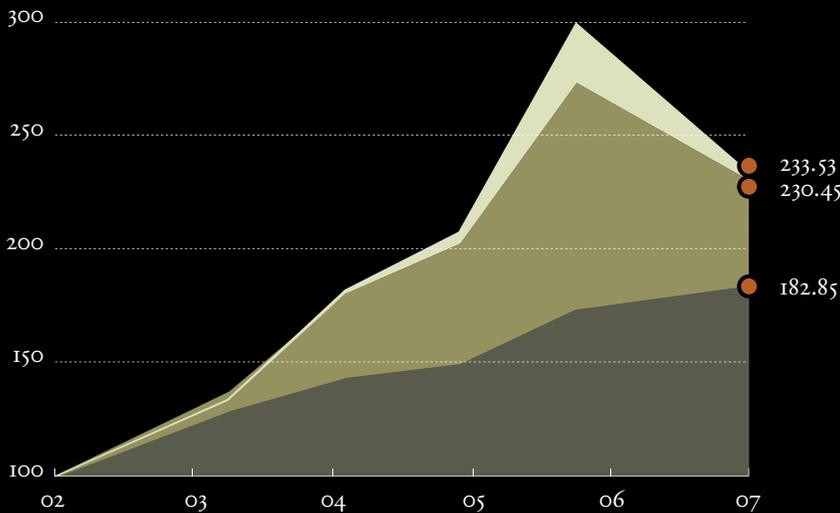
2007

2007 Achieves 13 consecutive years of dividend growth, completes approximately \$350 million in new acquisitions, and sells four Portland Metro communities.

# Total Return Performance Over Five Years

As of December 31

- Essex Property Trust, Inc.
- NAREIT, All Equity REIT Index
- S&P 500



The value of \$100 Investment and Reinvestment of all Dividends over five years

NOTE: The above graph shall not be deemed to be "soliciting material" or to be filed with the SEC or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C of the Exchange Act, as amended.  
Source: SNL Financial

## forward-looking statement

Certain statements in this Annual Report to Stockholders, which are not historical facts, may be considered forward-looking statements within the meaning of the federal securities laws. Forward-looking statements include statements regarding generating industry-leading growth in net operating income in the future, economic conditions supporting demand in our key markets, our ability to hold occupancy rates and increase rents, our FFO and net operating income in 2008, our development pipeline, our anticipated acquisitions, developments and redevelopments in 2008, the rent growth of properties that we acquired, the anticipated completion dates and our expected investment yields on development projects and our anticipated completion of the conversion to the Yardi software platform. Such forward-looking statements involve the risk that actual results could be materially different from those described in such forward-looking statement. Factors that could cause actual results to be materially different include unexpected downturns in our markets, unexpected delays in development or redevelopment projects and in the Yardi conversion project, changes in economic conditions, that certain anticipated acquisitions, developments or redevelopments fail to materialize as well as those other factors discussed under the caption "Risk Factors" in Item 1A of the Company's Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007. All forward-looking statements and reasons why results may differ included in this Annual Report are made of the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to update any such forward-looking statements or reasons why actual results may differ.

Form 10-K

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

(MARK ONE)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2007

OR

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

FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM \_\_\_\_\_ TO \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission file number 1-13106

**ESSEX**

PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

**Essex Property Trust, Inc.**

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Maryland

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

77-0369576

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

**925 East Meadow Drive**

**Palo Alto, California 94303**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices including Zip Code)

**(650) 494-3700**

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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

<u>Title of each class</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which registered</u>
<b>Common Stock, \$.0001 par value</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>
<b>Rights to purchase Series A Junior Participating</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

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

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

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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

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

As of June 30, 2007, the aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant was \$2,892,312,848. The aggregate market value was computed with reference to the closing price on the New York Stock Exchange on such date. Shares of common stock held by executive officers, directors and holders of more than ten percent of the outstanding common stock have been excluded from this calculation because such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This exclusion does not reflect a determination that such persons are affiliates for any other purposes.

As of February 25, 2008, 25,520,479 shares of Common Stock (\$.0001 par value) were outstanding.

**DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:**

The following document is incorporated by reference in Part III of the Annual Report on Form 10-K: Proxy statement for the annual meeting of stockholders of Essex Property Trust, Inc. to be held May 6, 2008

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# ESSEX

PROPERTY TRUST, INC.

## Essex Property Trust, Inc. 2007 ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K

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## PART I

### Forward Looking Statements

This Form 10-K contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933 and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Such forward-looking statements are described in Item 7, Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, in the section, "Forward Looking Statements." Our actual results could differ materially from those set forth in each forward-looking statement. Certain factors that might cause such a difference are discussed in this report, including Item 1A, Risk Factors of this Form 10-K.

### Item 1. Business

#### OVERVIEW

Essex Property Trust, Inc. ("Essex" or the "Company") is a Maryland corporation that operates as a self-administered and self-managed real estate investment trust ("REIT"). Essex owns all of its interest in its real properties directly or indirectly through Essex Portfolio, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"). Essex is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership and as of December 31, 2007 owns a 90.9% general partnership interest. In this report, the terms "we," "us" and "our" refer to Essex Property Trust, its Operating Partnership and the Operating Partnership's subsidiaries.

The Company has elected to be treated as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, commencing with the year ended December 31, 1994 as the Company completed an initial public offering on June 13, 1994. In order to maintain compliance with REIT tax rules, the Company utilizes taxable REIT subsidiaries for various revenue generating or investment activities. Each of the taxable REIT subsidiary entities, are consolidated by the Company.

We are engaged primarily in the ownership, operation, management, acquisition, development and redevelopment of real estate. The majority of our real estate consists of apartment communities. As of December 31, 2007, we owned or held an interest in 134 apartment communities, aggregating 27,489 units, located predominantly along the West Coast (collectively, the "Properties", and individually, a "Property"). Our other properties included six office buildings (totaling approximately 478,040 square feet) two recreational vehicle parks (totaling 338 spaces), and one manufactured housing community (containing 157 sites). We currently have six development projects with 1,079 units in various stages of active development (together with the Properties, the "Portfolio").

The Company's website address is <http://www.essexpropertytrust.com>. The Company's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K and all amendments to those reports, and the Proxy Statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders are available, free of charge, on our website as soon as practicable after we file the reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC").

#### BUSINESS OBJECTIVES AND STRATEGIES

The following is a discussion of our business objectives and strategies in regards to real estate investment and management. One or more of these criteria may be amended or rescinded from time to time without stockholder vote.

#### Business Objectives

Our primary business objectives are to increase shareholders' value by investing in properties located in supply constrained markets, and by improving operating results and the value of our Properties, while maintaining a strong balance sheet. We intend to achieve these objectives by:

- Maximizing property income by maintaining a high level of occupancy while increasing rental income;
- Expanding our Portfolio through acquisitions, development and, when appropriate, redevelopment of apartment communities in selected major metropolitan areas;
- Optimizing financial performance through a portfolio asset allocation program, and to increase or decrease investments in a market based on projected changes in regional economic and local market conditions; and
- Maintaining a strong balance sheet by identifying and utilizing capital resources that provide positive leverage (i.e. investment yield that exceeds capital cost).

We cannot assure our shareholders that we will achieve our business objectives.

## Business Strategies

**Research Driven Approach** – We believe that successful real estate investment decisions and portfolio growth begin with extensive regional economic research and local market knowledge. Utilizing a proprietary research model that we have developed over the last two decades, we continually assess markets where we currently operate, as well as markets where we consider future investment opportunities by evaluating:

- Markets in major metropolitan areas that have regional population primarily in excess of one million, thereby creating liquidity, which is an important element when modifying the geographic concentration of the Company's portfolio in response to changing market conditions;
- Constraints on new supply driven by: (i) low availability of developable land sites where competing housing could be built; (ii) political growth barriers, such as protected land, urban growth boundaries, and potential lengthy and expensive development permit processes; and (iii) natural limitations to development, such as mountains or waterways;
- Rental demand is enhanced by affordability of rents compared to expensive for-sale housing; and
- Housing demand that is based on proximity to jobs, high quality of life and related commuting factors, as well as potential job growth.

Recognizing that all real estate markets are cyclical, we regularly evaluate the results of our regional economic, as well as, our local market research and adjust the geographic focus of our portfolio accordingly. We seek to increase our portfolio allocation in markets projected to have the strongest local economies and to decrease such allocations in markets projected to have declining economic conditions. Likewise, the Company also seeks to increase its portfolio allocation in markets that have attractive property valuations and to decrease such allocations in markets that have inflated valuations and low relative yields.

**Property Operations** – We manage our Properties by focusing on strategies that will generate above-average rental growth, tenant retention/satisfaction and long-term asset appreciation. We intend to achieve this by utilizing the strategies set forth below:

- *Property Management* – The Chief Operating Officer, Divisional Managers, Regional Portfolio Managers and Area Managers are accountable for the performance and maintenance of the Properties. They supervise, provide training for the on-site managers, manage budgeted expectations against performance, monitor market trends and prepare operating and capital budgets.
- *Capital Preservation* – The Capital and Maintenance department is responsible for the planning, budgeting and completion of major deferred maintenance and capital improvement projects at our Properties.
- *Business Planning and Control* – Comprehensive business plans are implemented in conjunction with every investment decision. These plans include benchmarks for future financial performance, based on collaborative discussions between on-site managers and senior management.
- *Development and Redevelopment* – We focus on acquiring and developing apartment communities in supply constrained markets, and redeveloping our existing communities to improve the financial and physical aspects of our communities.

## CURRENT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES

### Acquisitions

Acquisitions have been a significant growth component of our business. During 2007, we completed a series of acquisitions that added to our overall Portfolio.

#### *Southern California*

- In March 2007, the Company acquired two adjacent apartment communities aggregating 108 units located in Santa Barbara, California for approximately \$21.2 million. Lucero Village, built in 1973, consists of 70-units and The Continental, built in 1965, consists of 38-units.
- In April 2007, the Company acquired Cardiff by the Sea Apartments located in Cardiff, California for \$72.0 million. The community, which is in Northern San Diego County, consists of 300-units and was built in 1986.
- In May 2007, the Company acquired Coldwater Canyon apartments for \$8.3 million. Built in 1979, the property consists of 39-units located in Studio City, California.

### *Northern California*

- In March 2007, the Company acquired Harvest Park apartments, built in 2004 with a condominium map for \$22.5 million. This apartment community has 104-units and is located in Santa Rosa, California.
- In May 2007, the Company acquired Canyon Oaks apartments, located in San Ramon, California, for \$64.3 million. Built in 2005 and consisting of 250-units, the property is within Windermere, a master planned community, and is the sister property to Mill Creek at Windermere, acquired in September 2007.
- In June 2007, the Company acquired Magnolia Lane, built in 2001, for \$5.4 million. The property is a 32-unit community subject to a ground lease that expires in 64 years and is adjacent to Thomas Jefferson, another Essex community, purchased in September 2007.
- In September 2007, the Company acquired Mill Creek at Windermere, a 400-unit community located in San Ramon, California, for \$100.5 million. Built in 2005, the property is located within Windermere, a master planned community, and is the sister property to Canyon Oaks, acquired during the second quarter of 2007.
- The Company also acquired Thomas Jefferson Apartments in September 2007 for \$28.0 million in a DownREIT transaction that included issuing 7,006 DownREIT units to a related party. The community, which was managed by Essex before the acquisition, is a 156-unit apartment complex located in Sunnyvale, California. Built in 1963, the property is located adjacent to Magnolia Lane, another Essex community, purchased in June 2007.

### *Seattle Metro*

- In June 2007, the Company acquired The Cairns, a 100-unit property built in 2005 and located in the Lake Union area of Seattle, for \$28.1 million.

### **Dispositions**

As part of our strategic plan to own quality real estate in supply-constrained markets, we continually evaluate our Properties and sell those which no longer meet our strategic criteria. We may use the capital generated from the dispositions to invest in higher-return Properties, repurchase our common stock, or repay debts. We believe that the sale of these Properties will not have a material impact on our future results of operations or cash flows nor will their sale materially affect our ongoing operations. Generally, any impact of earnings dilution resulting from these dispositions will be offset by the positive impact of our acquisitions, development and redevelopment activities.

- In February 2007, the Company sold the joint venture property City Heights Apartments, a 687-unit community located in Los Angeles, California for \$120.0 million. The Company's share of the proceeds from the sale totaled \$33.9 million, resulting in a \$13.7 million gain on sale to the Company, and an additional \$10.3 million for fees from the joint venture partner, both of which are included in income from discontinued operations.
- The Company sold the 21 remaining condominium units at Peregrine Point during the first three quarters of 2007, resulting in a gain of \$1.0 million net of taxes and expenses.
- In December 2007, the Company sold four communities (875-units) in the Portland metropolitan area for \$97.5 million, resulting in a gain of \$47.6 million net of minority interest. The proceeds from the sale were used in a tax-free reverse exchange for the purchase of Mill Creek at Windermere in September 2007.
- In January 2008, the Company collected \$7.5 million and recognized income of \$6.3 million from the sale of its preferred interest in Waterstone at Fremont Apartments, located in Fremont, California.

### **Development Pipeline**

The Company defines development activities as new properties that are being constructed, or are newly constructed and, in the case of development communities, are in a phase of lease-up and have not yet reached stabilized operations. As of December 31, 2007, excluding development projects owned by Essex Apartment Value Fund II, L.P. ("Fund II"), the Company had three development projects comprised of 684 units for an estimated cost of \$236.7 million, of which \$125.8 million remains to be expended.

The Company defines the predevelopment pipeline as new properties in negotiation or in the entitlement process with a high likelihood of becoming development activities. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had five development communities aggregating 1,658 units that were classified as predevelopment projects. The estimated total cost of the predevelopment pipeline at December 31, 2007 was \$508.4 million, of which \$411.3 million remains to be expended. The Company may also acquire land for future development purposes. The Company owned five land parcels held for future development aggregating 434 units as of December 31, 2007. The Company had incurred \$25.5 million in costs related to these five land parcels as of December 31, 2007.

The following table sets forth information regarding the Company's consolidated development pipeline:

Development Pipeline	Location	Units	As of 12/31/07 (\$ in millions)		Projected Stabilization
			Estimated Project Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	Incurred Project Cost	
<u>Development Projects</u>					
Belmont Station	Los Angeles, CA	275	\$ 71.1	\$ 55.5	Dec-08
The Grand	Oakland, CA	238	96.2	42.0	May-09
Fourth Street	Berkeley, CA	171	69.4	13.4	Aug-10
		684	236.7	110.9	
Predevelopment projects	various	1,658	508.4	97.1	Nov-10 to Jul-14
Land held for future development	various	434	25.5	25.5	-
Consolidated Development Pipeline		<u>2,776</u>	<u>\$ 770.6</u>	<u>\$ 233.5</u>	

(1) Includes incurred costs and estimated costs to complete these development projects.

### Redevelopment Pipeline

The Company defines redevelopment communities as existing properties owned or recently acquired, which have been targeted for additional investment by the Company with the expectation of increased financial returns through property improvement. During redevelopment, apartment units may not be available for rent and, as a result, may have less than stabilized operations. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had ownership interests in thirteen major redevelopment communities aggregating 3,891 apartment units with estimated redevelopment costs of \$135.6 million, of which approximately \$74.6 million remains to be expended. These amounts exclude redevelopment projects owned by Fund II. The following table illustrates these consolidated redevelopment projects:

Redevelopment Pipeline	Location	Units	As of 12/31/07 (\$ in thousands)	
			Estimated Renovation Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	Incurred Project Cost
<u>Southern California</u>				
Avondale at Warner Center	Woodland Hills, CA	446	\$ 14,070	\$ 11,188
Highridge	Rancho Palos Verde, CA	255	16,063	1,976
Mira Monte	Mira Mesa, CA	355	6,060	5,900
Pathways	Long Beach, CA	296	10,721	5,788
<u>Northern California</u>				
Boulevard (Treetops)	Fremont, CA	172	8,387	5,757
Bridgeport (Summerhill Commons)	Newark, CA	184	4,586	3,869
Marina Cove	Santa Clara, CA	292	9,858	805
Montclair (Oak Pointe) - Phase I-III	Sunnyvale, CA	390	15,106	5,688
Wimbledon Woods	Hayward, CA	560	9,350	7,195
<u>Seattle Metro</u>				
Palisades - Phase I and II	Bellevue, WA	192	6,951	6,461
Sammamish View <sup>(2)</sup>	Bellevue, WA	153	3,875	3,875
Woodland Commons	Bellevue, WA	236	11,779	1,240
Foothill Commons	Bellevue, WA	360	18,804	1,298
Total Redevelopment Pipeline		<u>3,891</u>	<u>\$ 135,610</u>	<u>\$ 61,040</u>

(1) Includes incurred costs and estimated costs to complete these redevelopment projects.

(2) The redevelopment at this community was completed in the fourth quarter of 2007, and will be added back to Same-Property operations (as defined in Item 7) during the fourth quarter of 2008.

## **Debt Transactions**

In March 2007, the Company obtained a mortgage loan secured by the Camino Ruiz Square community purchased in December 2006 in the amount of \$21.1 million, with a fixed interest rate of 5.36%, which matures on April 1, 2017.

In April 2007, the Company refinanced a mortgage loan for \$35.7 million secured by the Tierra Vista community in the amount of \$62.5 million, with a fixed interest rate of 5.47%, which matures in April 2017.

In June 2007, the Company obtained a mortgage loan secured by the Cardiff by the Sea community purchased in April 2007 in the amount of \$42.2 million. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 5.71% and matures in June 2017. The Company assumed a mortgage loan in conjunction with the acquisition of The Cairns community in the amount of \$12.0 million, with a fixed interest rate of 5.5%, which matures in May 2014. Finally, the Company refinanced \$18.6 million of debt secured by the Highridge community with a \$44.8 million fixed interest rate loan of 6.05%, which matures in June 2017.

In July 2007, the Company paid-off a mortgage loan secured by Monterra del Sol for \$2.6 million with a fixed interest rate of 7.56%.

In August 2007, the Company obtained a mortgage loan secured by the Coldwater Canyon community purchased in May 2007 in the amount of \$5.9 million, with a fixed interest rate of 6.1%, which matures in August 2017. The Company also refinanced an \$11.6 million mortgage loan secured by the Capri at Sunny Hills community with a new loan in the amount of \$19.2 million, with a fixed interest rate of 5.8%, which matures in August 2012.

In September 2007, the Company assumed two loans in conjunction with the acquisition of the Thomas Jefferson community. The first loan is for \$14 million with a fixed interest rate of 5.7% due in March 2017, and the second loan is for \$6.0 million with a fixed interest rate of 5.9% due in March 2017.

In December 2007, the Company and a joint venture partner obtained a construction loan in the amount of \$17.5 million secured by the Main Street predevelopment project in Walnut Creek, California. The loan is variable based on LIBOR plus 125 basis points and matures in December 2009. The initial funding on this loan was approximately \$12.1 million, and the remainder of the loan will be used for predevelopment costs.

In January 2008, the Company obtained a mortgage loan in the amount of \$49.9 million secured by Mirabella, a community located in Marina Del Rey, California. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 5.21%, which matures in January 2018.

## **Structured Finance**

In March 2007, the Company originated a \$6.9 million mezzanine loan receivable for the acquisition and capital improvement of California Hill, a 153-unit, age-restricted apartment community located in Concord, California. The floating rate note receivable is based on LIBOR with a 5% floor for the LIBOR rate plus 4.75%. The note receivable is due in March 2011.

In September 2007, the Company originated a \$14.0 million bridge loan for the completion and lease-up of Valley View, a 146-unit apartment community located in Vancouver, Washington. The loan refinanced a construction loan, incorporating additional proceeds for interior upgrades to the remaining phases; exterior and common area upgrades and interest reserves to take the project through lease-up and stabilization. The floating rate note receivable is based on LIBOR with a 5% floor for the LIBOR rate plus 3.38%. The note receivable is due in February 2009.

In October 2007, the Company originated a \$14.0 million bridge loan secured by 301 Ocean Avenue a 47-unit apartment community located in Santa Monica, California and the interest payments are guaranteed by the owner of the asset. The floating rate note receivable is based on LIBOR with a 5% floor for the LIBOR rate plus 2.95%. The note receivable is due in April 2009.

## **Derivative Transactions**

In March 2007, the Company entered into a ten-year forward-starting interest rate swap for a notional amount of \$50 million and a settlement date on or before October 1, 2011, to manage interest rate exposure on identified future debt obligations.

In April 2007, in conjunction with the refinance of the Tierra Vista mortgage loan, the Company settled a \$50 million forward-starting swap and received \$1.3 million from the counterparty. The accounting for the swap settlement reduces the effective interest rate on the new Tierra Vista mortgage loan to 5.19%.

As of December 31, 2007 the Company had entered into nine forward-starting interest rate swaps totaling a notional amount of \$450 million with interest rates ranging from 4.9% to 5.9% and settlements dates ranging from April 2008 to October 2011. These derivatives qualify for hedge accounting as they are expected to economically hedge the cash flows associated with the refinancing of debt that matures between April 2008 and October 2011. The fair value of the derivatives decreased \$8.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2007 to a liability value of \$10.2 million as of December 31, 2007, and the derivative liability was recorded in other liabilities in the Company's consolidated financial statements. The changes in the fair values of the derivatives are reflected in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income in the Company's consolidated financial statements. No hedge ineffectiveness on cash flow hedges was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.

### Equity Transactions

During the second quarter of 2007, the Company issued and sold 1,670,500 shares of its common stock for \$213.7 million at an average stock price of \$127.91 per share, net of underwriter fees and expenses.

In August 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase plan to allow the Company to acquire shares in an aggregate of up to \$200 million. The program supersedes the common stock repurchase plan that Essex announced on May 16, 2001. During 2007, the Company repurchased and retired 323,259 shares of its common stock for approximately \$32.6 million, net of fees and commissions. During January 2008, the Company repurchased an additional 137,500 shares for \$13.2 million, net of fees and commissions. The Company has repurchased 460,759 shares for \$45.8 million at an average stock price of \$99.30 per share since the stock repurchase plan was approved in August.

### ESSEX APARTMENT VALUE FUNDS

Essex Apartment Value Fund, L.P. ("Fund I" and "Fund II"), are investment funds formed by the Company to add value through rental growth and asset appreciation, utilizing the Company's development, redevelopment and asset management capabilities. The assets in Fund I were sold during 2004 and 2005, and Fund I was liquidated in 2007.

Fund II has eight institutional investors, and the Company, with combined partner equity commitments of \$265.9 million. Essex has committed \$75.0 million to Fund II, which represents a 28.2% interest as general partner and limited partner. Fund II utilized debt as leverage of approximately 65% of the estimated value of the underlying real estate. Fund II invested in apartment communities in the Company's targeted West Coast markets and, as of December 31, 2007, owned eleven apartment communities and three development projects. There was no acquisition or disposition activity in Fund II in the year ended December 31, 2007. Essex records revenue for its asset management, property management, development and redevelopment services when earned, and promote income when realized if Fund II exceeds certain financial return benchmarks.

### Fund II - Development and Redevelopment Pipeline

The following table sets forth information regarding Fund II's development and redevelopment pipelines:

Development Pipeline - Fund II	Location	Units	As of 12/31/07 (\$ in millions)		Projected Stabilization
			Estimated Project Cost <sup>(1)</sup>	Incurred Project Cost	
<u>Development Projects</u>					
Eastlake 2851 on Lake Union	Seattle, WA	127	\$ 35.4	\$ 24.7	Jul-08
Studio 40-41	Studio City, CA	149	60.6	30.7	Aug-09
Cielo	Chatsworth, CA	119	39.4	12.3	Sep-09
Fund II - Development Pipeline		<u>395</u>	<u>\$ 135.4</u>	<u>\$ 67.7</u>	
<u>Redevelopment Pipeline - Fund II</u>					
<u>Redevelopment Projects</u>					
Regency Tower - Phase I - II	Oakland, CA	178	\$ 4.5	\$ 3.7	
The Renaissance	Los Angeles, CA	168	5.0	3.6	
Fund II - Redevelopment Pipeline		<u>346</u>	<u>\$ 9.5</u>	<u>\$ 7.3</u>	

(1) Includes incurred costs and estimated costs to complete these development and redevelopment projects.

## OFFICES AND EMPLOYEES

The Company is headquartered in Palo Alto, California, and has regional offices in Woodland Hills, California; Irvine, California; San Diego, California and Bellevue, Washington. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had approximately 917 employees.

## INSURANCE

The Company carries comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage and rental loss insurance for each of the Properties with a \$5.0 million deductible per incident. There are, however, certain types of extraordinary losses, such as, for example, losses from terrorism or earthquake, for which the Company does not have insurance coverage.

Substantially all of the Properties are located in areas that are subject to earthquake activity. The Company believes it has a proactive approach to its potential earthquake losses. The Company utilizes third-party seismic consultants for its acquisitions and performs seismic upgrades to those acquisitions that are determined to have a higher level of potential loss from an earthquake. The Company utilizes internal and third-party loss models to help to determine its exposure. The majority of the Company's Properties are lower density garden-style apartments which may be less susceptible to earthquake damage. The Company will continue to monitor third-party earthquake insurance pricing and conditions and may consider obtaining third-party coverage if it deems it cost effective.

Although the Company may carry insurance for potential losses associated with its Properties, employees, residents, and compliance with applicable laws, it may still incur losses due to uninsured risks, deductibles, co-payments or losses in excess of applicable insurance coverage and those losses may be material.

## COMPETITION

There are numerous housing alternatives that compete with our apartment communities in attracting residents. These include other apartment communities and single-family homes that are available for rent in the markets in which the properties are located. The Properties also compete for residents with new and existing homes and condominiums that are for sale. If the demand for our Properties is reduced or if competitors develop and/or acquire competing properties on a more cost-effective basis, rental rates and occupancy may drop, which may have a material adverse affect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We face competition from other real estate investment trusts, businesses and other entities in the acquisition, development and operation of properties. Some of the competitors are larger and have greater financial resources than we do. This competition may result in increased costs of properties we acquire and/or develop.

## WORKING CAPITAL

We believe that cash flows generated by our operations, existing cash balances, availability under existing lines of credit, access to capital markets and the ability to generate cash gains from the disposition of real estate are sufficient to meet all of our reasonably anticipated cash needs during 2008. The timing, source and amounts of cash flows provided by financing activities and used in investing activities are sensitive to changes in interest rates and other fluctuations in the capital markets environment, which can affect our plans for acquisitions, dispositions, development and redevelopment activities.

## ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

See the discussion under the caption, "Possible environmental liabilities" in Item 1A, Risk Factors, for information concerning the potential effect of environmental regulations on our operations.

## OTHER MATTERS

### Certain Policies of the Company

We intend to continue to operate in a manner that will not subject us to regulation under the Investment Company Act of 1940. The Company has in the past five years and may in the future (i) issue securities senior to its common stock, (ii) fund acquisition activities with borrowings under its line of credit and (iii) offer shares of common stock and/or units of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership or affiliated partnerships as partial consideration for property acquisitions. The Company from time to time acquires partnership interests in partnerships and joint ventures, either directly or indirectly through subsidiaries of the Company, when such entities'

underlying assets are real estate. In general, the Company does not (i) underwrite securities of other issuers or (ii) actively trade in loans or other investments.

We invest primarily in apartment communities that are located in predominantly coastal markets within Southern California, the San Francisco Bay Area, and the Seattle metropolitan area. The Company currently intends to continue to invest in apartment communities in such regions. However, these practices may be reviewed and modified periodically by management.

### **Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Our business, operating results, cash flows and financial conditions are subject to various risks and uncertainties, including, without limitation, those set forth below, any one of which could cause our actual results to vary materially from recent results or from our anticipated future results.

***We depend on our key personnel*** - Our success depends on our ability to attract and retain executive officers, senior officers and company managers. There is substantial competition for qualified personnel in the real estate industry and the loss of several of our key personnel could have an adverse effect on us.

***Debt financing*** - At December 31, 2007, we had approximately \$1.66 billion of indebtedness (including \$233.1 million of variable rate indebtedness, of which \$152.7 million is subject to interest rate protection agreements). We are subject to the risks normally associated with debt financing, including the following:

- cash flow may not be sufficient to meet required payments of principal and interest;
- inability to refinance maturing indebtedness on encumbered properties;
- the terms of any refinancing may not be as favorable as the terms of existing indebtedness;
- inability to comply with debt covenants could cause an acceleration of the maturity date; and
- repaying debt before the scheduled maturity date could result in prepayment penalties.

***Uncertainty of our ability to refinance balloon payments*** - As of December 31, 2007, we had approximately \$1.66 billion of mortgage debt, exchangeable bonds and line of credit borrowings, most of which are subject to balloon payments (see Notes 8 and 9 to the Company's consolidated financial statements for more details). We do not expect to have sufficient cash flows from operations to make all of these balloon payments. These mortgages, bonds and lines of credit borrowings have the following scheduled principal and balloon payments:

2008--\$125.2 million;  
2009--\$185.7 million;  
2010--\$154.8 million;  
2011--\$166.5 million;  
2012--\$32.2 million;  
Thereafter--\$993.3 million.

We may not be able to refinance such mortgage indebtedness, bonds, or lines of credit. The Properties subject to these mortgages could be foreclosed upon or otherwise transferred to the lender. This could cause us to lose income and asset value. We may be required to refinance the debt at higher interest rates or on terms that may not be as favorable as the terms of existing indebtedness.

The Company's current financing activities have not been severely impacted by the tightening in the credit markets. Our strong balance sheet, the established relationships with our unsecured line of credit bank group and access to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac secured debt financing have insulated us from the turmoil being experienced by many other real estate companies. Recently, we have experienced some expansion in credit spreads as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's tier 4 financing are currently at approximately 200 basis points over the relevant U.S. treasury securities.

***Debt financing on Properties may result in insufficient cash flow*** - Where possible, we intend to continue to use leverage to increase the rate of return on our investments and to provide for additional investments that we could not otherwise make. There is a risk that the cash flow from the Properties will be insufficient to meet both debt payment obligations and the distribution requirements of the real estate investment trust provisions of the Internal Revenue Code. We may obtain additional debt financing in the future through mortgages on some or all of the Properties. These mortgages may be recourse, non-recourse, or cross-collateralized.

As of December 31, 2007, the Company had 74 of its 123 consolidated apartment communities encumbered by debt. Of the 74 communities, 51 are secured by deeds of trust relating solely to those properties. With respect to the

remaining 23 communities, there are 5 cross-collateralized mortgages secured by 8 communities, 7 communities, 3 communities, 3 communities, and 2 communities, respectively. The holders of this indebtedness will have claims against these communities and, to the extent indebtedness is cross-collateralized, lenders may seek to foreclose upon communities which are not the primary collateral for their loan. This may accelerate other indebtedness secured by communities. Foreclosure of communities would reduce our income and net asset value.

***Risk of rising interest rates*** - Current interest rates could potentially increase rapidly, which could result in higher interest expense on our variable rate indebtedness. Prolonged interest rate increases could negatively impact our ability to make acquisitions and develop properties at economic returns on investment and our ability to refinance existing borrowings at acceptable rates.

As of December 31, 2007, we had approximately \$220.9 million of long-term variable rate indebtedness bearing interest at floating rates tied to the rate of short-term tax-exempt revenue bonds (which mature at various dates from 2020 through 2034), \$12.2 million of short-term variable rate indebtedness bearing interest at LIBOR plus 1.25% related to a predevelopment project due in 2009, and \$169.8 million of variable rate indebtedness under our lines of credit. Of the \$169.8 million of variable rate indebtedness under our lines of credit, \$100.0 million is bearing interest at the Freddie Mac Reference Rate plus from 0.55% to 0.59%, \$61.0 million is bearing interest at the underlying interest rate based on a tiered rate structure tied to the Company's corporate ratings and is currently at LIBOR plus 0.80%, and \$8.8 million is bearing interest at the underlying interest rate based on the bank's Prime Rate less 2.0%. Approximately \$152.7 million of the long-term indebtedness is subject to interest rate cap protection agreements, which may reduce the risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates. The remaining \$68.2 million of long-term variable rate indebtedness was not subject to any interest rate cap protection agreements as of December 31, 2007. An increase in interest rates may have an adverse effect on our net income and results of operations.

***Risk of losses on interest rate hedging arrangements*** - Periodically, we have entered into agreements to reduce the risks associated with increases in interest rates, and may continue to do so. Although these agreements may partially protect against rising interest rates, they also may reduce the benefits to us if interest rates decline. If a hedging arrangement is not indexed to the same rate as the indebtedness that is hedged, we may be exposed to losses to the extent that the rate governing the indebtedness and the rate governing the hedging arrangement change independently of each other. Finally, nonperformance by the other party to the hedging arrangement may subject us to increased credit risks. In order to minimize counterparty credit risk, our policy is to enter into hedging arrangements only with A-rated financial institutions.

***Bond compliance requirements may limit income from certain properties*** - At December 31, 2007, we had approximately \$220.9 million of variable rate tax-exempt financing relating to the following apartment communities: Inglenook Court, Wandering Creek, Boulevard (Treetops), Huntington Breakers, Camarillo Oaks, Fountain Park, Anchor Village and Hidden Valley (Parker Ranch). This tax-exempt financing subjects these properties to certain deed restrictions and restrictive covenants. We expect to engage in tax-exempt financings in the future. In addition, the Internal Revenue Code and rules and regulations thereunder impose various restrictions, conditions and requirements excluding interest on qualified bond obligations from gross income for federal income tax purposes. The Internal Revenue Code also requires that at least 20% of apartment units be made available to residents with gross incomes that do not exceed a specified percentage, generally 50%, of the median income for the applicable family size as determined by the Housing and Urban Development Department of the federal government. In addition to federal requirements, certain state and local authorities may impose additional rental restrictions. These restrictions may limit income from the tax-exempt financed properties if we are required to lower rental rates to attract residents who satisfy the median income test. If the Company does not reserve the required number of apartment homes for residents satisfying these income requirements, the tax-exempt status of the bonds may be terminated, the obligations under the bond documents may be accelerated and we may be subject to additional contractual liability.

***Adverse effect to property income and value due to general real estate investment risks*** - Real property investments are subject to a variety of risks. The yields available from equity investments in real estate depend on the amount of income generated and expenses incurred. If the properties do not generate sufficient income to meet operating expenses, including debt service and capital expenditures, cash flow and the ability to make distributions to stockholders will be adversely affected. Income from the Properties may be further adversely affected by, among other things, the following factors:

- the general economic climate;
- local economic conditions in which the Properties are located, such as oversupply of housing or a reduction in demand for rental housing;

- the attractiveness of the properties to tenants;
- competition from other available space; and
- the Company's ability to provide for adequate maintenance and insurance.

As leases on the Properties expire, tenants may enter into new leases on terms that are less favorable to us. Income and real estate values also may be adversely affected by such factors as applicable laws (e.g., the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and tax laws), interest rate levels and the availability and terms of financing. Real estate investments are relatively illiquid and, therefore, our ability to vary our portfolio promptly in response to changes in economic or other conditions may be quite limited.

***Economic environment and impact on operating results*** - The national economy and the economies of the western states in markets where we operate can impact our operating results. Some of these markets are concentrated in high-tech sectors, which have experienced economic downturns, and could again in the future. Our property type and diverse geographic locations provide some degree of risk mitigation. However, we are not immune to prolonged economic downturns. Although we believe we are well positioned to meet these challenges, it is possible a reduction in rental rates, occupancy levels, property valuations and increases in operating costs such as advertising, turnover and repair and maintenance expense could occur in the event of economic uncertainty.

Due to the Company's concentration in supply restricted markets, the Company has not experienced any material adverse impact from increases in supply of unsold single family residences.

***Risk of Inflation/Deflation*** - Substantial inflationary or deflationary pressures could have a negative effect on rental rates and property operating expenses.

***Risks that acquisitions will fail to meet expectations*** - We intend to continue to acquire apartment communities. However, there are risks that acquisitions will fail to meet our expectations. Our estimates of future income, expenses and the costs of improvements or redevelopment that are necessary to allow us to market an acquired property as originally intended may prove to be inaccurate. We expect to finance future acquisitions, in whole or in part, under various forms of secured or unsecured financing or through the issuance of partnership units by the Operating Partnership or related partnerships or additional equity by the Company. The use of equity financing, rather than debt, for future developments or acquisitions could dilute the interest of the Company's existing stockholders. If we finance new acquisitions under existing lines of credit, there is a risk that, unless we obtain substitute financing, the Company may not be able to secure further lines of credit for new development or such lines of credit may be not available on advantageous terms.

***Risks that development and redevelopment activities will be delayed, not completed, and/or not achieve expected results*** - We pursue apartment community development and redevelopment projects and these projects generally require various governmental and other approvals, which have no assurance of being received. Our development and redevelopment activities generally entail certain risks, including the following:

- funds may be expended and management's time devoted to projects that may not be completed;
- construction costs of a project may exceed original estimates possibly making the project economically unfeasible;
- projects may be delayed due to, without limitation, adverse weather conditions, entitlement and government regulations, labor shortages, or unforeseen complications;
- occupancy rates and rents at a completed project may be less than anticipated; and
- expenses at projects may be higher than anticipated.

These risks may reduce the funds available for distribution to the Company's stockholders. Further, the development of properties is also subject to the general risks associated with real estate investments. For further information regarding these risks, please see "Adverse Effect to Property Income and Value Due to General Real Estate Investment Risks."

***The geographic concentration of the Company's Properties and fluctuations in local markets may adversely impact our financial condition and operating results*** - The Company generated significant amounts of rental revenues for the year ended December 31, 2007, from properties concentrated in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Santa Barbara, San Diego, and Ventura counties), Northern California (the San Francisco Bay Area), and the Seattle metropolitan area. As of December 31, 2007, 81% of the Company's property revenues were generated from Properties located in California. This geographic concentration could present risks if local property market performance falls below expectations. The economic condition of these markets could affect occupancy, market rental rates, and expenses, as well as impact the income generated from the Properties and their underlying asset

values. The financial results of major local employers also may impact the cash flow and value of certain of the Properties. This could have a negative impact on our financial condition and operating results, which could affect our ability to pay expected dividends to our stockholders.

***Competition in the apartment community market may adversely affect operations and the rental demand for our Properties*** - There are numerous housing alternatives that compete with our apartment communities in attracting residents. These include other apartment communities and single-family homes that are available for rent in the markets in which the Properties are located. The Properties also compete for residents with new and existing homes and condominiums that are for sale. If the demand for our Properties is reduced or if competitors develop and/or acquire competing properties on a more cost-effective basis, rental rates may drop, which may have a material adverse affect on our financial condition and results of operations.

We also face competition from other real estate investment trusts, businesses and other entities in the acquisition, development and operation of apartment communities. Some of the competitors are larger and have greater financial resources than we do. This competition may result in an increase in costs and prices of apartment communities that we acquire and/or develop.

***Dividend requirements as a result of preferred stock may lead to a possible inability to sustain dividends*** - We have Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (“Series F Preferred Stock”) with an aggregate liquidation preference of approximately \$25 million outstanding and Series G Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (“Series G Preferred Stock”) with an aggregate liquidation preference of approximately \$149.5 million outstanding. In addition, we are required under limited conditions to issue Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (“Series B Preferred Stock”) with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$80 million and Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (“Series D Preferred Stock”) with an aggregate liquidation preference of \$50 million in each case in exchange for outstanding preferred interests in the Operating Partnership. The terms of the Series B, D, F and G Preferred Stock provide for certain cumulative preferential cash distributions per each share of preferred stock.

These terms also provide that while such preferred stock is outstanding, we cannot authorize, declare, or pay any distributions on our common stock, unless all distributions accumulated on all shares of such preferred stock have been paid in full. Our failure to pay distributions on such preferred stock would impair our ability to pay dividends on our common stock. Our credit agreement limits our ability to pay dividends on our preferred stock if we fail to satisfy a fixed charge coverage ratio.

If the Company wishes to issue any common stock in the future (including upon the exercise of stock options), the funds required to continue to pay cash dividends at current levels will be increased. The Company’s ability to pay dividends will depend largely upon the performance of our current properties and other properties that may be acquired or developed in the future.

If the Company cannot pay dividends on its common stock, the Company’s status as a real estate investment trust may be jeopardized. Our ability to pay dividends on our common stock is further limited by the Maryland General Corporation Law. Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, the Company may not make a distribution on stock if, after giving effect to such distribution, either:

- we would not be able to pay our indebtedness as it becomes due in the usual course of business; or
- our total assets would be less than our total liabilities, including the liquidation preference on our Series B, Series D, Series F, and Series G preferred stock.

***Resale of shares pursuant to our effective registration statement or that are issued upon conversion of our convertible preferred stock may have an adverse effect on the market price of the shares*** – The Company has the following effective registration statements, which allows for the resale into the public stock of common stock held by stockholders, as specified in the registration statements:

- A registration statement, declared effective in 2003, which covers the resale of certain shares, including (i) up to 2,270,490 shares of common stock that are issuable upon exchange of limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership and (ii) up to 1,473,125 shares that are issuable upon exchange of limited partnership interests in certain other real estate partnerships;
- Registration statements, declared effective in 2006, that cover (i) the resale of up to 142,076 shares issuable in connection with our Waterford and Vista Belvedere acquisitions and (ii) the resale of shares issuable in connection with the exchange rights of our 3.625% Exchangeable Senior Notes, as to which there is a principal amount of \$225 million outstanding.

During the third quarter of 2006, we issued, pursuant to a registration statement, 5,980,000 shares of 4.875% Series G Cumulative Preferred Stock for estimated gross proceeds of \$149.5 million; such shares are convertible, subject to certain conditions, into common stock, which could be resold into the public market.

The resale of the shares of common stock pursuant to these various registration statements or that are issued upon conversion of our outstanding convertible preferred stock may have an adverse effect on the market price of our shares.

***The exchange and repurchase rights of Exchangeable Senior Notes and Series G Preferred Stock may be detrimental to holders of common stock*** - The Operating Partnership has \$225 million principal amount of 3.625% Exchangeable Senior Notes (the “Notes”) outstanding which mature on November 1, 2025. The Notes are exchangeable into the Company's common stock on or after November 1, 2020 or prior to November 1, 2020 under certain circumstances. The Notes are redeemable at the Company's option for cash at any time on or after November 4, 2010 and are subject to repurchase for cash at the option of the holder on November 1<sup>st</sup> in the years 2010, 2015 and 2020, or upon the occurrence of certain events. The Notes are senior unsecured and unsubordinated obligations of the Company.

In 2006, the Company sold 5,980,000 shares of 4.875% Series G Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (the “Series G Preferred Stock”) for gross proceeds of \$149.5 million. Holders may convert Series G Preferred Stock into shares of the Company’s common stock subject to certain conditions. The conversion rate will initially be .1830 shares of common stock per \$25 share liquidation preference, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of \$136.62 per share of common stock (the conversion rate will be subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of specified events). On or after July 31, 2011, the Company may, under certain circumstances cause some or all of the Series G Preferred Stock to be converted into shares of common stock at the then prevailing conversion rate. Further, if a fundamental change occurs, as defined in the articles supplementary for the Series G Preferred Stock, then the holders may require the Company to repurchase all or part of their Series G Preferred Stock subject to certain conditions.

The exchange of the Notes and/or Series G Preferred Stock for common stock would dilute stockholder ownership in the Company, and such exchange could adversely affect the market price of our common stock and our ability to raise capital through the sale of additional equity securities. If the Notes and Series G Preferred Stock are not exchanged, the repurchase price of the Notes and Series G Preferred Stock may discourage or impede transactions that might otherwise be in the interest of the holders of common stock. Further, these repurchase rights may be triggered in situations where the Company needs to conserve its cash reserves, in which event such repurchase might adversely affect the Company and its common stockholders.

***Our future issuances of common stock, preferred stock or convertible debt securities could adversely affect the market price of our common stock*** - In order to finance our property acquisition and development activities, we have issued and sold common stock, preferred stock and convertible debt securities. For example, during 2007, the Company sold 1,500,000 shares of its common stock in a public offering for proceeds of \$191.8 million, net of underwriter fees and expenses. During 2007 and 2006, pursuant to a Controlled Equity Offering program that the Company entered into with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co., the Company issued and sold approximately 170,500 and 427,700 shares of common stock for \$21.9 million and \$48.3 million, net of fees and commissions, respectively. The Company may in the future sell further shares of common stock pursuant to a Controlled Equity Offering program with Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.

In 2006, the Company issued 5,980,000 million shares of 4.875% Series G Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock for gross proceeds of approximately \$149.5 million. In 2005, the Operating Partnership sold \$225 million principal amount of 3.625% Exchangeable Senior Notes, which are exchangeable into the Company’s common stock under certain conditions.

During the first quarter of 2007, the Company filed a new shelf registration statement with the SEC, allowing the Company to sell an undetermined number of equity and debt securities as defined in the prospectus. Future sales of common stock, preferred stock or convertible debt securities may dilute stockholder ownership in the Company and could adversely affect the market price of the common stock.

***Our Chairman is involved in other real estate activities and investments, which may lead to conflicts of interest*** - Our Chairman, George M. Marcus is not an employee of the Company, and is involved in other real estate activities and investments, which may lead to conflicts of interest. Mr. Marcus owns interests in various other real estate-related businesses and investments. He is the Chairman of The Marcus & Millichap Company, or (“TMMC”), which is a holding company for certain real estate brokerage and services companies. TMMC has an interest in Pacific

Property Company, a company that invests in apartment communities.

Mr. Marcus has agreed not to divulge any information that may be received by him in his capacity as Chairman of the Company to any of his affiliated companies and that he will abstain his vote on any and all resolutions by the Company Board of Directors regarding any proposed acquisition and/or development of an apartment community where it appears that there may be a conflict of interest with any of his affiliated companies. Notwithstanding this agreement, Mr. Marcus and his affiliated entities may potentially compete with us in acquiring and/or developing apartment communities, which competition may be detrimental to us. In addition, due to such potential competition for real estate investments, Mr. Marcus and his affiliated entities may have a conflict of interest with us, which may be detrimental to the interests of the Company's stockholders.

***The influence of executive officers, directors and significant stockholders may be detrimental to holders of common stock*** - As of December 31, 2007, George M. Marcus, the Chairman of our Board of Directors, wholly or partially owned 1,768,773 shares of common stock (including shares issuable upon exchange of limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership and certain other partnerships and assuming exercise of all vested options). This represents approximately 7.1% of the outstanding shares of our common stock. Mr. Marcus currently does not have majority control over us. However, he currently has, and likely will continue to have, significant influence with respect to the election of directors and approval or disapproval of significant corporate actions. Consequently, his influence could result in decisions that do not reflect the interests of all our stockholders.

Under the partnership agreement of the Operating Partnership, the consent of the holders of limited partnership interests is generally required for any amendment of the agreement and for certain extraordinary actions. Through their ownership of limited partnership interests and their positions with us, our directors and executive officers, including Mr. Marcus, have substantial influence on us. Consequently, their influence could result in decisions that do not reflect the interests of all stockholders.

***The voting rights of preferred stock may allow holders of preferred stock to impede actions that otherwise benefit holders of common stock*** - In general, the holders of our outstanding shares of preferred stock do not have any voting rights. However, if full distributions are not made on any outstanding preferred stock for six quarterly distributions periods, the holders of preferred stock who have not received distributions, voting together as a single class, will have the right to elect two additional directors to serve on our Board of Directors.

These voting rights continue until all distributions in arrears and distributions for the current quarterly period on the preferred stock have been paid in full. At that time, the holders of the preferred stock are divested of these voting rights, and the term and office of the directors so elected immediately terminates. While any shares of our preferred stock are outstanding, the Company may not, without the consent of the holders of two-thirds of the outstanding shares of each series of preferred stock, each voting separately as a single class:

- authorize or create any class or series of stock that ranks senior to such preferred stock with respect to the payment of dividends, rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of our business;
- amend, alter or repeal the provisions of the Company's Charter or Bylaws, including by merger or consolidation, that would materially and adversely affect the rights of such series of preferred stock; or
- in the case of the preferred stock into which our preferred units are exchangeable, merge or consolidate with another entity or transfer substantially all of its assets to another entity, except if such preferred stock remains outstanding with the surviving entity and has the same terms and in certain other circumstances.

These voting rights of the preferred stock may allow holders of preferred stock to impede or veto actions that would otherwise benefit the holders of our common stock.

***The redemption rights of the Series B preferred units, Series D preferred units, Series F preferred stock and Series G preferred stock may be detrimental to holders of the Company's common stock*** - Upon the occurrence of one of the following events, the terms of the Operating Partnership's Series B and D Preferred Units require it to redeem all of such units and the terms of the Company's Series F Preferred Stock and the Series G Preferred Stock provide the holders of the majority of the outstanding Series F Preferred Stock and Series G Preferred Stock the right to require the Company to redeem all of such stock:

- the Company completes a "going private" transaction and its common stock is no longer registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended;
- the Company completes a consolidation or merger or sale of substantially all of its assets and the surviving entity's debt securities do not possess an investment grade rating;
- the Company fails to qualify as a REIT; or
- in the case of Series G preferred stock, The Company common stock is not traded on a major exchange.

The aggregate redemption price of the Series B Preferred Units would be \$80 million, the aggregate redemption price of the Series D Preferred Units would be \$50 million, the aggregate redemption price of the Series F Preferred Stock would be \$25 million and the aggregate redemption price of the Series G Preferred Stock would be \$149.5 million, plus, in each case, any accumulated distributions.

These redemption rights may discourage or impede transactions that might otherwise be in the interest of holders of common stock. Further, these redemption rights might trigger situations where the Company needs to conserve its cash reserves, in which event such redemption might adversely affect the Company and its common holders.

***Maryland business combination law may not allow certain transactions between the Company and its affiliates to proceed without compliance with such law*** - Under Maryland law, “business combinations” between a Maryland corporation and an interested stockholder or an affiliate of an interested stockholder are prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. These business combinations include a merger, consolidation, share exchange, or, in circumstances specified in the statute, an asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities. An interested stockholder is defined as any person (and certain affiliates of such person) who beneficially owns ten percent or more of the voting power of the then-outstanding voting stock. The law also requires a supermajority stockholder vote for such transactions. This means that the transaction must be approved by at least:

- 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding voting shares; and
- Two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding voting shares other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom the business combination is to be effected.

The statute permits various exemptions from its provisions, including business combinations that are exempted by the board of directors prior to the time that the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. These voting provisions do not apply if the stockholders receive a minimum price, as defined under Maryland law. As permitted by the statute, the Board of Directors of the Company irrevocably has elected to exempt any business combination by us, George M. Marcus, William A. Millichap, who are the chairman and a director of the Company, respectively, and TMMC or any entity owned or controlled by Messrs. Marcus and Millichap and TMMC. Consequently, the five-year prohibition and supermajority vote requirement described above will not apply to any business combination between us and Mr. Marcus, Mr. Millichap, or TMMC. As a result, we may in the future enter into business combinations with Messrs. Marcus and Millichap and TMMC, without compliance with the supermajority vote requirements and other provisions of the Maryland General Corporation Law.

***Anti-takeover provisions contained in the Operating Partnership agreement, charter, bylaws, and certain provisions of Maryland law could delay, defer or prevent a change in control*** - While the Company is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership, and generally has full and exclusive responsibility and discretion in the management and control of the Operating Partnership, certain provisions of the Operating Partnership agreement place limitations on the Company’s ability to act with respect to the Operating Partnership. Such limitations could delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for our stock or otherwise be in the best interest of the stockholders or that could otherwise adversely affect the interest of the Company’s stockholders. The partnership agreement provides that if the limited partners own at least 5% of the outstanding units of partnership interest in the Operating Partnership, the Company cannot, without first obtaining the consent of a majority-in-interest of the limited partners in the Operating Partnership, transfer all or any portion of our general partner interest in the Operating Partnership to another entity. Such limitations on the Company’s ability to act may result in our being precluded from taking action that the Board of Directors believes is in the best interests of the Company’s stockholders. As of December 31, 2007, the limited partners held or controlled approximately 9.1% of the outstanding units of partnership interest in the Operating Partnership, allowing such actions to be blocked by the limited partners.

The Company’s Charter authorizes the issuance of additional shares of common stock or preferred stock and the setting of the preferences, rights and other terms of such preferred stock without the approval of the holders of the common stock. We may establish one or more series of preferred stock that could delay defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control. Such a transaction might involve a premium price for our stock or otherwise be in the best interests of the holders of common stock. Also, such a class of preferred stock could have dividend, voting or other rights that could adversely affect the interest of holders of common stock.

The Company’s Charter, as well as the Company’s stockholder rights plan, contains other provisions that may delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in control that might be in the best interest of the Company’s stockholders. The Company’s stockholder rights plan is designed, among other things, to prevent a person or group from gaining control of the Company without offering a fair price to all of the Company’s stockholders. The Bylaws may be amended by the Board of Directors to include provisions that would have a similar effect, although the Company

presently has no such intention. The Charter contains ownership provisions limiting the transferability and ownership of shares of capital stock, which may have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a transaction or a change in control. For example, subject to receiving an exemption from the Board of Directors, potential acquirers may not purchase more than 6% in value of the stock (other than qualified pension trusts which can acquire 9.9%). This may discourage tender offers that may be attractive to the holders of common stock and limit the opportunity for stockholders to receive a premium for their shares of common stock.

The Maryland General Corporations Law restricts the voting rights of shares deemed to be “control shares.” Under the Maryland General Corporations Law, “control shares” are those which, when aggregated with any other shares held by the acquirer, entitle the acquirer to exercise voting power within specified ranges. Although the Bylaws exempt the Company from the control share provisions of the Maryland General Corporations Law, the Board of Directors may amend or eliminate the provisions of the Bylaws at any time in the future. Moreover, any such amendment or elimination of such provision of the Bylaws may result in the application of the control share provisions of the Maryland General Corporations Law not only to control shares which may be acquired in the future, but also to control shares previously acquired. If the provisions of the Bylaws are amended or eliminated, the control share provisions of the Maryland General Corporations Law could delay, defer or prevent a transaction or change in control that might involve a premium price for the stock or otherwise be in the best interests of the Company’s stockholders.

***The Company’s joint ventures and joint ownership of Properties and partial interests in corporations and limited partnerships could limit the Company’s ability to control such Properties and partial interests*** - Instead of purchasing apartment communities directly, we have invested and may continue to invest in joint ventures. Joint venture partners often have shared control over the operation of the joint venture assets. Therefore, it is possible that a joint venture partner in an investment might become bankrupt, or have economic or business interests or goals that are inconsistent with our business interests or goals, or be in a position to take action contrary to our instructions or requests, or our policies or objectives. Consequently, a joint venture partners’ actions might subject property owned by the joint venture to additional risk. Although we seek to maintain sufficient influence over any joint venture to achieve its objectives, we may be unable to take action without our joint venture partners’ approval, or joint venture partners could take actions binding on the joint venture without our consent. Should a joint venture partner become bankrupt, we could become liable for such partner’s share of joint venture liabilities.

From time to time, we, through the Operating Partnership, invest in corporations, limited partnerships, limited liability companies or other entities that have been formed for the purpose of acquiring, developing or managing real property. In certain circumstances, the Operating Partnership’s interest in a particular entity may be less than a majority of the outstanding voting interests of that entity. Therefore, the Operating Partnership’s ability to control the daily operations of such an entity may be limited. Furthermore, the Operating Partnership may not have the power to remove a majority of the board of directors (in the case of a corporation) or the general partner or partners (in the case of a limited partnership) of such an entity in the event that its operations conflict with the Operating Partnership’s objectives. The Operating Partnership may not be able to dispose of its interests in such an entity. In the event that such an entity becomes insolvent, the Operating Partnership may lose up to its entire investment in and any advances to the entity. We have, and in the future may, enter into transactions that could require us to pay the tax liabilities of partners, which contribute assets into joint ventures or the Operating Partnership, in the event that certain taxable events, which are within our control, occur. Although we plan to hold the contributed assets or defer recognition of gain on their sale pursuant to the like-kind exchange rules under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code, we can provide no assurance that we will be able to do so and if such tax liabilities were incurred they can expect to have a material impact on our financial position.

***Dedicated investment activities and other factors specifically related to Fund II*** - Fund II involves risks to us such as the following:

- our partners in Fund II might remove the Company as the general partner of Fund II;
- our partners in Fund II might become bankrupt (in which event we might become generally liable for the liabilities of Fund II);
- our partners in Fund II might have economic or business interests or goals that are inconsistent with our business interests or goals;
- our partners in Fund II might fail to fund capital commitments as contractually required; or
- our partners in Fund II might fail to approve decisions regarding Fund II that are in the Company’s best interest.

We will, however, seek to maintain sufficient influence over Fund II to permit it to achieve its business objectives.

***Investments in mortgages and other real estate securities*** – The Company may invest in securities related to real estate, which could adversely affect our ability to make distributions to stockholders. The Company may purchase securities issued by entities which own real estate and invest in mortgages or unsecured debt obligations. These mortgages may be first, second or third mortgages that may or may not be insured or otherwise guaranteed. In general, investments in mortgages include the following risks:

- that the value of mortgaged property may be less than the amounts owed, causing realized or unrealized losses;
- the borrower may not pay indebtedness under the mortgage when due, requiring us to foreclose, and the amount recovered in connection with the foreclosure may be less than the amount owed;
- that interest rates payable on the mortgages may be lower than our cost of funds; and
- in the case of junior mortgages, that foreclosure of a senior mortgage would eliminate the junior mortgage.

If any of the above were to occur, cash flows from operations and our ability to make expected dividends to stockholders could be adversely affected.

***Possible environmental liabilities*** - Under various federal, state and local laws, ordinances and regulations, an owner or operator of real estate is liable for the costs of removal or remediation of certain hazardous or toxic substances on, in, to or migrating from such property. Such laws often impose liability without regard as to whether the owner or operator knew of, or was responsible for, the presence of such hazardous or toxic substances. The presence of such substances, or the failure to properly remediate such substances, may adversely affect the owner's or operator's ability to sell or rent such property or to borrow using such property as collateral. Persons exposed to such substances, either through soil vapor or ingestion of the substances may claim personal injury damages. Persons who arrange for the disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances or wastes also may be liable for the costs of removal or remediation of such substances at the disposal or treatment facility to which such substances or wastes were sent, whether or not such facility is owned or operated by such person. Certain environmental laws impose liability for release of asbestos-containing materials ("ACMs") into the air, and third parties may seek recovery from owners or operators of real properties for personal injury associated with ACMs. In connection with the ownership (direct or indirect), operation, management and development of real properties, the Company could be considered an owner or operator of such properties or as having arranged for the disposal or treatment of hazardous or toxic substances and, therefore, may be potentially liable for removal or remediation costs, as well as certain other costs, including governmental fines and costs related to injuries of persons and property.

Investments in real property create a potential for environmental liabilities on the part of the owner of such real property. We carry certain limited insurance coverage for this type of environmental risk. We have conducted environmental studies which revealed the presence of groundwater contamination at certain Properties. Such contamination at certain of these properties was reported to have migrated on-site from adjacent industrial manufacturing operations. The former industrial users of the Properties were identified as the source of contamination. The environmental studies noted that certain Properties are located adjacent to any possible down gradient from sites with known groundwater contamination, the lateral limits of which may extend onto such properties. The environmental studies also noted that at certain of these properties, contamination existed because of the presence of underground fuel storage tanks, which have been removed. In general, in connection with the ownership, operation, financing, management and development of real properties, we may be potentially liable for removal or clean-up costs, as well as certain other costs and environmental liabilities. We may also be subject to governmental fines and costs related to injuries to persons and property.

Recently there has been an increasing number of lawsuits against owners and managers of apartment communities alleging personal injury and property damage caused by the presence of mold in residential real estate. Some of these lawsuits have resulted in substantial monetary judgments or settlements. The Company has been sued for mold related matters and has settled some, but not all, such matters, which matters remain unresolved and pending. Insurance carriers have reacted to mold related liability awards by excluding mold related claims from standard policies and pricing mold endorsements at prohibitively high rates. The Company has, however, purchased pollution liability insurance, which includes limited coverage for mold, although the insurance may not cover all pending or future mold claims. The Company has adopted programs designed to manage the existence of mold in its properties as well as guidelines for promptly addressing and resolving reports of mold to minimize any impact mold might have on residents or the property. The Company cannot assure you that it will not be sued in the future for mold related matters and cannot assure you that the liabilities resulting from such current or future mold related matters will not be substantial. The costs of carrying insurance to address potential mold related claims may also be substantial.

California has enacted legislation commonly referred to as “Proposition 65” requiring that “clear and reasonable” warnings be given to consumers who are exposed to chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer or reproductive toxicity, including tobacco smoke. Although we have sought to comply with Proposition 65 requirements, we cannot assure you that we will not be adversely affected by litigation relating to Proposition 65.

Methane gas is a naturally-occurring gas that is commonly found below the surface in several areas, particularly in the Southern California coastal areas. Methane is a non-toxic gas, but can be ignitable in confined spaces. Although naturally-occurring, methane gas is not regulated at the state or federal level, some local governments, such as the County of Los Angeles, have imposed requirements that new buildings install detection systems in areas where methane gas is known to be located.

Methane gas is also associated with certain industrial activities, such as former municipal waste landfills. Radon is also a naturally-occurring gas that is found below the surface. The Company cannot assure you that it will not be adversely affected by costs related to its compliance with methane gas related requirements or litigation costs related to methane or radon gas.

The Company has almost no indemnification agreements from third parties for potential environmental clean-up costs at its Properties. The Company has no way of determining at this time the magnitude of any potential liability to which it may be subject arising out of unknown environmental conditions or violations with respect to the properties formerly owned by the Company. No assurance can be given that existing environmental studies with respect to any of the Properties reveal all environmental liabilities, that any prior owner or operator of a Property did not create any material environmental condition not known to the Company, or that a material environmental condition does not exist as to any one or more of the Properties. The Company has limited insurance coverage for the types of environmental liabilities described above.

**General uninsured losses** - The Company carries comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage and rental loss insurance for each of the Properties. There are, however, certain types of extraordinary losses, such as, for example, losses for terrorism or earthquake, for which the Company does not have insurance coverage. Substantially all of the Properties are located in areas that are subject to earthquake activity. In January 2007, the Company canceled its then existing earthquake policy and established a wholly owned insurance subsidiary, Pacific Western Insurance LLC (“PWI”). Through PWI, the Company is self-insured as it relates to earthquake related losses. Additionally, as of January 2008, PWI provides property and casualty insurance coverage for the first \$5.0 million of the Company’s property level insurance claims per incident.

Although the Company may carry insurance for potential losses associated with its Properties, employees, residents, and compliance with applicable laws, it may still incur losses due to uninsured risks, deductibles, co-payments or losses in excess of applicable insurance coverage and those losses may be material. In the event of a substantial loss, insurance coverage may not be able to cover the full current market value of replacement cost of the Company’s lost investment. Inflation, changes in building codes and ordinances, environmental considerations and other factors might also affect the Company’s ability to replace or renovate an apartment community after it has been damaged or destroyed.

**Changes in real estate tax and other laws** - Generally we do not directly pass through costs resulting from changes in real estate tax laws to residential property tenants. We also do not generally pass through increases in income, service or other taxes, to tenants under leases. These costs may adversely affect funds from operations and the ability to make distributions to stockholders. Similarly, compliance with changes in (i) laws increasing the potential liability for environmental conditions existing on properties or the restrictions on discharges or other conditions or (ii) rent control or rent stabilization laws or other laws regulating housing may result in significant unanticipated decrease in revenue or increase in expenditures, which would adversely affect funds from operations and the ability to make distributions to stockholders.

**Changes in financing policy; no limitation on debt** – We have adopted a policy of maintaining a debt-to-total-market-capitalization ratio of less than 50%. The calculation of debt-to-total-market-capitalization is as follows: total indebtedness divided by the sum of total indebtedness plus total equity market capitalization. As used in this calculation, total equity market capitalization is equal to the aggregate market value of the outstanding shares of common stock (based on the greater of current market price or the gross proceeds per share from public offerings of the outstanding shares plus any undistributed net cash flow), assuming the conversion of all limited partnership interests in the Operating Partnership into shares of common stock and the gross proceeds of the preferred units and preferred stock. Based on this calculation (including the current market price and excluding undistributed net cash flow), our debt-to-total-market-capitalization ratio was approximately 35.7% as of December 31, 2007.

Our organizational documents do not limit the amount or percentage of indebtedness that may be incurred. Accordingly, the Board of Directors of The Company could change current policies and the policies of the Operating Partnership regarding indebtedness. If we changed these policies, we could incur more debt, resulting in an increased risk of default on our obligations and the obligations of the Operating Partnership, and an increase in debt service requirements that could adversely affect our financial condition and results of operations. Such increased debt could exceed the underlying value of the Properties.

***We are subject to certain tax risks*** - The Company has elected to be taxed as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code. The Company's qualification as a REIT requires it to satisfy numerous requirements (some on an annual and quarterly basis) established under highly technical and complex Internal Revenue Code provisions for which there are only limited judicial or administrative interpretations, and involves the determination of various factual matters and circumstances not entirely within the Company's control. Although the Company intends that its current organization and method of operation enable it to qualify as a REIT, the Company cannot assure you that it so qualifies or that it will be able to remain so qualified in the future. Future legislation, new regulations, administrative interpretations or court decisions (any of which could have retroactive effect) could adversely affect the Company's ability to qualify as a REIT or adversely affect its stockholders. If it fails to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, the Company would be subject to U.S. federal income tax (including any applicable alternative minimum tax) on its taxable income at corporate rates, and would not be allowed to deduct dividends paid to its shareholders in computing its taxable income. The Company may also be disqualified from treatment as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year in which it failed to qualify. The additional tax liability would reduce its net earnings available for investment or distribution to stockholders, and it would no longer be required to make distributions to its stockholders. Even if the Company continues to qualify as a REIT, it will continue to be subject to certain federal, state and local taxes on its income and property.

The Company has established several taxable REIT subsidiaries. Despite the Company's qualification as a REIT, its taxable REIT subsidiaries must pay U.S. federal income tax on their taxable income. While the Company will attempt to ensure that its dealing with its taxable REIT subsidiaries does not adversely affect its REIT qualification, the Company cannot provide assurance that it will successfully achieve that result. Furthermore, the Company may be subject to a 100% penalty tax, or its taxable REIT subsidiaries may be denied deductions, to the extent its dealings with its taxable REIT subsidiaries' are not deemed to be arm's length in nature. No assurances can be given that The Company's dealings with its taxable REIT subsidiaries' will be arm's length in nature.

From time to time, we may transfer or otherwise dispose of some of our Properties. Under the Internal Revenue Code, any gain resulting from transfers of Properties that we hold as inventory or primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business would be treated as income from a prohibited transaction subject to a 100% penalty tax. Since we acquire properties for investment purposes, we do not believe that our occasional transfers or disposals of property are prohibited transactions. However, whether property is held for investment purposes is a question of fact that depends on all the facts and circumstances surrounding the particular transaction. The Internal Revenue Service may contend that certain transfers or disposals of properties by us are prohibited transactions. If the Internal Revenue Service were to argue successfully that a transfer or disposition of property constituted a prohibited transaction, then the Company would be required to pay a 100% penalty tax on any gain allocable to the Company from the prohibited transaction and the Company's ability to retain future gains on real property sales may be jeopardized. Income from a prohibited transaction might adversely affect the Company's ability to satisfy the income tests for qualification as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes. Therefore, no assurances can be given that the Company will be able to satisfy the income tests for qualification as a REIT.

#### **Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

None.

#### **Item 2. Properties**

Our core apartment Portfolio as of December 31, 2007 (including partial ownership interests) was comprised of 134 apartment communities (comprising 27,489 apartment units), of which 13,205 units are located in Southern California, 8,462 units are located in the San Francisco Bay Area, 5,520 units are located in the Seattle metropolitan area, and 302 units are located in the other areas which consists of one community in Houston, Texas. The Company's apartment communities accounted for 97.5% of the Company's revenue for the year ended December 31, 2007.

## **Occupancy Rates**

The 134 apartment communities had an average Same-Properties occupancy (as defined in Item 7), based on “financial occupancy,” during the year ended December 31, 2007, of approximately 95.9%. With respect to stabilized apartment communities with sufficient operating history, occupancy figures are based on financial occupancy (the percentage resulting from dividing actual rental revenue by total possible rental revenue). Actual rental revenue represents contractual revenue pursuant to leases without considering delinquency and concessions. Total possible rental revenue represents the value of all apartment units, with occupied units valued at contractual rental rates pursuant to leases and vacant units valued at estimated market rents. We believe that financial occupancy is a meaningful measure of occupancy because it considers the value of each vacant unit at its estimated market rate. Financial occupancy may not completely reflect short-term trends in physical occupancy and financial occupancy rates as disclosed by other REITs may not be comparable to our calculation of financial occupancy.

As of December 31, 2007, the headquarters building was 100% occupied by the Company and the Southern California office building was 100% occupied, based on physical occupancy. With respect to office buildings, occupancy figures are based on “physical occupancy” which refers to the percentage resulting from dividing leased and occupied square footage by rentable square footage. With respect to recreational vehicle parks, manufactured housing communities, or apartment communities which have not yet stabilized or have insufficient operating history, occupancy figures are based on “physical occupancy” which refers to the percentage resulting from dividing leased and occupied units by rentable units.

For the year ended December 31, 2007, none of the Company’s Properties had book values equal to 10% or more of total assets of the Company or gross revenues equal to 10% or more of aggregate gross revenues of the Company.

## **Apartment Communities**

Our apartment communities are generally suburban garden apartments and town homes comprising multiple clusters of two and three story buildings situated on three to fifteen acres of land. The apartment communities have on average of 205 units, with a mix of studio, one, two and some three-bedroom units. A wide variety of amenities are available at each apartment community, including covered parking, fireplaces, swimming pools, clubhouses with complete fitness facilities, volleyball and playground areas and tennis courts.

We select, train and supervise a full team of on-site service and maintenance personnel. We believe that the following primary factors enhance our ability to retain tenants:

- located near employment centers
- well built communities that have been well maintained since acquisition; and
- proactive customer service approach.

## **Office and Other Commercial Buildings**

The Company’s corporate headquarters is located in an office building with approximately 17,400 square feet located at 925 East Meadow Drive, Palo Alto, California. The Company acquired the property in 1997. In December 2007, the Company acquired the adjacent property at 935 East Meadow Drive, and the Company will be making improvements to the building through the third quarter of 2008. This building is approximately 14,500 square feet and will be solely occupied by the Company. The Company also owns an office building in Southern California (Woodland Hills), comprised of approximately 38,900 square feet building, of which the Company occupies approximately 11,500 square feet at December 31, 2007. The building has nine third-party tenants occupying approximately 27,400 square feet. The largest single tenant occupies approximately 10,900 square feet. The Company acquired the Woodland Hills property in 2001. The Company has a mortgage loan receivable on an office building with approximately 110,000 square feet located in Irvine, California, which is consolidated in accordance with GAAP. The Company also has two predevelopment projects, Cadence Campus which is an office building comprised of 262,500 square feet, and Essex-Hollywood a commercial building currently utilized as a production studio of 35,000 square feet, and both properties are 100% leased to single tenants.

## **Recreational Vehicle Parks and Manufactured Housing Community**

The Company owns two recreational vehicle parks (comprising of 338 spaces), acquired in the Company’s December 2002 acquisition of John M. Sachs, Inc., and located in El Cajon, California. The Company also owns one manufactured housing community (containing 157 sites), acquired in the Company’s December 2002 acquisition of John M. Sachs, Inc., and located in Vista, California.

The following tables describe the Company's Properties as of December 31, 2007. The first table describes the Company's apartment communities and the second table describes the Company's other real estate assets.

Apartment Communities <sup>(1)</sup>	Location	Units	Rentable	Year	Year	Occupancy <sup>(2)</sup>
			Square Footage	Built	Acquired	
<b>Southern California</b>						
Alpine Country.....	Alpine, CA	108	81,900	1986	2002	94%
Alpine Village.....	Alpine, CA	306	254,400	1971	2002	96%
Barkley, The(3)(4).....	Anaheim, CA	161	139,800	1984	2000	97%
Bonita Cedars.....	Bonita, CA	120	120,800	1983	2002	98%
Camarillo Oaks.....	Camarillo, CA	564	459,000	1985	1996	96%
Camino Ruiz Square.....	Camarillo, CA	160	105,448	1990	2006	97%
Mountain View.....	Camarillo, CA	106	83,900	1980	2004	98%
Cardiff by the Sea.....	Cardiff, CA	300	284,460	1986	2007	97%
Cambridge.....	Chula Vista, CA	40	22,100	1965	2002	96%
Woodlawn Colonial.....	Chula Vista, CA	159	104,500	1974	2002	93%
Mesa Village.....	Clairemont, CA	133	43,600	1963	2002	99%
Parcwood(5).....	Corona, CA	312	270,000	1989	2004	95%
Coral Gardens.....	El Cajon, CA	200	182,000	1976	2002	94%
Tierra del Sol/Norte.....	El Cajon, CA	156	117,000	1969	2002	97%
Grand Regency.....	Escondido, CA	60	42,400	1967	2002	98%
Valley Park(6).....	Fountain Valley, CA	160	169,700	1969	2001	96%
Capri at Sunny Hills(6).....	Fullerton, CA	100	128,100	1961	2001	97%
Wilshire Promenade.....	Fullerton, CA	149	128,000	1992(7)	1997	94%
Montejo(6).....	Garden Grove, CA	124	103,200	1974	2001	97%
CBC Apartments.....	Goleta, CA	148	91,538	1962	2006	98%
Chimney Sweep Apartments.....	Goleta, CA	91	88,370	1967	2006	95%
Hampton Court (Columbus).....	Glendale, CA	83	71,500	1974(8)	1999	94%
Hampton Place (Lorraine).....	Glendale, CA	132	141,500	1970(9)	1999	95%
Devonshire.....	Hemet, CA	276	207,200	1988	2002	92%
Huntington Breakers.....	Huntington Beach, CA	342	241,700	1984	1997	97%
Hillsborough Park.....	La Habra, CA	235	215,500	1999	1999	96%
Trabuco Villas.....	Lake Forest, CA	132	131,000	1985	1997	98%
Marbrisa.....	Long Beach, CA	202	122,800	1987	2002	97%
Pathways.....	Long Beach, CA	296	197,700	1975(10)	1991	85%
Bunker Hill.....	Los Angeles, CA	456	346,600	1968	1998	96%
Cochran Apartments.....	Los Angeles, CA	58	51,400	1989	1998	93%
Kings Road.....	Los Angeles, CA	196	132,100	1979(11)	1997	96%
Marbella, The.....	Los Angeles, CA	60	50,108	1991	2005	90%
Marina City Club(12).....	Los Angeles, CA	101	127,200	1971	2004	95%
Park Place.....	Los Angeles, CA	60	48,000	1988	1997	93%
Renaissance, The(5).....	Los Angeles, CA	168	154,268	1990(13)	2006	84%
Windsor Court.....	Los Angeles, CA	58	46,600	1988	1997	93%
Mirabella(14).....	Marina Del Rey, CA	188	176,800	2000	2000	98%
Mira Monte.....	Mira Mesa, CA	355	262,600	1982(15)	2002	96%
Hillcrest Park.....	Newbury Park, CA	608	521,900	1973(16)(17)	1998	96%
Fairways(18).....	Newport Beach, CA	74	107,100	1972	1999	90%
Country Villas.....	Oceanside, CA	180	179,700	1976	2002	97%
Mission Hills.....	Oceanside, CA	282	244,000	1984	2005	97%
Mariner's Place.....	Oxnard, CA	105	77,200	1987	2000	98%
Monterey Villas.....	Oxnard, CA	122	122,100	1974(19)	1997	98%
Tierra Vista.....	Oxnard, CA	404	387,100	2001	2001	96%
Monterra del Mar.....	Pasadena, CA	123	74,400	1972(20)	1997	94%
Monterra del Rey.....	Pasadena, CA	84	73,100	1972(21)	1999	92%
Monterra del Sol.....	Pasadena, CA	85	69,200	1972(22)	1999	96%
Villa Angelina(6).....	Placentia, CA	256	217,600	1970	2001	97%

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<b>Apartment Communities <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Rentable Square Footage</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Acquired</b>	<b>Occupancy <sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>Southern California (continued)</b>						
Fountain Park.....	Playa Vista, CA	705	608,900	2002	2004	96%
Highridge(6).....	Rancho Palos Verdes, CA	255	290,200	1972(23)	1997	92%
Bluffs II, The(24).....	San Diego, CA	224	126,700	1974	1997	98%
Summit Park.....	San Diego, CA	300	229,400	1972	2002	97%
Vista Capri - North.....	San Diego, CA	106	51,800	1975	2002	98%
Brentwood (Hearthstone)(6).....	Santa Ana, CA	140	154,800	1970	2001	96%
Treehouse(6).....	Santa Ana, CA	164	135,700	1970	2001	95%
Hope Ranch Collection.....	Santa Barbara, CA	108	126,700	1965&73	2007	95%
Carlton Heights.....	Santee, CA	70	48,400	1979	2002	94%
Hidden Valley (Parker Ranch)(25).....	Simi Valley, CA	324	310,900	2004	2004	94%
Meadowood.....	Simi Valley, CA	320	264,500	1986	1996	91%
Shadow Point.....	Spring Valley, CA	172	131,200	1983	2002	97%
Coldwater Canyon.....	Studio City, CA	39	34,125	1979	2007	70%
Lofts at Pinehurst, The.....	Ventura, CA	118	71,100	1971(26)	1997	97%
Pinehurst(27).....	Ventura, CA	28	21,200	1973	2004	98%
Woodside Village.....	Ventura, CA	145	136,500	1987	2004	96%
Walnut Heights.....	Walnut, CA	163	146,700	1964	2003	94%
Avondale at Warner Center.....	Woodland Hills, CA	446	331,000	1970(28)	1997	92%
		<b>13,205</b>	<b>11,038,017</b>			<b>95%</b>
<b>Northern California</b>						
Belmont Terrace.....	Belmont, CA	71	72,951	1974	2006	96%
Carlmont Woods(5).....	Belmont, CA	195	107,200	1971	2004	98%
Davey Glen(5).....	Belmont, CA	69	65,974	1962	2006	92%
Pointe at Cupertino, The.....	Cupertino, CA	116	135,200	1963(29)	1998	98%
Harbor Cove(5).....	Foster City, CA	400	306,600	1971	2004	97%
Stevenson Place.....	Fremont, CA	200	146,200	1971(30)	1983	95%
Boulevard (Treetops).....	Fremont, CA	172	131,200	1978(31)	1996	87%
Waterstone at Fremont (Mountain Vista)(32)...	Fremont, CA	526	433,100	1975	2000	94%
City View (Wimbledon Woods).....	Hayward, CA	560	462,400	1975(33)	1998	95%
Alderwood Park(5).....	Newark, CA	96	74,624	1987	2006	97%
Bridgeport (Summerhill Commons).....	Newark, CA	184	139,000	1987(34)	1987	96%
Regency Towers(5).....	Oakland, CA	178	140,900	1975(35)	2005	92%
San Marcos (Vista del Mar).....	Richmond, CA	432	407,600	2003	2003	96%
Mt. Sutro.....	San Francisco, CA	99	64,000	1973	2001	98%
Carlyle, The.....	San Jose, CA	132	129,200	2000	2000	97%
Enclave, The(5).....	San Jose, CA	637	525,463	1998	2005	96%
Esplanade.....	San Jose, CA	278	279,000	2002	2004	97%
Waterford, The.....	San Jose, CA	238	219,600	2000	2000	98%
Hillsdale Garden Apartments(36).....	San Mateo, CA	697	611,505	1948	2006	96%
Bel Air.....	San Ramon, CA	462	391,000	1988(37)	1997	96%
Canyon Oaks.....	San Ramon, CA	250	237,894	2005	2007	94%
Foothill Gardens.....	San Ramon, CA	132	155,100	1985	1997	94%
Mill Creek at Windermere.....	San Ramon, CA	400	381,060	2005	2007	93%
Twin Creeks.....	San Ramon, CA	44	51,700	1985	1997	94%
Le Parc Luxury Apartments.....	Santa Clara, CA	140	113,200	1975(38)	1994	98%
Marina Cove(39).....	Santa Clara, CA	292	250,200	1974(40)	1994	98%
Harvest Park.....	Santa Rosa, CA	104	116,628	2004	2007	95%
Bristol Commons.....	Sunnyvale, CA	188	142,600	1989	1997	97%
Brookside Oaks(6).....	Sunnyvale, CA	170	119,900	1973	2000	99%
Magnolia Lane(41).....	Sunnyvale, CA	32	31,541	2001	2007	97%
Montclair, The (Oak Pointe).....	Sunnyvale, CA	390	294,100	1973(42)	1988	90%
Summerhill Park.....	Sunnyvale, CA	100	78,500	1988	1988	98%
Thomas Jefferson(6).....	Sunnyvale, CA	156	110,824	1969	2007	100%
Windsor Ridge.....	Sunnyvale, CA	216	161,800	1989	1989	96%
Vista Belvedere.....	Tiburon, CA	76	78,300	1963	2004	94%
Tuscan.....	Tracy, CA	30	29,088	2007	2007	84%
		<b>8,462</b>	<b>7,195,152</b>			<b>96%</b>

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<b>Apartment Communities <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Rentable Square Footage</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Acquired</b>	<b>Occupancy<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>Seattle, Washington Metropolitan Area</b>						
Cedar Terrace.....	Bellevue, WA	180	174,200	1984	2005	95%
Emerald Ridge-North.....	Bellevue, WA	180	144,000	1987	1994	95%
Foothill Commons.....	Bellevue, WA	360	288,300	1978(43)	1990	99%
Palisades, The.....	Bellevue, WA	192	159,700	1977(44)	1990	94%
Sammamish View.....	Bellevue, WA	153	133,500	1986(45)	1994	87%
Woodland Commons.....	Bellevue, WA	236	172,300	1978(43)	1990	99%
Canyon Pointe.....	Bothell, WA	250	210,400	1990	2003	97%
Inglenook Court.....	Bothell, WA	224	183,600	1985	1994	94%
Salmon Run at Perry Creek.....	Bothell, WA	132	117,100	2000	2000	97%
Stonehedge Village.....	Bothell, WA	196	214,800	1986	1997	95%
Park Hill at Issaquah.....	Issaquah, WA	245	277,700	1999	1999	96%
Wandering Creek.....	Kent, WA	156	124,300	1986	1995	98%
Bridle Trails.....	Kirkland, WA	108	73,400	1986(46)	1997	97%
Evergreen Heights.....	Kirkland, WA	200	188,300	1990	1997	96%
Laurels at Mill Creek, The.....	Mill Creek, WA	164	134,300	1981	1996	97%
Morning Run(5).....	Monroe, WA	222	221,786	1991	2005	97%
Anchor Village(6).....	Mukilteo, WA	301	245,900	1981	1997	96%
Castle Creek.....	Newcastle, WA	216	191,900	1997	1997	95%
Brighton Ridge.....	Renton, WA	264	201,300	1986	1996	96%
Fairwood Pond.....	Renton, WA	194	189,200	1997	2004	95%
Forest View.....	Renton, WA	192	182,500	1998	2003	96%
Cairns, The.....	Seattle, WA	100	70,806	2006	2007	95%
Fountain Court.....	Seattle, WA	320	207,000	2000	2000	96%
Linden Square.....	Seattle, WA	183	142,200	1994	2000	97%
Maple Leaf.....	Seattle, WA	48	35,500	1986	1997	99%
Spring Lake.....	Seattle, WA	69	42,300	1986	1997	99%
Tower @ 801(5).....	Seattle, WA	173	118,500	1970	2005	97%
Wharfish Pointe.....	Seattle, WA	142	119,200	1990	1994	97%
Echo Ridge(5).....	Snoqualmie, WA	120	124,539	2000	2005	97%
		<b>5,520</b>	<b>4,688,531</b>			<b>96%</b>
<b>Other Region</b>						
St. Cloud.....	Houston, TX	302	306,800	1968	2002	93%
		<b>302</b>	<b>306,800</b>			<b>93%</b>
<b>Total/Weighted Average</b>		<b>27,489</b>	<b>23,228,500</b>			<b>96%</b>

<b>Other real estate assets <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Tenants</b>	<b>Rentable Square Footage</b>	<b>Year Built</b>	<b>Year Acquired</b>	<b>Occupancy<sup>(2)</sup></b>
<b>Office Buildings</b>						
535 - 575 River Oaks(47).....	San Jose, CA	1	262,500	1990	2007	100%
925 East Meadow Drive(48).....	Palo Alto, CA	1	17,400	1988	1997	100%
935 East Meadow Drive(49).....	Palo Alto, CA	-	14,500	1962	2007	0%
6230 Sunset Blvd(47).....	Los Angeles, CA	1	35,000	1938	2006	100%
17461 Derian Ave(50).....	Irvine, CA	3	110,000	1983	2000	100%
22110-22120 Clarendon Street(51).....	Woodland Hills, CA	9	38,940	1982	2001	100%
<b>Total Office Buildings</b>		<b>15</b>	<b>478,340</b>			<b>100%</b>
<b>Recreational Vehicle Parks</b>						
Circle RV.....	El Cajon, CA	179 spaces		1977	2002	(52)
Vacationer.....	El Cajon, CA	159 spaces		1973	2002	(52)
<b>Total Recreational Vehicle Parks</b>		<b>338 spaces</b>				
<b>Manufactured Housing Community</b>						
Green Valley.....	Vista, CA	157 sites		1973	2002	(52)
<b>Total Manufactured Housing Community</b>		<b>157 sites</b>				

## **Footnotes to the Company's Properties Listing as of December 31, 2007**

- (1) Unless otherwise specified, the Company has a 100% ownership interest in each Property.
- (2) For apartment communities, occupancy rates are based on financial occupancy for the year ended December 31, 2007; for the office buildings, recreational vehicle parks, manufactured housing communities or properties which have not yet stabilized or have insufficient operating history, occupancy rates are based on physical occupancy as of December 31, 2007. For an explanation of how financial occupancy and physical occupancy are calculated, see "Properties-Occupancy Rates" in this Item 2.
- (3) The Company has a 30% special limited partnership interest in the entity that owns this apartment community. This investment was made under arrangements whereby the Essex Management Corporation ("EMC") became the general partner and the existing partners were granted the right to require the applicable partnership to redeem their interest for cash. Subject to certain conditions, the Company may, however, elect to deliver an equivalent number of shares of the Company's common stock in satisfaction of the applicable partnership's cash redemption obligation.
- (4) The community is subject to a ground lease, which, unless extended, will expire in 2082.
- (5) This community is owned by Fund II. The Company has a 28.2% interest in Fund II which is accounted for using the equity method of accounting.
- (6) The Company holds a 1% special limited partner interest in the partnerships which own these apartment communities. These investments were made under arrangements whereby EMC became the 1% sole general partner and the other limited partners were granted the right to require the applicable partnership to redeem their interest for cash. Subject to certain conditions, the Company may, however, elect to deliver an equivalent number of shares of the Company's common stock in satisfaction of the applicable partnership's cash redemption obligation.
- (7) In 2002 the Company purchased an additional 21 units adjacent to this apartment community for \$3 million. This property was built in 1992.
- (8) The Company completed a \$1.6 million redevelopment in 2000.
- (9) The Company completed a \$2.3 million redevelopment in 2000.
- (10) The Company is in the process of performing a \$10.7 million redevelopment.
- (11) The Company completed a \$6.2 million redevelopment in 2007.
- (12) This community is subject to a ground lease, which, unless extended, will expire in 2067.
- (13) Fund II is in the process of performing a \$5.0 million redevelopment.
- (14) During the third quarter of 2007, the Company acquired full ownership by purchasing the general contractor's interest for \$9 million.
- (15) The Company is in the process of performing a \$6.1 million redevelopment.
- (16) The Company completed an \$11.0 million redevelopment in 2001.
- (17) The Company completed an additional \$3.6 million redevelopment in 2005.
- (18) This community is subject to a ground lease, which, unless extended, will expire in 2027.
- (19) The Company completed a \$3.2 million redevelopment in 2002.
- (20) The Company completed a \$1.9 million redevelopment in 2000.
- (21) The Company completed a \$1.9 million redevelopment in 2001.
- (22) The Company completed a \$1.7 million redevelopment in 2001.
- (23) The Company is in the process of performing a \$16.1 million redevelopment.
- (24) The Company had an 85% controlling limited partnership interest as of December 31, 2006, and during January 2007 the Company acquired the remaining 15% partnership interest.
- (25) The Company and EMC have a 74.0% and 1% member interests, respectively.
- (26) The Company completed a \$3.5 million redevelopment in 2002.
- (27) The community is subject to a ground lease, which, unless extended, will expire in 2028.
- (28) The Company is in the process of performing a \$14.1 million redevelopment.
- (29) The Company completed a \$2.7 million redevelopment in 2001.
- (30) The Company completed a \$4.5 million redevelopment in 1998.
- (31) The Company is in the process of performing an \$8.4 million redevelopment.
- (32) The Company had a preferred limited partnership interest. In March 2007, the Company sold part of its limited partnership interest, and in January 2008, the Company sold its remaining interest.
- (33) The Company is in the process of performing a \$9.4 million redevelopment.
- (34) The Company is in the process of performing a \$4.6 million redevelopment
- (35) Fund II is in the process of performing a \$4.5 million redevelopment.
- (36) The community was subject to a ground lease, which, unless extended, would expire in 2047. In the second quarter of 2007, the Company entered into a joint venture partnership with a third-party, and the Company contributed the improvements for an 81.5% interest and the joint venture partner contributed the

- title to the land for an 18.5% interest in the partnership.
- (37) The Company completed construction of 114 units of the 462 total units in 2000.
  - (38) The Company completed a \$3.4 million redevelopment in 2002.
  - (39) A portion of this community on which 84 units are presently located is subject to a ground lease, which, unless extended, will expire in 2028.
  - (40) The Company is in the process of performing a \$9.9 million redevelopment.
  - (41) The community is subject to a ground lease, which, unless extended, will expire in 2070.
  - (42) The Company is in the process of performing a \$15.1 million redevelopment.
  - (43) The Company is in the process of performing a joint \$30.6 million redevelopment at these communities.
  - (44) The Company is in the process of performing a \$7.0 million redevelopment
  - (45) The Company is in the process of performing a \$3.9 million redevelopment.
  - (46) The Company is in the process of performing a \$5.1 million redevelopment and completed construction of 16 units of the community's 108 units in 2006. Operations were restabilized in the second quarter of 2006.
  - (47) The property is leased to a single tenant on a short-term basis, and is included in the Company's predevelopment pipeline.
  - (48) The Company occupies 100% of this property.
  - (49) The property is currently vacant and under a \$2.0 million redevelopment. The Company expects to occupy 100% of this property upon completion of the redevelopment in approximately the third quarter of 2008.
  - (50) The Company has a mortgage receivable, and consolidates this property in accordance with GAAP. The Company occupies 4.6% of this property.
  - (51) The Company occupies 30% of this property.
  - (52) The Company leased these three properties in 2003 to an unrelated third party for approximately 5 years with an option to purchase the property in approximately 2008.

### **Item 3. Legal Proceedings**

Recently there has been an increasing number of lawsuits against owners and managers of apartment communities alleging personal injury and property damage caused by the presence of mold in residential real estate. Some of these lawsuits have resulted in substantial monetary judgments or settlements. The Company has been sued for mold related matters and has settled some, but not all, of such matters. Insurance carriers have reacted to mold related liability awards by excluding mold related claims from standard policies and pricing mold endorsements at prohibitively high rates. The Company has, however, purchased pollution liability insurance, which includes some coverage for mold. The Company has adopted programs designed to manage the existence of mold in its properties as well as guidelines for promptly addressing and resolving reports of mold to minimize any impact mold might have on residents or property. Liabilities resulting from such mold related matters are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company carries comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage and rental loss insurance for each of the Properties. There are, however, certain types of extraordinary losses, such as, for example, losses for terrorism or earthquake, for which the Company does not have insurance coverage. Substantially all of the Properties are located in areas that are subject to earthquake activity.

The Company is subject to various other lawsuits in the normal course of its business operations. Such lawsuits are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

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

During the fourth quarter of 2007, no matters were submitted to a vote of security holders.

## Part II

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

The shares of the Company’s common stock are traded on the New York Stock Exchange (“NYSE”) under the symbol ESS.

#### *Market Information*

The Company’s common stock has been traded on the NYSE since June 13, 1994. The high, low and closing price per share of common stock reported on the NYSE for the quarters indicated are as follows:

<u>Quarter Ended</u>	<u>High</u>	<u>Low</u>	<u>Close</u>
December 31, 2007	\$ 127.35	\$ 94.08	\$ 97.49
September 28, 2007	\$ 123.50	\$ 102.00	\$ 117.57
June 30, 2007	\$ 133.40	\$ 114.19	\$ 116.30
March 30, 2007	\$ 148.54	\$ 124.78	\$ 124.78
December 29, 2006	\$ 133.99	\$ 119.76	\$ 129.25
September 29, 2006	\$ 128.57	\$ 111.54	\$ 121.40
June 30, 2006	\$ 111.90	\$ 100.90	\$ 111.66
March 31, 2006	\$ 111.10	\$ 92.10	\$ 108.73

The closing price as of February 25, 2008 was \$110.25.

#### *Holdings*

The approximate number of holders of record of the shares of the Company’s common stock was 263 as of February 25, 2008. This number does not include stockholders whose shares are held in trust by other entities. The actual number of stockholders is greater than this number of holders of record.

#### *Return of Capital*

Under provisions of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the portion of the cash dividend, if any, that exceeds earnings and profits is considered a return of capital. The return of capital is generated due to a variety of factors, including the deduction of non-cash expenses, primarily depreciation, in the determination of earnings and profits.

The status of the cash dividends distributed for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 related to common stock, Series F and Series G preferred stock for tax purposes are as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Common stock</b>			
Ordinary income.....	75.65%	100.00%	74.91%
Capital gains.....	24.35%	0.00%	25.09%
Return of capital.....	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
<b>Series F and G Preferred stock<sup>(1)</sup></b>			
Ordinary income.....	75.65%	100.00%	74.91%
Capital gains.....	24.35%	0.00%	25.09%
Return of capital.....	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

(1) Series G was issued during the third quarter of 2006.

### ***Dividends and Distributions***

Since its initial public offering on June 13, 1994, the Company has paid regular quarterly dividends to its stockholders. The Company has paid the following dividends per share of common stock:

<b>Year Ended</b>	<b>Annual Dividend</b>	<b>Quarter Ended</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2007</b>
1994	\$ 0.915	March 31,.....	\$ 0.810	\$ 0.840	\$ 0.930
1995	\$ 1.685	June 30, .....	\$ 0.810	\$ 0.840	\$ 0.930
1996	\$ 1.720	September 31,....	\$ 0.810	\$ 0.840	\$ 0.930
1997	\$ 1.770	December 31,.....	\$ 0.810	\$ 0.840	\$ 0.930
1998	\$ 1.950	<b>Annual Dividend</b>	<u>\$ 3.240</u>	<u>\$ 3.360</u>	<u>\$ 3.720</u>
1999	\$ 2.150				
2000	\$ 2.380				
2001	\$ 2.800				
2002	\$ 3.080				
2003	\$ 3.120				
2004	\$ 3.160				

Future distributions by the Company will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will depend on the actual cash flows from operations of the Company, its financial condition, capital requirements, the annual distribution requirements under the REIT provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, applicable legal restrictions and such other factors as the Board of Directors deems relevant. There are currently no contractual restrictions on the Company's present or future ability to pay dividends.

On February 27, 2008, the Company announced the Board of Directors approved a \$0.09 per share increase to the quarterly cash dividend, which represents a \$0.36 increase on an annualized basis. Accordingly, the first quarter dividend distribution, payable on April 15, 2008 to stockholders as of record as of March 31, 2008, will be \$1.02 per share.

### ***Dividend Reinvestment and Share Purchase Plan***

The Company has adopted a dividend reinvestment and share purchase plan designed to provide holders of Common Stock with a convenient and economical means to reinvest all or a portion of their cash dividends in shares of Common Stock and to acquire additional shares of Common Stock through voluntary purchases. Computershare, LLC, which serves as the Company's transfer agent, administers the dividend reinvestment and share purchase plan. For a copy of the plan, contact Computershare, LLC at (312) 360-5354.

### ***Stockholder Rights Plan***

In 1998, the Company adopted a stockholder rights plan that is designed to enhance the ability of all of the Company's stockholders to realize the long-term value of their investment. The rights plan is designed, in part, to prevent a person or group from gaining control of the Company without offering a fair price to all of the Company's stockholders.

On October 13, 1998, the Board declared a one-for-one preferred share purchase right (a "Right") for each outstanding share of Common Stock. Each Right entitles the registered holder to purchase from the Company one one-hundredth of a share of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, par value \$.0001 per share, of the Company, at a price of \$99.13 per one-hundredth of a share, subject to adjustment. The description and terms of the Rights are set forth in a Rights Agreement dated as of November 11, 1998, as amended between the Company and Computershare, LLC as Rights Agent.

### ***Securities Authorized for Issuance under Equity Compensation Plans***

See our disclosure in the 2007 Proxy Statement under the heading “Equity Compensation Plan Information”, which disclosure is incorporated herein by reference.

### ***Issuance of Registered Equity Securities***

<u>Period</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Sold</u>	<u>Average Price per Share</u>	<u>Proceeds (net of fees and commissions)</u>
4/5/07 to 5/6/07	1,670,500	\$127.91	\$213,672,000

During the second quarter of 2007 the Company sold 1,670,500 shares of common stock for proceeds of \$213.7 million, net of underwriter fees and expenses. The Company used the net proceeds from the stock offerings to pay down outstanding borrowings under the Company’s lines of credit and to fund acquisition and development projects.

### ***Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities***

<u>Period</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased</u>	<u>Average Price Paid per Share</u>	<u>Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs</u>	<u>Total Amount that May Yet be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs</u>
9/12/07 to 9/17/07	12,600	\$111.60	12,600	\$198,593,456
11/13/07 to 11/30/07	196,059	\$101.90	208,659	\$178,615,425
12/4/07 to 12/21/07	114,600	\$98.20	323,259	\$167,358,504
Total	323,259	\$100.90	323,259	\$167,358,504

In August 2007, the Company’s Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase plan to allow the Company to acquire shares in an aggregate of up to \$200 million. The program supersedes the common stock repurchase plan that Essex announced on May 16, 2001. During 2007 the Company repurchased and retired 323,259 shares of its common stock for approximately \$32.6 million. During January 2008, the Company repurchased and retired 137,500 shares of its common stock for approximately \$13.2 million. Since the Company announced the inception of the stock repurchase plan, the Company has repurchased and retired 460,759 shares for \$45.8 million at an average stock price of \$99.40 per share, including commissions.

### ***Unregistered Sale of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds***

During September 2007, the Company acquired the Thomas Jefferson apartments in Sunnyvale, California, by acquiring ownership interests in the two limited partnerships that collectively owned the property. In connection with this acquisition, the limited partnerships were restructured to provide for limited partnership units, or DownREIT units, that are redeemable for cash, or at the Company's sole discretion, cash or shares of the common stock of the Company. A total of 62,873 such units were issued. The issuance of such units was pursuant to the exemption from registration set forth in Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

## Item 6. Selected Financial Data

The following tables set forth summary financial and operating information for the Company from January 1, 2003 through December 31, 2007.

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2007	2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	2003 <sup>(1)</sup>
(In thousands, except per share amounts)					
<b>OPERATING DATA:</b>					
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Rental and other property.....	\$ 383,433	\$ 334,770	\$ 303,235	\$ 266,722	\$ 233,800
Management and other fees from affiliates.....	5,090	5,030	10,951	23,146	6,027
	<u>388,523</u>	<u>339,800</u>	<u>314,186</u>	<u>289,868</u>	<u>239,827</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Property operating expenses, excluding depreciation and amortization.....	128,424	114,398	104,479	93,666	77,307
Depreciation and amortization.....	100,389	78,094	74,849	66,414	51,814
Amortization of deferred financing costs.....	3,071	2,745	1,947	1,560	1,187
General and administrative.....	26,273	22,234	19,148	18,042	9,549
Interest.....	80,995	72,898	70,784	60,709	49,985
Other expenses.....	800	1,770	5,827	-	-
	<u>339,952</u>	<u>292,139</u>	<u>277,034</u>	<u>240,391</u>	<u>189,842</u>
Earnings from operations	48,571	47,661	37,152	49,477	49,985
Gain on the sales of real estate.....	-	-	6,391	7,909	-
Interest and other income.....	10,310	6,176	8,524	3,077	668
Equity income (loss) in co-investments.....	3,120	(1,503)	18,553	40,683	2,349
Minority interests.....	(19,937)	(18,807)	(20,709)	(28,133)	(25,827)
Income from continuing operations before income tax provision	42,064	33,527	49,911	73,013	27,175
Income tax provision.....	(400)	(525)	(2,538)	(257)	-
Income from continuing operations.....	<u>41,664</u>	<u>33,002</u>	<u>47,373</u>	<u>72,756</u>	<u>27,175</u>
Income from discontinued operations (net of minority interests).	73,974	29,746	32,343	6,937	7,915
Net income.....	<u>115,638</u>	<u>62,748</u>	<u>79,716</u>	<u>79,693</u>	<u>35,090</u>
Write off of Series C preferred units offering costs.....	-	-	-	-	(625)
Amortization of discount on Series F preferred stock.....	-	-	-	-	(336)
Dividends to preferred stockholders.....	(9,174)	(5,145)	(1,953)	(1,952)	(195)
Net income available to common stockholders .....	<u>\$ 106,464</u>	<u>\$ 57,603</u>	<u>\$ 77,763</u>	<u>\$ 77,741</u>	<u>\$ 33,934</u>
Per share data:					
Basic:					
Net income from continuing operations available to common stockholders.....	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.98	\$ 3.09	\$ 1.21
Net income available to common stockholders.....	\$ 4.34	\$ 2.50	\$ 3.38	\$ 3.39	\$ 1.58
Weighted average common stock outstanding.....	<u>24,548</u>	<u>23,082</u>	<u>23,039</u>	<u>22,921</u>	<u>21,468</u>
Diluted:					
Net income from continuing operations available to common stockholders.....	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.94	\$ 3.06	\$ 1.20
Net income available to common stockholders.....	\$ 4.24	\$ 2.45	\$ 3.32	\$ 3.36	\$ 1.57
Weighted average common stock outstanding.....	<u>25,101</u>	<u>23,551</u>	<u>23,389</u>	<u>23,156</u>	<u>21,679</u>
Cash dividend per common share.....	<u>\$ 3.72</u>	<u>\$ 3.36</u>	<u>\$ 3.24</u>	<u>\$ 3.16</u>	<u>\$ 3.12</u>

	As of December 31,				
	2007	2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	2003 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>BALANCE SHEET DATA:</b>					
Investment in rental properties (before accumulated depreciation).....	\$ 3,117,759	\$ 2,669,187	\$ 2,431,629	\$ 2,371,194	\$ 1,984,122
Net investment in rental proerties.....	2,575,772	2,204,172	2,042,589	2,041,542	1,718,359
Real estate under development.....	233,445	107,620	54,416	38,320	55,183
Total assets.....	2,980,323	2,485,840	2,239,290	2,217,217	1,916,811
Total secured indebtedness.....	1,362,873	1,186,554	1,129,918	1,161,184	976,545
Total unsecured indebtedness.....	294,818	225,000	225,000	155,800	12,500
Cumulative convertible preferred stock.....	145,912	145,912	-	-	-
Cumulative redeemable preferred stock.....	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
Stockholders' equity (less redeemable preferred stock).....	765,318	587,209	555,967	566,277	556,399

	As of and for the years ended December 31,				
	2007	2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	2003 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>OTHER DATA:</b>					
Interest coverage ratio <sup>(2)</sup> .....	3.0 X	2.8 X	2.7 X	3.0 X	3.1 X
Same-property gross operating margin <sup>(3)(4)</sup> .....	67%	67%	66%	65%	66%
Average same-property monthly rental rate per apartment unit <sup>(4)(5)</sup> .....	\$ 1,314	\$ 1,225	\$ 1,149	\$ 1,055	\$ 1,088
Average same-property monthly operating expenses per apartment unit <sup>(4)(6)</sup> .....	\$ 437	\$ 421	\$ 395	\$ 331	\$ 325
Total apartment units (at end of period).....	27,489	27,553	26,587	25,518	26,012
Same-property occupancy rate <sup>(7)</sup> .....	96%	96%	97%	96%	96%
Total Properties (at end of period).....	134	130	126	131	132

	Years Ended December 31,				
	2007	2006 <sup>(1)</sup>	2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	2003 <sup>(1)</sup>
(Dollars in thousands)					
<b>RECONCILIATION OF NET INCOME TO ADJUSTED EBITDA<sup>(2)</sup>:</b>					
Net income.....	\$ 115,638	\$ 62,748	\$ 79,716	\$ 79,693	\$ 35,090
Interest expense.....	80,995	72,898	70,784	60,709	49,985
Tax expense.....	400	525	2,538	257	-
Depreciation and amortization.....	100,389	78,094	74,849	66,414	51,814
Amortization of deferred financing costs.....	3,071	2,745	1,947	1,560	1,187
Gain on the sales of real estate.....	-	-	(6,391)	(7,909)	-
Gain on the sales of co-investment activities, net.....	(2,046)	-	(18,116)	(39,242)	-
Minority interests.....	19,937	18,807	20,709	28,133	25,827
Income from discontinued operations net of minority interest).....	(73,974)	(29,746)	(32,343)	(6,937)	(7,915)
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(2)</sup> .....	244,410	206,071	193,693	182,678	155,988
Interest expense.....	80,995	72,898	70,784	60,709	49,985
Interest coverage ratio <sup>(2)</sup> .....	3.0 X	2.8 X	2.7 X	3.0 X	3.1 X

(1) The above financial and operating information from January 1 through December 31, 2003 reflect the retroactive adoption of FIN 46R and SFAS No. 123. The results of operations for 2006, 2005, 2004 and 2003 have been reclassified to reflect discontinued operations for properties sold subsequent to December 31, 2006.

(2) Interest coverage ratio represents earnings before minority interests, gain on sales of real estate, interest expense, taxes, depreciation and amortization (“adjusted EBITDA”) divided by interest expense. The Company believes that the interest coverage ratio is useful to readers because it is frequently used by investors, lenders, security analysts and other interested parties in the evaluation of companies in our industry. In addition, the Company believes that this ratio is useful in evaluating our performance compared to that of other companies in our industry because the calculation of the adjusted EBITDA component of the interest coverage ratio generally eliminates the effects of financing costs, income taxes, and depreciation and amortization, which items may vary for different companies for reasons unrelated to

operating performance.

The adjusted EBITDA component of the interest coverage ratio, however, is not a recognized measurement under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP. When analyzing our operating performance, readers should use the interest coverage ratio and its adjusted EBITDA component in addition to, and not as an alternative for, net income, as determined in accordance with GAAP. Because not all companies use identical calculations, our presentation of the interest coverage ratio and its adjusted EBITDA component may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. Furthermore, the interest coverage ratio is not intended to be a measure of free cash flow for our management's discretionary use, as it does not consider certain cash requirements such as income tax payments, debt service requirements, capital expenditures and other fixed charges. The amounts shown for the interest coverage ratio and adjusted EBITDA may also differ from the amounts calculated under similarly titled definitions in our debt instruments, which can be further adjusted to reflect certain other cash and non-cash charges and are used to determine compliance with financial covenants and our ability to engage in certain activities such as incurring additional debt and making certain restricted payments.

- (3) Gross operating margin represents rental revenues and other property income less property operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, divided by rental revenues and other property income.
- (4) A stabilized apartment community, or "Same-Property" apartment units (as defined in Item 7), are those units in properties that the Company has consolidated for the entire two years as of the end of the period set forth. The number of apartment units in such properties may vary at each year-end. Percentage changes in averages per unit do not correspond to total Same-Property revenues and expense percentage changes which are discussed in Item 7—Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.
- (5) Average Same-Property monthly rental rate per apartment unit represents total scheduled rent for the same property apartment units for the period (actual rental rates on occupied apartment units plus market rental rates on vacant apartment units) divided by the number of such apartment units and further divided by the number of months in the period.
- (6) Average Same-Property monthly expenses per apartment unit represents total monthly operating expenses, exclusive of depreciation and amortization, for the same property apartment units for the period divided by the total number of such apartment units and further divided by the number of months in the period.
- (7) Occupancy rates are based on financial occupancy. For an explanation of how financial occupancy is calculated, see Item 7 – Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the accompanying consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. These consolidated financial statements include all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to reflect a fair statement of the results and all such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature.

### OVERVIEW

The Company is a self-administered and self-managed REIT that acquires, develops, redevelops and manages apartment communities in selected residential areas located primarily in the West Coast of the United States. The Company owns all of its interests in its real properties, directly or indirectly, through the Operating Partnership. The Company is the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership and, as of December 31, 2007, had an approximately 90.9% general partner interest in the Operating Partnership.

Our investment strategy has two components: constant monitoring of existing markets, and evaluation of new markets to identify areas with the characteristics that underlie rental growth. Our strong financial condition supports our investment strategy by enhancing our ability to quickly shift our acquisition, development, and disposition activities to markets that will optimize the performance of the portfolio.

As of December 31, 2007, we had ownership interests in 134 apartment communities, comprising 27,489 apartment units. Our apartment communities are located in the following major West Coast regions:

***Southern California*** (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Diego, and Ventura counties)

***Northern California*** (the San Francisco Bay Area)

***Seattle Metro*** (Seattle metropolitan area)

***Other Region*** (Houston, Texas)

As of December 31, 2007, we also had ownership interests in six office buildings (with approximately 478,340 square feet), two recreational vehicle parks (comprising 338 spaces) and one manufactured housing community (containing 157 sites).

As of December 31, 2007, our consolidated development pipeline was comprised of three development projects, five predevelopment projects and five land parcels held for future development aggregating 2,776 units, with total incurred costs of \$233.5 million, and estimated remaining project costs of approximately \$537.1 million for total estimated project costs of \$770.6 million.

By region, the Company's operating results for 2007 and rent growth analysis for 2008 are as follows:

***Southern California Region:*** As of December 31, 2007, this region represented 48% of our apartment units. During the year ended December 31, 2007, Same-Property (as defined below) revenues increased 4.4% as compared to 2006. The Company expects in 2008 new residential supply of 12,200 single family homes and 15,600 apartment units which represents a total new supply of 0.5% of existing stock. The Company expects this region to add 40,000 new jobs and generate market rent growth ranging from 1% to 3% in 2008.

***Northern California Region:*** As of December 31, 2007, this region represented 31% of our apartment units. Same-Property revenues increased 9.4% in 2007 as compared to 2006. The Company expects in 2008 new residential supply of 5,800 single family homes and 7,200 apartment units which represents a total new supply of 0.4% of existing stock. The Company expects this region to add 38,000 new jobs and generate market rent growth ranging from 5% to 7% in 2008.

***Seattle Metro Region:*** As of December 31, 2007, this region represented 20% of our apartment units. Same-Property revenues increase 11.0% in 2007 as compared to 2006. The Company expects in 2008 new residential supply of 8,000 single family homes and 4,500 apartment units which represents a total new supply of 1.2% of existing stock. The Company expects this region to add 28,000 new jobs and generate market rent growth ranging from 5% to 7% in 2008.

***Other Region:*** As of December 31, 2007, the remaining 1% of our units related to a community located in Houston, Texas. During December 2007, the Company sold four communities that were located in the Portland metropolitan region.

The Company's consolidated apartment communities are as follows:

	<b>As of December 31, 2007</b>		<b>As of December 31, 2006</b>	
	<b>Apartment Units</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Apartment Units</b>	<b>%</b>
Southern California	12,725	52%	12,965	55%
Northern California	6,361	26%	5,389	23%
Seattle Metro	5,005	21%	4,905	21%
Other Regions	302	1%	302	1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>24,393</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>23,561</b>	<b>100%</b>

Joint venture properties including Fund II communities and communities sold in 2007 including City Heights and the four Portland metropolitan communities are not included in the consolidated apartment communities' results for both periods presented in the table above.

## RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

### *Comparison of Year Ended December 31, 2007 to the Year Ended December 31, 2006*

Our average financial occupancies for the Company's stabilized apartment communities or "2007/2006 Same-Properties" (stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006) decreased 60 basis points to 95.9% for the year ended December 31, 2007 from 96.5% for the year ended December 31, 2006. Financial occupancy is defined as the percentage resulting from dividing actual rental revenue by total possible rental revenue. Actual rental revenue represents contractual rental revenue pursuant to leases without considering delinquency and concessions. Total possible rental revenue represents the value of all apartment units, with occupied units valued at contractual rental rates pursuant to leases and vacant units valued at estimated market rents. We believe that financial occupancy is a meaningful measure of occupancy because it considers the value of each vacant unit at its estimated market rate. Financial occupancy may not completely reflect short-term trends in physical occupancy and financial occupancy rates as disclosed by other REITs may not be comparable to our calculation of financial occupancy.

The regional breakdown of the Company's 2007/2006 Same-Property portfolio for financial occupancy for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006 is as follows:

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Southern California.....	95.6%	96.3%
Northern California.....	96.8%	96.7%
Seattle Metro.....	96.3%	96.8%
Other Regions.....	92.5%	90.6%

The following table provides a breakdown of revenue amounts, including the revenues attributable to 2007/2006 Same-Properties.

	<b>Number of Properties</b>	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		<b>Dollar Change</b>	<b>Percentage Change</b>
		<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>		
Property Revenues (dollars in thousands)					
2007/2006 Same-Properties:					
Southern California.....	56	\$ 185,060	\$ 177,336	\$ 7,724	4.4 %
Northern California.....	16	60,024	54,887	5,137	9.4
Seattle Metro.....	22	56,427	50,852	5,575	11.0
Other Regions.....	1	2,015	1,980	35	1.8
Total 2007/2006 Same-Property revenues.....	<u>95</u>	<u>303,526</u>	<u>285,055</u>	<u>18,471</u>	<u>6.5</u>
2007/2006 Non-Same Property Revenues (1) .....		<u>79,907</u>	<u>49,715</u>	<u>30,192</u>	<u>60.7</u>
Total property revenues.....		<u>\$ 383,433</u>	<u>\$ 334,770</u>	<u>\$ 48,663</u>	<u>14.5 %</u>

(1) Includes twelve communities acquired after January 1, 2006, eleven redevelopment communities, three office buildings and one development community.

*2007/2006 Same-Property Revenues* increased by \$18.5 million or 6.5% to \$303.5 million for 2007 compared to \$285.1 million for 2006. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in scheduled rents of \$20.4 million or 7.3% as compared to 2006. Average monthly rental rates for 2007/2006 Same-Property communities were \$1,314 per unit for 2007 compared to \$1,225 per unit for 2006. The decline in occupancy of 60 basis points in 2007 compared to 2006 decreased revenues by \$2.3 million of which \$0.8 million was caused by vacancy created by units that were under renovation. Bad debt expense and rent concessions increased \$0.8 million, ratio utility billing system (“RUBS”) income increased \$0.8 million, and ancillary property income increased \$0.4 million for 2007 compared to 2006.

*2007/2006 Non-Same Property Revenues* increased by \$30.2 million or 60.7% to \$79.9 million for 2007 compared to \$49.7 million for 2006. The increase was primarily due to twelve communities acquired since January 1, 2006.

*Management and other fees from affiliates* increased only slightly by \$0.1 million to \$5.1 million in 2007. These fees consist of \$4.8 million in fee income primarily from Fund II and \$0.3 million in promote income from Fund I in 2007, compared to \$3.8 million in fee income primarily from Fund II and \$1.2 million in promote income from Fund I in 2006.

*Total Expenses* increased \$47.8 million or 16.4% to \$340.0 million for 2007 from \$292.1 million for 2006. Property operating expenses increased by \$14.0 million or 12.3% for 2007, which is primarily due to the acquisition of twelve communities, annual increases in property salaries. The increase includes an increase of real estate taxes of \$4.0 million due primarily to the increase in the number of communities, increase in assessments for the Company’s California communities that are limited to 2% per year and large increases in assessments of the communities located in the Seattle metropolitan area. Depreciation expense increased by \$22.3 million or 28.5% for 2007, due to the acquisition of twelve communities after January 1, 2006 and recording depreciation expense for the Cadence Campus and Hollywood commercial buildings, which are predevelopment properties with short-term tenant leases. Interest expense increased \$8.1 million or 11.1% due primarily to due to an increase in funding of redevelopment and acquisitions on the Company’s lines of credit and an increase of outstanding mortgage notes payable. General and administrative costs increased \$4.0 million or 18.2% due to an increase in costs related to employees working on Fund II development and redevelopment projects that can not be capitalized by the Company of approximately \$1.5 million, an increase in the number of employees, annual increases in compensation and increased bonuses.

*Other expenses* of \$0.8 million for 2007 consists of a \$0.5 million reserve for loan loss resulting from the write-down of an impaired mezzanine note receivable related to a condominium project located in Sherman Oaks, California, and a \$0.3 million accrual for unpaid business taxes related to the sale of the Essex on Lake Merritt in 2004. Other expenses of \$1.8 million for the year ended 2006, relate to \$1.0 million in pursuit costs related to the Company’s attempt to acquire the Town & Country REIT, and a \$0.8 million impairment charge resulting from a write-down of a community in Houston, Texas.

*Interest and other income* increased by \$4.1 million or 66.9% to \$10.3 million for 2007 from \$6.2 million for 2006 due primarily to an increase in lease income of \$4.7 million resulting from the income generated from the Cadence Campus and Hollywood commercial buildings, and an increase of \$1.5 million in interest income earned from the mezzanine/bridge loans, compared to the Company recorded a non-recurring gain of \$1.7 million related to the sale of Town & Country REIT stock in 2006.

*Equity income (loss) in co-investments* increased by \$4.6 million to \$3.1 million for 2007 compared to a loss of \$1.5 million for 2006, due primarily to the recording of \$2.0 million from the partial sale of the Company’s interest in the Mountain Vista, LLC joint venture in the first quarter of 2007 plus \$0.3 million of equity income recorded from Fund I, and \$0.4 million of equity income earned from its investment in Fund II during 2007. Fund II operations for 2006 included \$2.7 million in depreciation resulting in the Company recording a loss of \$1.5 million in equity income (loss) in co-investments related to Fund II during 2006.

*Income from discontinued operations* for 2007 includes the gain from the sale of four communities in the Portland metropolitan region, net of minority interest, of \$47.6 million, sale of the City Heights joint venture property for a gain, net of minority interest, of \$13.7 million, \$10.3 million in fees from the joint venture partner, and the net gain on sale of 21 condominiums at Peregrine Point for \$1.0 million. During the year ended 2006, income from discontinued operations included a gain of \$8.8 million from the sale of the Vista Pointe joint venture property and \$8.2 million in fees, a gain of \$3.1 million on the sales of Vista Capri East, Casa Tierra, and Diamond Valley properties, and a gain of \$2.0 million from the sale of the first 45 condominiums at Peregrine Point.

**Comparison of Year Ended December 31, 2006 to the Year Ended December 31, 2005**

Our average financial occupancies for the Company’s stabilized apartment communities or “2006/2005 Same-Properties” (stabilized properties consolidated by the Company for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005) for the year ended December 31, 2006 decreased to 96.5% from 96.6% for the year ended December 31, 2005.

The regional breakdown of the Company’s stabilized 2006/2005 Same-Property portfolio for financial occupancy for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 is as follows:

	Years ended	
	December 31,	
	2006	2005
Southern California.....	96.3%	96.5%
Northern California.....	96.7%	97.1%
Seattle Metro.....	96.9%	96.7%
Other Regions.....	90.6%	88.1%

The following table provides a breakdown of revenue amounts, including the revenues attributable to 2006/2005 Same-Properties.

	Number of Properties	Years Ended		Dollar Change	Percentage Change
		December 31,			
		2006	2005		
Property Revenues (dollars in thousands)					
2006/2005 Same-Properties:					
Southern California.....	53	\$ 174,156	\$ 164,550	\$ 9,606	5.8 %
Northern California.....	16	54,887	50,625	4,262	8.4
Seattle Metro.....	21	48,663	44,551	4,112	9.2
Other Regions.....	1	1,980	1,843	137	7.4
Total 2006/2005 Same-Property revenues.....	<u>91</u>	<u>279,686</u>	<u>261,569</u>	<u>18,117</u>	<u>6.9</u>
2006/2005 Non-Same Property Revenues (1).....		55,084	41,666	13,418	32.2
Total property revenues.....		<u>\$ 334,770</u>	<u>\$ 303,235</u>	<u>\$ 31,535</u>	<u>10.4 %</u>

(1) Includes eight communities acquired subsequent to January 1, 2005, ten redevelopment communities, and three office buildings.

2006/2005 Same-Property Revenues increased by \$18.1 million or 6.9% to \$279.7 million for 2006 compared to \$261.6 million for 2005. The increase was primarily attributable to an increase in rental rates of \$17.4 million or 6.5%, an increase of \$0.7 million in RUBS revenue, an increase of \$0.7 million in ancillary property income, and a decrease in rent concessions of \$0.9 million compared to the 2005. Bad debt expense was consistent for the two years, and occupancy decreased in 2006 by \$0.9 million as compared to 2005.

2006/2005 Non-Same Property Revenues increased by \$13.4 million or 32.2% to \$55.1 million for 2006 compared to \$41.7 million for 2005. The increase in non-same property revenues was primarily due to eight properties acquired since January 1, 2005.

Management and other fees from affiliates decreased by approximately \$5.9 million or 54.1% for 2006 due primarily to \$7.1 million in promote income recorded during the year ended 2005 related to the sale of Fund I assets, as compared to \$1.2 million in promote income from Fund I during 2006.

Total Expenses increased \$15.1 million or 5.5% to \$292.1 million for 2006 from \$277.0 million for 2005. The increase was primarily due to increases in utility expense, real estate taxes, insurance expense, and salaries. Utility expense increased by \$3.1 million over the prior year due mainly to higher natural gas and electrical prices. Real estate taxes increased \$2.8 million over the prior year due mainly to increases in assessment of properties in the Seattle metropolitan area and new acquisitions. Insurance expense increased \$0.9 million over prior year due to increases in earthquake and property liability premiums. Salaries increased mainly due to an increase in payroll salaries over the prior year, an increase in equity based compensation expense, and higher operating expenses due to the acquisition of eight communities in 2006.

Interest expense increased by \$2.1 million or 3% for 2006 to \$72.9 million, net of \$3.9 million in capitalized interest, compared to \$70.8 million, net of \$1.1 in capitalized interest for 2005. The increase was mainly due to an increase in total outstanding debt of \$57 million between 2006 and 2005, and higher short-term borrowing rates.

*Other expenses* decreased \$4.1 million or 69.6% to \$1.8 million for the year ended 2006 compared to \$5.8 million for the year ended 2005. During 2006, the Company incurred \$1.0 million in net pursuit costs related to the Company's attempt to acquire the Town & Country REIT in the first quarter of 2006 and the Company recorded a \$0.8 million impairment charge on a property in Houston, Texas during the third quarter of 2006. During 2005, the Company recorded the following other expenses: (i) a \$1.5 million charge related to a legal settlement, (ii) \$1.4 million in incentive compensation costs related to \$6.1 million in interest income realized on The Essex on Lake Merritt participating loan in the third quarter of 2005, (iii) an impairment loss of \$1.3 million related to a property in Houston, Texas in the fourth quarter of 2005, and (iv) pre-payment penalties and write-off of deferred charges in the amount of \$1.6 million related to the early termination of various mortgage notes payable during the fourth quarter of 2005.

*Gain on sale of real estate* was \$0 for 2006 compared to a gain of \$6.4 million recorded for 2005 resulting from the recognition of a \$5.0 million deferred gain due to the sale of The Essex on Lake Merritt and \$1.4 million from taxable REIT subsidiary activity.

*Interest and other income* was comprised of \$1.7 million for a gain on the sale of the Town & Country REIT stock recorded during the first quarter for 2006, \$0.7 million of interest income earned on notes receivables, \$0.2 million in forfeited deposits from a potential disposition and approximately \$1.9 million in interest income on cash balances, as compared to \$6.1 million in interest income from the Essex on Lake Merritt participating loan recorded in the third quarter of 2005. Lease income from the RV parks was consistent for both periods.

*Equity (loss) income in co-investments* decreased \$20.1 million for 2006 primarily due to gains from the sale of Fund I properties during the year ended 2005 totaling \$18.1 million. For 2006 the Company recorded a net loss on its investment in Fund II of \$1.5 million, and there were no property sales in Fund I or II during 2006.

*Income tax provision* decreased by \$2.0 million during 2006 due to less taxable income related to taxable REIT subsidiary activity.

*Income from discontinued operations* for 2006 relates primarily to the gain on sale of 45 Peregrine Point condominiums for \$2.0 million, a gain on sale of the Vista Pointe joint venture property for \$8.8 million plus fees and promote income from that sale of \$8.2 million, a gain of \$3.1 million on the sales of the Vista Capri East, Casa Tierra, and Diamond Valley properties, and a gain of \$6.7 million on the sale of Emerald Palms community. Discontinued operations for 2005 relates primarily to the sale of the Eastridge Apartments in the second quarter of 2005, for a gain on sale of \$28.5 million, a gain of \$0.7 million attributed to the sale of four small assets, and \$1.2 million in rental revenues related to the Eastridge community.

### ***Liquidity and Capital Resources***

Standard and Poor's ("S&P") has issued a corporate credit rating of BBB/Stable for Essex Property Trust, Inc. and Essex Portfolio, L.P.

At December 31, 2007, the Company had \$10.0 million of unrestricted cash and cash equivalents. We believe that cash flows generated by our operations, existing cash balances, availability under existing lines of credit, access to capital markets and the ability to generate cash gains from the disposition of real estate are sufficient to meet all of our reasonably anticipated cash needs during 2008. The timing, source and amounts of cash flows provided by financing activities and used in investing activities are sensitive to changes in interest rates and other fluctuations in the capital markets environment, which can affect our plans for acquisitions, dispositions, development and redevelopment activities.

Essex has a \$200.0 million unsecured line of credit and, as of December 31, 2007, there was \$61.0 million balance on the line at an average interest rate of 6.2%. This facility matures in March 2009, with an option for a one-year extension. The underlying interest rate on this line is based on a tiered rate structure tied to an S&P rating on the credit facility (currently BBB-) at LIBOR plus 0.8%. We also have a \$100.0 million credit facility from Freddie Mac, which is secured by eight apartment communities and which matures in January 2009. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had \$100.0 million outstanding under this line of credit at an average interest rate of 5.4%. The underlying interest rate on this line is between 55 and 59 basis points over the Freddie Mac Reference Rate. In 2007, the Company entered into an unsecured revolving line of credit for \$10.0 million with a commercial bank with an initial maturity date of March 2008. Borrowing under this revolving line of credit bears an interest rate at the bank's Prime Rate less 2.0%. As of December 31, 2007 there was an \$8.8 million balance on the revolving line of credit at an average interest rate of 5.6%. The line is used to fund short-term working capital needs. The

Company's line of credit agreements contain debt covenants related to limitations on indebtedness and liabilities, maintenance of minimum levels of consolidated earnings before depreciation, interest and amortization and maintenance of minimum tangible net worth. Certain terms and covenants of the \$200.0 million unsecured line of credit were amended during the third quarter of 2007. The Company was in compliance with the line of credit covenants as of December 31, 2007 and December 31, 2006. Fund II has a credit facility aggregating \$21.0 million. This line bears interest at LIBOR plus 0.875% and matures on May 30, 2008.

During the first quarter of 2007, the Company filed a new shelf registration statement with the SEC, allowing the Company to sell an undetermined number or amount of certain equity and debt securities as defined in the prospectus.

In August 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase plan to allow the Company to acquire shares in an aggregate of up to \$200 million. The program supersedes the common stock repurchase plan that Essex announced on May 16, 2001. During 2007 the Company repurchased and retired 323,259 shares of its common stock for approximately \$32.6 million, net of fees and commissions. During January 2008, the Company repurchased an additional 137,500 shares for \$13.2 million, net of fees and commissions. As of February 2008, the company may repurchase approximately an additional \$154 million of common stock under the current plan.

The Company sold 5,980,000 shares of 4.875% Series G Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock for gross proceeds of \$149.5 million during the third quarter of 2006. Holders may convert Series G Preferred Stock into shares of the Company's common stock subject to certain conditions. The conversion rate was initially .1830 shares of common stock per the \$25 share liquidation preference, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$136.62 per share of common stock (the conversion rate will be subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of specified events). The conversion rate was .1836 shares of common stock per \$25 per share liquidation preference as of December 31, 2007. On or after July 31, 2011, the Company may, under certain circumstances, cause some or all of the Series G Preferred Stock to be converted into shares of common stock at the then prevailing conversion rate.

The Company, through its Operating Partnership, has \$225.0 million of outstanding exchangeable senior notes (the "Notes") with a coupon of 3.625% due 2025. The Notes are senior unsecured obligations of the Operating Partnership, and are fully and unconditionally guaranteed by the Company. On or after November 1, 2020, the Notes will be exchangeable at the option of the holder into cash and, in certain circumstances at Essex's option, shares of the Company's common stock at an initial exchange price of \$103.25 per share subject to certain adjustments. The Notes will also be exchangeable prior to November 1, 2020, but only upon the occurrence of certain specified events. On or after November 4, 2010, the Operating Partnership may redeem all or a portion of the Notes at a redemption price equal to the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest (including additional interest, if any). Note holders may require the Operating Partnership to repurchase all or a portion of the Notes at a purchase price equal to the principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest (including additional interest, if any) on the Notes on November 1, 2010, November 1, 2015 and November 1, 2020.

As of December 31, 2007, our mortgage notes payable totaled \$1.26 billion which consisted of \$1.0 billion in fixed rate debt with interest rates varying from 4.86% to 8.18% and maturity dates ranging from 2008 to 2018 and \$233.1 million of tax-exempt variable rate demand bonds with a weighted average interest rate of 4.5%. The tax-exempt variable rate demand bonds have maturity dates ranging from 2009 to 2039, and are subject to interest rate caps.

In January 2008, the Company obtained a mortgage loan in the amount of \$49.9 million secured by Mirabella, a community located in Marina Del Rey, California. The loan has a fixed interest rate of 5.21%, which matures in January 2018, and the net proceeds were used to reduce balances outstanding under its lines of credit.

The Company pays quarterly dividends from cash available for distribution. Until it is distributed, cash available for distribution is invested by the Company primarily in short-term investment grade securities or is used by the Company to reduce balances outstanding under its lines of credit.

The Company's current financing activities have not been severely impacted by the tightening in the credit markets. Our strong balance sheet, the established relationships with our unsecured line of credit bank group and access to Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac secured debt financing have insulated us from the turmoil being experienced by many other real estate companies. Recently, we have experienced some expansion in credit spreads as Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac's tier 4 financing are currently at approximately 200 basis points over the relevant U.S. treasury securities.

### *Derivative Activity*

In April 2007, the Company settled a \$50.0 million forward-starting swap and received \$1.3 million from the counterparty. The accounting for the swap settlement reduces the effective interest rate on the new Tierra Vista mortgage loan to 5.19%. As of December 31, 2007 the Company had entered into nine forward-starting interest rate swaps totaling a notional amount of \$450 million with interest rates ranging from 4.9% to 5.9% and settlements dates ranging from April 2008 to October 2011. These derivatives qualify for hedge accounting as they are expected to economically hedge the cash flows associated with the refinancing of debt that matures between April 2008 and October 2011. The fair value of the derivatives decreased \$7.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2007 to a liability value of \$10.2 million as of December 31, 2007, and the derivative liability was recorded in other liabilities in the Company's consolidated financial statements. The changes in the fair values of the derivatives are reflected in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income in the Company's consolidated financial statements. No hedge ineffectiveness on cash flow hedges was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.

### *Issuance of Common Stock*

During April 2007, the Company issued and sold approximately 170,500 shares of common stock for \$21.8 million, net of fees and commissions, under its Controlled Equity Offering program. Under this program, the Company may from time to time sell shares of common stock into the existing trading market at current market prices, and the Company anticipates using the net proceeds from such sales to fund development, redevelopment pipelines, and pay down outstanding borrowings under the Company's lines of credit.

During May 2007, the Company sold 1,500,000 shares of its common stock for proceeds of \$191.9 million, net of underwriter fees and expenses. The Company used net proceeds from the common stock sales to reduce outstanding borrowings under the Company's lines of credit.

### *Capital Expenditures*

Non-revenue generating capital expenditures are improvements and upgrades that extend the useful life of the property. For the year ended December 31, 2007, non-revenue generating capital expenditures totaled approximately \$919 per unit. The Company expects to incur approximately \$950 per unit in non-revenue generating capital expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2008. These expenditures do not include the improvements required in connection with the origination of mortgage loans, expenditures for deferred maintenance on acquisition properties, expenditures for property renovations and improvements which are expected to generate additional revenue, and renovation expenditures required pursuant to tax-exempt bond financings. Revenue-generating expenditures totaled \$11.0 million during 2007, and the Company expects to incur approximately \$6.0 million in revenue generating capital expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2008. The Company expects that cash from operations and/or its lines of credit will fund such expenditures. However, there can be no assurance that the actual expenditures incurred during 2008 and/or the funding thereof will not be significantly different than the Company's current expectations.

### *Development and Predevelopment Pipeline*

The Company defines development activities as new properties that are being constructed, or are newly constructed and, in the case of development communities, are in a phase of lease-up and have not yet reached stabilized operations. As of December 31, 2007, excluding development projects owned by Fund II, the Company had three development projects comprised of 684 units for an estimated cost of \$236.7 million, of which \$125.8 million remains to be expended. See discussion in the section, "Risks that development activities will be delayed or not completed and/or fail to achieve expected results" in Item 1A, Risk Factors, of this Form 10-K.

The Company defines the predevelopment pipeline as new properties in negotiation or in the entitlement process with a high likelihood of becoming development activities. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had five development communities aggregating 1,658 units that were classified as predevelopment projects. The estimated total cost of the predevelopment pipeline at December 31, 2007 was \$508.4 million, of which \$411.3 million remains to be expended. The Company may also acquire land for future development purposes. The Company owned five land parcels held for future development aggregating 434 units as of December 31, 2007. The Company had incurred \$25.5 million in costs related to these five land parcels as of December 31, 2007.

The Company expects to fund the development pipeline by using a combination of some or all of the following sources: its working capital, amounts available on its lines of credit, net proceeds from public and private equity and

debt issuances, and proceeds from the disposition of properties, if any.

### *Redevelopment Pipeline*

The Company defines redevelopment activities as existing properties owned or recently acquired, which have been targeted for additional investment by the Company with the expectation of increased financial returns through property improvement. The Company's redevelopment strategy strives to improve the financial and physical aspects of the Company's redevelopment apartment communities and to target a 10 percent return on the incremental renovation investment. Many of the Company's properties are older and in excellent neighborhoods, providing lower density with large floor plans that represent attractive redevelopment opportunities. During redevelopment, apartment units may not be available for rent and, as a result, may have less than stabilized operations. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had thirteen major redevelopment communities aggregating 3,891 apartment units with estimated redevelopment costs of \$135.6 million, of which approximately \$74.6 million remains to be expended. These amounts exclude redevelopment projects owned by Fund II.

### *Alternative Capital Sources*

Fund II has eight institutional investors, and the Company, with combined partner equity commitments of \$265.9 million. Essex has committed \$75.0 million to Fund II, which represents a 28.2% interest as general partner and limited partner. Fund II utilized debt as leverage equal to approximately 65% of the estimated value of the underlying real estate. Fund II invested in apartment communities in the Company's targeted West Coast markets and, as of December 31, 2007, owned eleven apartment communities and three development projects. Essex records revenue for its asset management, property management, development and redevelopment services when earned, and promote income when realized if Fund II exceeds certain financial return benchmarks.

### *Contractual Obligations and Commercial Commitments*

The following table summarizes the maturation or due dates of our contractual obligations and other commitments at December 31, 2007, and the effect such obligations could have on our liquidity and cash flow in future periods:

<b>(In thousands)</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2009 and 2010</b>	<b>2011 and 2012</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mortgage notes payable.....	\$ 116,357	\$ 179,502	\$ 198,728	\$ 768,286	\$ 1,262,873
Exchangeable bonds .....	-	-	-	225,000	225,000
Lines of credit.....	8,818	161,000	-	-	169,818
Interest on indebtedness.....	87,000	93,100	57,900	204,800	442,800
Development commitments.....	153,000	260,600	89,800	33,700	537,100
Redevelopment commitments.....	42,700	31,900	-	-	74,600
Essex Apartment Value Fund II, L.P. capital commitment.....	13,383	-	-	-	13,383
	<u>\$ 421,258</u>	<u>\$ 726,102</u>	<u>\$ 346,428</u>	<u>\$ 1,231,786</u>	<u>\$ 2,725,574</u>

### *Variable Interest Entities*

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Interpretation No. 46 Revised (FIN 46R), "Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51", the Company consolidates 19 DownREIT limited partnerships (comprising twelve properties), and an office building that is subject to loans made by the Company. The Company consolidates these entities because it is deemed the primary beneficiary under FIN 46R. The total assets and liabilities related to these variable interest entities (VIEs), net of intercompany eliminations, were approximately \$222.7 million and \$163.9 million as of December 31, 2007 and \$178.3 million and \$110.9 million as of December 31, 2006, respectively. Interest holders in VIEs consolidated by the Company are allocated net income equal to the cash payments made to those interest holders for services rendered or distributions from cash flow. The remaining results of operations are generally allocated to the Company. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the Company was involved with two VIEs, of which it is not deemed to be the primary beneficiary. Total assets and liabilities of these entities were approximately \$71.7 million and \$78.5 million and \$58.3 million and \$58.4 million, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The Company does not have a significant exposure to loss from its involvement with these unconsolidated VIEs.

### *Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates*

The preparation of consolidated financial statements, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting

principles requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. We define critical accounting policies as those accounting policies that require our management to exercise their most difficult, subjective and complex judgments. Our critical accounting policies relate principally to the following key areas: (i) consolidation under applicable accounting standards of various entities; (ii) assessing the carrying values of our real estate properties and investments in and advances to joint ventures and affiliates; and (iii) internal cost capitalization. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, current market conditions, and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from those estimates made by management.

The Company assesses each entity in which it has an investment or contractual relationship to determine if it may be deemed to be a VIE. If such an entity is a VIE, then the Company analyzes the expected losses and expected residual returns to determine who is the primary beneficiary. If the Company is the primary beneficiary, then the entity is consolidated. The analysis required to identify VIEs and primary beneficiaries is complex and judgmental, and the analysis must be applied to various types of entities and legal structures.

The Company assesses the carrying value of its real estate investments by monitoring investment market conditions and performance compared to budget for operating properties and joint ventures, and by monitoring estimated costs for properties under development. Local market knowledge and data is used to assess carrying values of properties and the market value of acquisition opportunities. Whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a property held for investment may not be fully recoverable, the carrying amount is evaluated. If the sum of the property's expected future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) is less than the carrying amount of the property, then the Company will recognize an impairment loss equal to the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the property. Adverse changes in market conditions or poor operating results of real estate investments could result in impairment charges. When the Company determines that a property is held for sale, it discontinues the periodic depreciation of that property. The criteria for determining when a property is held for sale requires judgment and has potential financial statement impact as depreciation would cease and an impairment loss could occur upon determination of held for sale status. Assets held for sale are reported at the lower of the carrying amount or estimated fair value less costs to sell. With respect to investments in and advances to joint ventures and affiliates, the Company looks to the underlying properties to assess performance and the recoverability of carrying amounts for those investments in a manner similar to direct investments in real estate properties. An impairment charge or investment valuation charge is recorded if the carrying value of the investment exceeds its fair value.

The Company capitalizes all direct and certain indirect costs, including interest and real estate taxes, incurred during development and redevelopment activities. Interest is capitalized on real estate assets that require a period of time to get them ready for their intended use. The amount of interest capitalized is based upon the average amount of accumulated development expenditures during the reporting period. Included in capitalized costs are management's estimates of the direct and incremental personnel costs and indirect project costs associated with our development and redevelopment activities. Indirect project costs consist primarily of personnel costs associated with construction administration and development accounting, legal fees, and various office costs that clearly relate to projects under development.

The Company bases its estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may vary from those estimates and those estimates could be different under different assumptions or conditions.

### ***Forward Looking Statements***

Certain statements in this "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," and elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K which are not historical facts may be considered forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, including statements regarding the Company's expectations, hopes, intentions, beliefs and strategies regarding the future. Forward looking statements include statements regarding the Company's expectations as to the timing of completion of current development and redevelopment projects and the stabilization dates of such projects, expectation as to the total projected costs and rental rates of development and redevelopment projects, beliefs as to the adequacy of future cash flows to meet operating requirements and to provide for dividend payments in accordance with REIT requirements, expectations as to the amount of capital expenditures, expectations as to the amount of non-revenue generating capital expenditures, future acquisitions, the Company's and Fund II's development and redevelopment pipeline, the

anticipated performance of existing properties, anticipated results from various geographic regions, statements regarding the Company's financing activities, and the use of proceeds from such activities.

Such forward-looking statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors including, but not limited to, that the Company will fail to achieve its business objectives, that the actual completion of development and redevelopment projects will be subject to delays, that the stabilization dates of such projects will be delayed, that the total projected costs of current development and redevelopment projects will exceed expectations, that such development and redevelopment projects will not be completed, that development and redevelopment projects and acquisitions will fail to meet expectations, that estimates of future income from an acquired property may prove to be inaccurate, that future cash flows will be inadequate to meet operating requirements and/or will be insufficient to provide for dividend payments in accordance with REIT requirements, that the actual non-revenue generating capital expenditures will exceed the Company's current expectations, that there may be a downturn in the markets in which the Company's properties are located, that the terms of any refinancing may not be as favorable as the terms of existing indebtedness, as well as those risks, special considerations, and other factors discussed under the caption "Potential Factors Affecting Future Operating Results" below and those discussed in Item 1A, Risk Factors, of this Form 10-K, and those risk factors and special considerations set forth in the Company's other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of the Company to be materially different from any future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. All forward-looking statements are made as of today, and the Company assumes no obligation to update this information.

### **Potential Factors Affecting Future Operating Results**

Many factors affect the Company's actual financial performance and may cause the Company's future results to be different from past performance or trends. These factors include those set forth under the caption "Risk Factors" in Item 1A. of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and the following:

#### *Development and Redevelopment Activities*

The Company pursues apartment communities and development and redevelopment projects from time to time. These projects generally require various government and other approvals, the receipt of which cannot be assured. The Company's development and redevelopment activities generally entail certain risks, including the following:

- funds may be expended and management's time devoted to projects that may not be completed;
- construction costs of a project may exceed original estimates possibly making the project economically unfeasible;
- projects may be delayed due to, among other things, adverse weather conditions;
- occupancy rates and rents at a completed project may be less than anticipated; and
- expenses at a completed development project may be higher than anticipated.

These risks may reduce the funds available for distribution to the Company's stockholders. Further, the development and redevelopment of properties is also subject to the general risks associated with real estate investments.

#### *Interest Rate Fluctuations*

The Company monitors changes in interest rates and believes that it is well positioned from both a liquidity and interest rate risk perspective. However, current interest rates are at historic lows and potentially could increase rapidly to levels more in line with higher historical levels. The immediate effect of significant and rapid interest rate increases would result in higher interest expense on the Company's variable interest rate debt. The effect of prolonged interest rate increases could negatively impact the Company's ability to make acquisitions and develop properties at economic returns on investment and the Company's ability to refinance existing borrowings at acceptable rates.

### **Funds From Operations (FFO)**

FFO is a financial measure that is commonly used in the REIT industry. Essex presents funds from operations as a supplemental performance measure. FFO is not used by Essex, nor should it be considered to be, as an alternative to net earnings computed under GAAP as an indicator of Essex's operating performance or as an alternative to cash

from operating activities computed under GAAP as an indicator of Essex's ability to fund its cash needs.

FFO is not meant to represent a comprehensive system of financial reporting and does not present, nor does Essex intend it to present, a complete picture of its financial condition and operating performance. Essex believes that net earnings computed under GAAP remains the primary measure of performance and that FFO is only meaningful when it is used in conjunction with net earnings. Further, Essex believes that its consolidated financial statements, prepared in accordance with GAAP, provide the most meaningful picture of its financial condition and its operating performance.

In calculating FFO, Essex follows the definition for this measure published by the National Association of REITs ("NAREIT"), which is a REIT trade association. Essex believes that, under the NAREIT FFO definition, the two most significant adjustments made to net income are (i) the exclusion of historical cost depreciation and (ii) the exclusion of gains and losses from the sale of previously depreciated properties. Essex agrees that these two NAREIT adjustments are useful to investors for the following reasons:

- (a) historical cost accounting for real estate assets in accordance with GAAP assumes, through depreciation charges, that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time. NAREIT stated in its White Paper on Funds from Operations "since real estate asset values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors have considered presentations of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by themselves." Consequently, NAREIT's definition of FFO reflects the fact that real estate, as an asset class, generally appreciates over time and depreciation charges required by GAAP do not reflect the underlying economic realities.
- (b) REITs were created as a legal form of organization in order to encourage public ownership of real estate as an asset class through investment in firms that were in the business of long-term ownership and management of real estate. The exclusion, in NAREIT's definition of FFO, of gains from the sales of previously depreciated operating real estate assets allows investors and analysts to readily identify the operating results of the long-term assets that form the core of a REIT's activity and assists in comparing those operating results between periods.

Management has consistently applied the NAREIT definition of FFO to all periods presented. However, other REITs in calculating FFO may vary from the NAREIT definition for this measure, and thus their disclosure of FFO may not be comparable to Essex's calculation.

The following table sets forth the Company's calculation of FFO for 2007 and 2006 (in thousands except for per share data).

	For the year ended		For the quarter ended		
	12/31/07	12/31/07	9/30/07	6/30/07	3/31/07
Net income available to common stockholders.....	\$ 106,464,000	\$ 51,287,000	\$ 9,997,000	\$ 9,877,000	\$ 35,303,000
Adjustments:					
Depreciation and amortization.....	102,250,000	29,754,000	21,718,000	25,166,000	25,612,000
Gains not included in FFO.....	(66,470,000)	(51,905,000)	(64,000)	(461,000)	(14,040,000)
Minority interests and co-investments <sup>(1)</sup> .....	11,665,000	5,563,000	1,781,000	1,915,000	2,406,000
Funds from Operations.....	\$ <u>153,909,000</u>	\$ <u>34,699,000</u>	\$ <u>33,432,000</u>	\$ <u>36,497,000</u>	\$ <u>49,281,000</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding diluted <sup>(2)</sup> .....	<u>27,596,668</u>	<u>27,838,516</u>	<u>28,043,125</u>	<u>27,592,976</u>	<u>26,735,117</u>
	For the year ended		For the quarter ended		
	12/31/06	12/31/06	9/30/06	6/30/06	3/31/06
Net income available to common stockholders.....	\$ 57,603,000	\$ 15,060,000	\$ 10,686,000	\$ 22,023,000	\$ 9,834,000
Adjustments:					
Depreciation and amortization.....	83,034,000	21,602,000	20,666,000	20,675,000	20,091,000
Gains not included in FFO.....	(19,666,000)	(7,090,000)	(714,000)	(8,800,000)	(3,062,000)
Minority interests and co-investments <sup>(1)</sup> .....	9,547,000	2,023,000	2,217,000	3,254,000	2,053,000
Funds from Operations.....	\$ <u>130,518,000</u>	\$ <u>31,595,000</u>	\$ <u>32,855,000</u>	\$ <u>37,152,000</u>	\$ <u>28,916,000</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding diluted <sup>(2)</sup> .....	<u>26,029,774</u>	<u>26,508,994</u>	<u>26,143,923</u>	<u>25,697,237</u>	<u>25,572,575</u>

- (1) Amount includes the following: (i) minority interest related to Operating Partnership units, and (ii) depreciation add back for co-investments.
- (2) Assumes conversion of all dilutive outstanding operating partnership interests in the Operating Partnership.

The following table sets forth the Company's cash flows for 2007 and 2006 (in thousands).

	For the year ended		For the quarter ended		
	12/31/07	12/31/2007	9/30/2007	6/30/2007	3/31/2007
Cash flow provided by (used in):					
Operating activities.....	\$ 190,877	\$ 32,729	\$ 58,496	\$ 39,721	\$ 59,931
Investing activities.....	(377,870)	7,915	(169,574)	(190,573)	(25,638)
Financing activities.....	187,287	(40,927)	108,730	148,401	(28,917)

	For the year ended		For the quarter ended		
	12/31/06	12/31/06	9/30/06	6/30/06	3/31/06
Cash flow provided by (used in):					
Operating activities.....	\$ 159,935	\$ 21,395	\$ 68,027	\$ 26,642	\$ 43,871
Investing activities.....	(312,876)	(48,858)	(160,796)	(29,489)	(73,733)
Financing activities.....	148,266	6,983	113,889	2,460	24,934

## Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risks

### *Interest Rate Hedging Activities*

The Company's objective in using derivatives is to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements or other identified risks. To accomplish this objective, the Company primarily uses interest rate swaps as part of its cash flow hedging strategy. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts in exchange for fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying principal amount. As of December 31, 2007, we have entered into nine forward-starting swap contracts to mitigate the risk of changes in the interest-related cash outflows on forecasted issuance of long-term debt. The forward-starting swaps are cash flow hedges of the variability of forecasted interest payments associated with the refinancing of the Company's long-term debt between 2007 and 2011. As of December 31, 2007, the Company also had \$233.1 million of variable rate indebtedness, of which \$152.7 million is subject to interest rate cap protection. All of our derivative instruments are designated as cash flow hedges, and the Company does not have any fair value hedges as of December 31, 2007. The following table summarizes the notional amount, carrying value, and estimated fair value of our derivative instruments used to hedge interest rates as of December 31, 2007. The notional amount represents the aggregate amount of a particular security that is currently hedged at one time, but does not represent exposure to credit, interest rates or market risks. The table also includes a sensitivity analysis to demonstrate the impact on our derivative instruments from an increase or decrease in 10-year Treasury bill interest rates by 50 basis points, as of December 31, 2007.

(Dollars in thousands)	Notional Amount	Maturity Date Range	Carrying and Estimate Fair Value		
			+ 50 Basis Points	- 50 Basis Points	
Cash flow hedges:					
Interest rate forward-starting swaps	\$ 450,000	2008-2011	\$ (10,240)	\$ 5,828	\$ (27,504)
Interest rate caps	152,749	2008-2011	13	42	3
Total cash flow hedges	\$ 602,749	2008-2011	\$ (10,227)	\$ 5,870	\$ (27,501)

### *Interest Rate Sensitive Liabilities*

The Company is exposed to interest rate changes primarily as a result of its line of credit and long-term debt used to maintain liquidity and fund capital expenditures and expansion of the Company's real estate investment portfolio and operations. The Company's interest rate risk management objective is to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower its overall borrowing costs. To achieve its objectives the Company borrows primarily at fixed rates and may enter into derivative financial instruments such as interest rate swaps, caps and treasury locks in order to mitigate its interest rate risk on a related financial instrument. The Company does not enter into derivative or interest rate transactions for speculative purposes.

The Company's interest rate risk is monitored using a variety of techniques. The table below presents the principal amounts and weighted average interest rates by year of expected maturity to evaluate the expected cash flows. Management believes that the carrying amounts of its LIBOR debt approximates fair value as of December 31, 2007

because interest rates, yields and other terms for these instruments are consistent with yields and other terms currently available to the Company for similar instruments. Management has estimated that the fair value of the Company's \$1.25 billion of fixed rate mortgage notes payable and exchangeable bonds at December 31, 2007 is approximately \$1.30 billion based on the terms of existing mortgage notes payable compared to those available in the marketplace.

	For the Years Ended December 31						Total	Fair value
	2008(1)	2009	2010(2)	2011(3)	2012	Thereafter		
(In thousands)								
Fixed rate debt.....	\$ 116,357	\$ 24,689	\$ 154,813	\$ 166,545	\$ 32,183	\$ 760,148	\$ 1,254,735	\$ 1,301,938
Average interest rate.....	6.8%	7.2%	8.0%	6.3%	5.2%	5.2%		
Variable rate LIBOR debt...	\$ 8,818	\$ 173,150	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 220,988 (4)	\$ 402,956	\$ 402,956
Average interest rate.....	5.6%	5.7%	-	-	-	4.5%		

(1) \$50 million covered by a forward-starting swap at a fixed rate of 4.869%, with a settlement date on or before October 1, 2008. Also, \$25 million covered by a forward-starting swap at a fixed rate of 5.082%, with a settlement date on or before January 1, 2009.

(2) \$150 million covered by three forward-starting swaps with fixed rates ranging from 5.099% to 5.824%, with a settlement date on or before January 1, 2011.

(3) \$125 million covered by forward-starting swaps with fixed rates ranging from 5.655% to 5.8795%, with a settlement date on or before February 1, 2011. \$50 million covered by a forward-starting swap with a fixed rate of 5.535%, with a settlement date on or before July 1, 2011. \$50 million covered by a forward-starting swap with a fixed rate of 5.343%, with a settlement date on or before October 1, 2011. The Company intends to encumber certain unencumbered assets during 2011 in conjunction with the settlement of these forward-starting swaps.

(4) \$152,749 subject to interest rate caps.

The table incorporates only those exposures that exist as of December 31, 2007; it does not consider those exposures or positions that could arise after that date. As a result, our ultimate realized gain or loss, with respect to interest rate fluctuations, would depend on the exposures that arise during the period, our hedging strategies at the time, and interest rates.

## Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data

The response to this item is submitted as a separate section of this Form 10-K. See Item 15.

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

None.

### Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

As of December 31, 2007, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures pursuant to Rules 13a-15 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Based upon that evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective in timely alerting management to material information relating to the Company that is required to be included in our periodic filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, that occurred during the quarter ended December 31, 2007, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

#### *Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting*

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended). Our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007. In making this assessment, our management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in Internal Control-Integrated Framework. Our management has concluded that, as of December 31, 2007, our internal control over financial reporting was effective based on these criteria. Our independent registered public accounting firm, KPMG LLP, has issued an audit report on the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting, which is included herein.

### Item 9B. Other Information

None.

## **PART III**

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

The information required by Item 10 is incorporated by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its annual stockholders' meeting to be held on May 6, 2008.

### **Item 11. Executive Compensation**

The information required by Item 11 is incorporated by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its annual stockholders' meeting to be held on May 6, 2008.

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

The information required by Item 12 is incorporated by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its annual stockholders' meeting to be held on May 6, 2008.

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

The information required by Item 13 is incorporated by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its annual stockholders' meeting to be held on May 6, 2008.

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

The information required by Item 14 is incorporated by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for its annual stockholders' meeting to be held on May 6, 2008.

## PART IV

### Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

#### (A) Financial Statements

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#### (B) Exhibits

The Company hereby files, as exhibits to this Form 10-K, those exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index referenced in Item 15(A)(3) above.

## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

The Board of Directors  
Essex Property Trust, Inc.:

We have audited Essex Property Trust, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in Internal Control–Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). Essex Property Trust, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting, appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

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

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

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

In our opinion, Essex Property Trust, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in Internal Control–Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO).

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheets of Essex Property Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, and our report dated February 27, 2008, expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

/S/ KPMG LLP  
KPMG LLP

San Francisco, California  
February 27, 2008

## Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors  
Essex Property Trust, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Essex Property Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007. In connection with our audits of the consolidated financial statements, we have also audited the accompanying financial statement schedule III. These consolidated financial statements and the accompanying financial statement schedule III are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements and the accompanying financial statement schedule III based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Essex Property Trust, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2007, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Also in our opinion, the related financial statement schedule III, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly, in all material respects, the information set forth therein.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), Essex Property Trust, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2007, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO), and our report dated February 27, 2008 expressed an unqualified opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

/S/ KPMG LLP  
KPMG LLP

San Francisco, California  
February 27, 2008

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
**December 31, 2007 and 2006**  
**(Dollars in thousands, except share amounts)**

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Real estate:		
Rental properties:		
Land and land improvements.....	\$ 670,494	\$ 560,880
Buildings and improvements.....	2,447,265	2,108,307
	3,117,759	2,669,187
Less accumulated depreciation.....	(541,987)	(465,015)
	2,575,772	2,204,172
Real estate - held for sale, net.....	-	41,221
Real estate under development.....	233,445	107,620
Co-investments.....	64,191	56,318
	2,873,408	2,409,331
Cash and cash equivalents-unrestricted.....	9,956	9,662
Cash and cash equivalents-restricted.....	12,527	13,948
Marketable securities.....	2,017	-
Notes receivable and other receivables from related parties.....	904	1,209
Notes and other receivables.....	49,632	18,195
Prepaid expenses and other assets.....	20,286	20,632
Deferred charges, net.....	11,593	12,863
Total assets.....	\$ 2,980,323	\$ 2,485,840
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u></b>		
Mortgage notes payable.....	\$ 1,262,873	\$ 1,060,704
Mortgage notes payable - held for sale.....	-	32,850
Exchangeable bonds.....	225,000	225,000
Lines of credit.....	169,818	93,000
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.....	58,148	38,613
Dividends payable.....	28,521	24,910
Other liabilities.....	15,580	14,328
Deferred gain.....	2,193	2,193
Total liabilities.....	1,762,133	1,491,598
Commitments and contingencies		
Minority interests.....	281,960	236,121
Cumulative convertible preferred stock; \$.0001 par value:		
4.875% Series G - 5,980,000 issued and outstanding.....	145,912	145,912
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock; \$.0001 par value, 649,702,178 shares authorized; 24,876,737 and 23,416,295 shares issued and outstanding.....	2	2
Cumulative redeemable preferred stock; \$.0001 par value: 7.8125% Series F - 1,000,000 shares authorized, issued and outstanding, liquidation value.....	25,000	25,000
Excess stock, \$.0001 par value, 330,000,000 shares authorized and no shares issued and outstanding.....	-	-
Additional paid-in capital.....	857,109	686,937
Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings.....	(82,805)	(97,457)
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income.....	(8,988)	(2,273)
Total stockholders' equity.....	790,318	612,209
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity.....	\$ 2,980,323	\$ 2,485,840

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
**Years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**  
**(Dollars in thousands, except per share and share amounts)**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Revenues:			
Rental and other property.....	\$ 383,433	\$ 334,770	\$ 303,235
Management and other fees from affiliates.....	5,090	5,030	10,951
	<u>388,523</u>	<u>339,800</u>	<u>314,186</u>
Expenses:			
Property operating, excluding real estate taxes.....	95,849	85,811	78,715
Real estate taxes.....	32,575	28,587	25,764
Depreciation and amortization.....	100,389	78,094	74,849
Interest.....	80,995	72,898	70,784
Amortization of deferred financing costs.....	3,071	2,745	1,947
General and administrative.....	26,273	22,234	19,148
Other expenses.....	800	1,770	5,827
	<u>339,952</u>	<u>292,139</u>	<u>277,034</u>
Earnings from operations	48,571	47,661	37,152
Gain on sale of real estate.....	-	-	6,391
Interest and other income.....	10,310	6,176	8,524
Equity income (loss) in co-investments.....	3,120	(1,503)	18,553
Minority interests.....	(19,937)	(18,807)	(20,709)
Income before discontinued operations and tax provision.....	42,064	33,527	49,911
Income tax provision.....	(400)	(525)	(2,538)
Income before discontinued operations.....	41,664	33,002	47,373
Income from discontinued operations (net of minority interests).....	73,974	29,746	32,343
Net income.....	115,638	62,748	79,716
Dividends to preferred stockholders.....	(9,174)	(5,145)	(1,953)
Net income available to common stockholders.....	<u>\$ 106,464</u>	<u>\$ 57,603</u>	<u>\$ 77,763</u>
Per share data:			
Basic:			
Income before discontinued operations available to common stockholders.....	\$ 1.32	\$ 1.21	\$ 1.98
Income from discontinued operations.....	3.02	1.29	1.40
Net income available to common stockholders.....	<u>\$ 4.34</u>	<u>\$ 2.50</u>	<u>\$ 3.38</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year.....	<u>24,548,003</u>	<u>23,081,682</u>	<u>23,038,561</u>
Diluted:			
Income before discontinued operations available to common stockholders.....	\$ 1.29	\$ 1.18	\$ 1.94
Income from discontinued operations.....	2.95	1.27	1.38
Net income available to common stockholders.....	<u>\$ 4.24</u>	<u>\$ 2.45</u>	<u>\$ 3.32</u>
Weighted average number of shares outstanding during the year.....	<u>25,100,974</u>	<u>23,551,042</u>	<u>23,388,503</u>

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Stockholders' Equity**  
**Years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**  
**(Dollars and shares in thousands)**

	Series F		Common stock		Additional paid-in capital	Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings	Accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income	Total
	Preferred stock	Amount	Shares	Amount				
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount				
Balances at December 31, 2004.....	1,000	\$ 25,000	23,041	\$ 2	\$ 646,744	\$ (80,469)	\$ -	\$ 591,277
Comprehensive income:								
Net income.....	-	-	-	-	-	79,716	-	79,716
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	660	660
Comprehensive income								80,376
Issuance of common stock under								
stock-based compensation plans.....	-	-	103	-	5,767	-	-	5,767
Retirement of common stock.....	-	-	(286)	-	(25,000)	-	-	(25,000)
Reallocation of minority interest.....	-	-	-	-	5,135	-	-	5,135
Dividends declared.....	-	-	-	-	-	(76,588)	-	(76,588)
Balances at December 31, 2005.....	1,000	25,000	22,858	2	632,646	(77,341)	660	580,967
Comprehensive income:								
Net income.....	-	-	-	-	-	62,748	-	62,748
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	(2,933)	(2,933)
Comprehensive income								59,815
Issuance of common stock under								
stock-based compensation plans.....	-	-	92	-	5,575	-	-	5,575
Issuance of common stock.....	-	-	427	-	48,273	-	-	48,273
Conversion/reallocation of minority interest....	-	-	39	-	443	-	-	443
Dividends declared.....	-	-	-	-	-	(82,864)	-	(82,864)
Balances at December 31, 2006.....	1,000	25,000	23,416	2	686,937	(97,457)	(2,273)	612,209
Comprehensive income:								
Net income.....	-	-	-	-	-	115,638	-	115,638
Settlement of forward-starting swap.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,311	1,311
Change in fair value of cash flow hedges and amortization of gain on settlement of swap.	-	-	-	-	-	-	(8,026)	(8,026)
Comprehensive income								108,923
Issuance of common stock under								
stock-based compensation plans.....	-	-	87	-	5,648	-	-	5,648
Issuance of common stock.....	-	-	1,671	-	213,672	-	-	213,672
Retirement of common stock.....	-	-	(323)	-	(32,644)	-	-	(32,644)
Conversion/reallocation of minority interest....	-	-	26	-	(16,504)	-	-	(16,504)
Dividends declared.....	-	-	-	-	-	(100,986)	-	(100,986)
Balances at December 31, 2007.....	1,000	\$ 25,000	24,877	\$ 2	\$ 857,109	\$ (82,805)	\$ (8,988)	\$ 790,318

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**  
**(Dollars in thousands)**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net income.....	\$ 115,638	\$ 62,748	\$ 79,716
Minority interests.....	26,508	22,738	24,271
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Gain on the sales of real estate.....	(66,559)	(22,096)	(37,802)
The Company's share of gain on the sales of co-investments assets.....	(2,046)	-	(18,115)
Impairment loss and reserve for loan loss.....	500	800	1,300
Equity (income) loss of co-investments.....	(320)	1,503	(7,420)
Depreciation and amortization.....	100,389	83,036	80,075
Amortization of deferred financing costs.....	3,071	2,743	1,970
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Prepaid expenses and other assets.....	2,458	493	(4,762)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities.....	9,984	6,162	4,709
Other liabilities.....	1,254	1,808	667
Net cash provided by operating activities.....	<u>190,877</u>	<u>159,935</u>	<u>124,609</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Additions to real estate:			
Acquisitions of real estate.....	(336,312)	(199,107)	(91,496)
Improvements to recent acquisitions.....	(5,145)	(5,238)	(5,009)
Redevelopment.....	(38,618)	(25,609)	(14,229)
Revenue generating capital expenditures.....	(11,044)	(4,788)	(2,933)
Non-revenue generating capital expenditures.....	(22,620)	(19,120)	(14,568)
Additions to real estate under development.....	(142,967)	(68,362)	(24,861)
Dispositions of real estate.....	218,069	38,092	68,585
Changes in restricted cash and refundable deposits.....	467	4,371	7,318
Purchases of marketable securities.....	(7,776)	-	-
Sales of marketable securities.....	5,759	-	-
Advances under notes and other receivables.....	(36,145)	(26,125)	(3,220)
Collections of notes and other receivables.....	3,724	21,234	4,880
Contributions to co-investments.....	(21,647)	(38,395)	(4,799)
Distributions from co-investments.....	16,385	10,171	49,489
Net cash used in investing activities.....	<u>(377,870)</u>	<u>(312,876)</u>	<u>(30,843)</u>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Borrowings under mortgage and other notes payable and lines of credit....	866,397	324,228	205,096
Repayment of mortgage and other notes payable and lines of credit.....	(678,383)	(266,965)	(389,363)
Additions to deferred charges.....	(1,800)	(587)	(6,339)
Proceeds from settlement of derivative instruments.....	1,311	-	-
Proceeds from exchangeable bonds.....	-	-	225,000
Retirement of common stock.....	(32,644)	-	(25,000)
Net proceeds from stock options exercised.....	4,321	4,287	4,489
Net proceeds from issuance of common stock.....	213,672	48,273	-
Net proceeds from issuance of preferred stock, Series G.....	-	145,912	-
Contributions from minority interest partners.....	4,000	-	-
Distributions to minority interest partners.....	(82,715)	(21,657)	(23,165)
Redemption of minority interest limited partnership units.....	(9,233)	(4,779)	(4,528)
Dividends paid.....	(97,639)	(80,446)	(76,263)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities.....	<u>187,287</u>	<u>148,266</u>	<u>(90,073)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents.....	294	(4,675)	3,693
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year.....	9,662	14,337	10,644
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year.....	<u>\$ 9,956</u>	<u>\$ 9,662</u>	<u>\$ 14,337</u>

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**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
**Years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**  
**(Dollars in thousands)**

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:			
Cash paid for interest, net of \$5,100, \$3,900 and \$1,100 capitalized in 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively.....	\$ 74,397	\$ 68,686	\$ 71,619
Supplemental disclosure of noncash investing and financing activities:			
Mortgage notes assumed in connection with purchases of real estate.....	\$ 43,839	-	-
Land contributed by a partner in a consolidated joint venture.....	\$ 22,200	-	-
Issuance of DownREIT units in connection with purchase of real estate.....	\$ 7,067	-	-
Issuance of Operating Partnership units in connection with the purchase of real estate.....	-	\$ 7,704	-
Land contributed by a partner in a consolidated joint venture.....			
Accrual of dividends.....	\$ 28,521	\$ 24,910	\$ 22,496
Change in value of cash flow hedges and amortization of swap settlement included in other liabilities or other assets as applicable.....	\$ (8,026)	\$ (2,933)	\$ 660
Reclassification between stockholder's equity and minority interests resulting from conversions and equity transactions.....	\$ (16,504)	\$ 443	\$ 5,135
Accruals for capital expenditures included in the year-end balance of accounts payable and accrued liabilities.....	\$ 8,703	\$ 4,804	\$ 4,636

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005**  
**(Dollars in thousands, except for per share and per unit amounts)**

**(1) Organization**

The accompanying consolidated financial statements present the accounts of Essex Property Trust, Inc. (the “Company”), which include the accounts of the Company and Essex Portfolio, L.P. (the Operating Partnership, which holds the operating assets of the Company). The Company was incorporated in the state of Maryland in March 1994. On June 13, 1994, the Company commenced operations with the completion of an initial public offering (the “Offering”) in which it issued 6,275,000 shares of common stock at \$19.50 per share. The net proceeds of the Offering of \$112.1 million were used to acquire a 77.2% general partnership interest in the Operating Partnership.

The Company has a 90.9% general partner interest and the limited partners own a 9.1% interest in the Operating Partnership as of December 31, 2007. The limited partners may convert their 2,273,472 Operating Partnership units into an equivalent number of shares of common stock. The Company has reserved shares of common stock for such conversions. These conversion rights may be exercised by the limited partners at any time through 2024.

As of December 31, 2007, the Company owned or had ownership interests in 134 apartment communities, (aggregating 27,489 units), six office buildings, two recreational vehicle parks (totaling 338 spaces), and one manufactured housing community (containing 157 sites) (collectively, the “Properties”). The Properties are located in Southern California (Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, Santa Barbara, San Diego, and Ventura counties), Northern California (the San Francisco Bay Area), the Seattle metropolitan area, and other region (Houston, Texas).

**(2) Summary of Critical and Significant Accounting Policies**

**(a) Principles of Consolidation**

The accounts of the Company, its controlled subsidiaries and the variable interest entities (“VIEs”) in which it is the primary beneficiary are consolidated in the accompanying financial statements. All significant inter-company accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

In accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Interpretation No. 46 Revised (“FIN 46R”), “*Consolidation of Variable Interest Entities, an Interpretation of ARB No. 51*”, the Company consolidates 19 DownREIT limited partnerships (comprising twelve properties), an office building that is subject to loans made by the Company, and prior to the sale of the property during 2007, the buildings and improvements that were owned by a third-party subject to a ground lease on land that was owned by the Company. The Company consolidates these entities because it is deemed the primary beneficiary under FIN 46R. The consolidated total assets and liabilities related to these VIEs, net of intercompany eliminations, were approximately \$222.7 million and \$163.9 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2007 and \$269.5 million and \$145.5 million, respectively, as of December 31, 2006.

The DownREIT entities that collectively own twelve apartment communities were investments made under arrangements whereby Essex Management Company (“EMC”) became the general partner, the Operating Partnership became a special limited partner, and the other limited partners were granted rights of redemption for their interests. Such limited partners can request to be redeemed and the Company can elect to redeem their rights for cash or by issuing shares of its common stock on a one share per unit basis. Conversion values will be based on the market value of the Company's common stock at the time of redemption multiplied by the number of units stipulated under the above arrangements. The other limited partners receive distributions based on the Company's current dividend rate times the number of units held. As of December 31, 2007, the maximum number of shares that could be issued to meet redemption of these DownREIT entities is 1,201,012. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, the carrying value of the other limited partners' interests is presented at their historical cost and is classified within minority interests in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

Minority interests include the 9.1% and 9.6% limited partner interests in the Operating Partnership not held by the Company at December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The Company periodically adjusts the carrying value of minority interest in the Operating Partnership to reflect its share of the book value of the Operating Partnership. Such adjustments are recorded to stockholders' equity as a reallocation of minority interest in the Operating Partnership in the accompanying consolidated statements of stockholders' equity. The minority interest balance also includes the

Operating Partnership's cumulative redeemable preferred units (see Note 12).

Interest holders in VIEs consolidated by the Company are allocated a priority of net income equal to the cash payments made to those interest holders for services rendered or distributions from cash flow. The remaining results of operations are generally allocated to the Company.

As of December 31, 2007 and 2006 the Company was involved with two VIEs, of which it is not deemed to be the primary beneficiary. Total assets of these entities were approximately \$71.7 million and \$78.5 million and total liabilities were approximately \$58.3 million and \$58.4 million, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. The Company does not have a significant exposure to loss from its involvement with these unconsolidated VIEs.

**(b) Real Estate Rental Properties**

Significant expenditures, which improve or extend the life of an asset and have a useful life of greater than one year, are capitalized. Operating real estate assets are stated at cost and consist of land, buildings and improvements, furniture, fixtures and equipment, and other costs incurred during their development, redevelopment and acquisition. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

The depreciable life of various categories of fixed assets is as follows:

Computer software and equipment	3 - 5 years
Interior unit improvements	5 years
Land improvements and certain exterior components of real property	10 years
Real estate structures	30 years

In accordance with SFAS No. 67, "*Accounting for Costs and Initial Rental Operations of Real Estate Projects*," the Company capitalizes predevelopment costs incurred in the pursuit of new development opportunities, in the negotiation process, as well as the entitlement process with a high likelihood of the projects becoming development activities. Predevelopment costs for which a future development is no longer considered probable are charged to expense. All costs incurred with the predevelopment, development or redevelopment of real estate assets are capitalized if they are clearly associated with the predevelopment, development or redevelopment of rental property, or are associated with the construction or expansion of real property. Such capitalized costs include land, land improvements, allocated costs of the Company's project management staff, construction costs, as well as interest and related loan fees, property taxes and insurance. Capitalization begins for predevelopment, development, and redevelopment projects when activity commences. Capitalization ends when the apartment home is completed and the property is available for a new resident.

In accordance with FASB's Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 141 ("SFAS No. 141") "*Business Combinations*," the Company allocates the purchase price of real estate to land and building, and identifiable intangible assets, such as the value of above, below and at-market in-place leases. The values of the above and below market leases are amortized and recorded as either a decrease (in the case of above market leases) or an increase (in the case of below market leases) to rental revenue over the remaining term of the associated leases acquired. The value of acquired at-market leases are amortized to expense over the term the Company expects to retain the acquired tenant, which is generally 20 months.

In accordance with SFAS No. 141 and its applicability to acquired in-place leases, we perform the following evaluation for properties we acquire:

- (1) estimate the value of the real estate "as if vacant" as of the acquisition date;
- (2) allocate that value among land and building and determine the associated asset life for each;
- (3) compute the value of the difference between the "as if vacant" value and the purchase price, which will represent the total intangible assets;
- (4) allocate the value of the above and below market leases to the intangible assets and determine the associated life of the above market/ below market leases;
- (5) allocate the remaining intangible value to the at-market in-place leases or customer relationships, if any, and the associated lives of these assets.

Whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a property held for investment or held for sale may not be fully recoverable, the carrying amount will be evaluated for impairment. If the sum of the property's expected future cash flows (undiscounted and without interest charges) is less than the carrying amount (including intangible assets) of the property, then the Company will recognize an impairment loss equal to the excess of the carrying amount over the fair value of the property. Such fair value of a property is determined using conventional real estate valuation methods, such as discounted cash flow, the property's unleveraged yield in comparison to the unleveraged yields and sales prices of similar properties that have been recently sold, and other third party information, if available. Properties held for sale are carried at the lower of cost and fair value less estimated costs to sell.

During the second quarter of 2006, the Company recorded an impairment loss of \$0.8 million and in fourth quarter of 2005 the Company recorded an impairment loss of \$1.3 million resulting from write-downs of a property's value in Houston, Texas, to reduce the property's carrying value to its estimated fair value. The impairment charges are recorded in other expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

In the normal course of business, the Company will receive offers for sale of its Properties, either solicited or unsolicited. For those offers that are accepted, the prospective buyer will usually require a due diligence period before consummation of the transaction. It is not unusual for matters to arise that result in the withdrawal or rejection of the offer during this process. The Company classifies real estate as "held for sale" when all criteria under Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 144 ("SFAS No. 144"), "*Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets*" have been met. In accordance with SFAS No. 144, the Company presents income and gains/losses on properties sold as discontinued operations net of minority interests. Real estate investments accounted for under the equity method of accounting remain classified in continuing operations upon disposition. (See Note 7 for a description of the Company's discontinued operations for 2007, 2006, and 2005).

#### ***(c) Co-investments***

The Company owns investments in joint ventures ("co-investments") in which it has significant influence, but its ownership interest does not meet the criteria for consolidation in accordance with FIN 46R or Emerging Issues Task Force Consensus No. 04-05 ("EITF 04-05"), "*Determining Whether a General Partner or the General Partners as a Group, Controls a Limited Partnership or Similar Entity When the Limited Partners Have Certain Rights.*" Therefore, the Company accounts for these investments using the equity method of accounting. Under the equity method of accounting, the investment is carried at the cost of assets contributed, plus the Company's equity in earnings less distributions received and the Company's share of losses.

A majority of these co-investments compensate the Company for its asset management services and some of these investments may provide promote distributions if certain financial return benchmarks are achieved. Asset management fees are recognized when earned, and promote fees are recognized when the earnings events have occurred and the amount is determinable and collectible. Asset management fees and promote fees are reflected in interest and other and equity income in co-investments, respectively, in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

#### ***(d) Revenues and Gains on Sale of Real Estate***

Revenues from tenants renting or leasing apartment units, recreational vehicle park spaces or manufactured housing community spaces are recorded when due from tenants and are recognized monthly as they are earned, which is not materially different than on a straight-line basis. Units or spaces are rented under short-term leases (generally, lease terms of 6 to 12 months) and may provide no rent for one or two months, depending on the market conditions and leasing practices of the Company's competitors in each sub-market at the time the leases are executed. Revenues from tenants leasing commercial space are recorded on a straight-line basis over the life of the respective lease.

The Company recognizes gains on sales of real estate when a contract is in place, a closing has taken place, the buyer's initial and continuing investment is adequate to demonstrate a commitment to pay for the property and the Company does not have a substantial continuing involvement in the property.

#### ***(e) Cash Equivalents and Restricted Cash***

Highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less when purchased are classified as cash equivalents. Restricted cash balances relate primarily to reserve requirements for capital replacement at certain Properties in connection with the Company's mortgage debt.

***(f) Marketable Securities***

Marketable securities consist of U.S. treasury or agency securities with original maturities of more than three months when purchased. The Company has classified these debt securities as held-to-maturity securities, and the Company reports the securities at amortized cost. Realized gains and losses and interest income are included in interest and other income on the consolidated statement of operations.

***(g) Notes Receivable and Interest Income***

Notes receivable relate to real estate financing arrangements including mezzanine and bridge loans that exceed one year. They bear interest at a rate based on the borrower's credit quality and are recorded at face value. Interest is recognized over the life of the note. The Company requires collateral for the notes.

Each note is analyzed to determine if it is impaired pursuant to SFAS No. 114, "*Accounting by Creditors for Impairment of a Loan*". A note is impaired if it is probable that the Company will not collect all principal and interest contractually due. The Company does not accrue interest when a note is considered impaired. All cash receipts on impaired notes are applied to reduce the principal amount of such notes until the principal has been recovered and, thereafter, are recognized as interest income.

***(h) Interest Rate Protection, Swap, and Forward Contracts***

The Company has from time to time used interest rate protection, swap and forward contracts to manage its interest rate exposure on current or identified future debt transactions. The Company accounts for such derivative contracts using SFAS No. 133. Under SFAS No. 133, derivative instruments are required to be included in the balance sheet at fair value. The changes in the fair value of the derivatives are accounted for depending on the use of the derivative and whether it has been designated and qualifies as a part of a hedging relationship.

The Company records all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the intended use of the derivative and the resulting designation. Derivatives used to hedge the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset, liability, or firm commitment attributable to a particular risk, such as interest rate risk, are considered fair value hedges. Derivatives used to hedge the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows, or other types of forecasted transactions, are considered cash flow hedges.

For derivatives designated as fair value hedges, changes in the fair value of the derivative and the hedged item related to the hedged risk are recognized in earnings. For derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is initially reported in other comprehensive income (outside of earnings) and subsequently reclassified to earnings when the hedged transaction affects earnings, and the ineffective portion of changes in the fair value of the derivative is recognized directly in earnings. The Company assesses the initial and ongoing effectiveness of each hedging relationship by comparing the changes in fair value or cash flows of the derivative hedging instrument with the changes in fair value or cash flows of the designated hedged item or transaction.

For derivatives not designated as hedges, changes in fair value are recognized in earnings. All existing instruments are considered cash flow hedges, and the Company does not have any fair value hedges as of December 31, 2007. The Company's objective in using derivatives is to add stability to interest expense and to manage its exposure to interest rate movements or other identified risks. To accomplish this objective, the Company primarily uses interest rate swaps as part of its cash flow hedging strategy. Interest rate swaps designated as cash flow hedges involve the receipt of variable-rate amounts in exchange for fixed-rate payments over the life of the agreements without exchange of the underlying principal amount.

Amounts reported in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on the Company's hedged debt. The Company is hedging its exposure to the variability in future cash flows for a portion of its forecasted transactions over a maximum period of 46 months as of December 31, 2007.

***(i) Deferred Charges***

Deferred charges are principally comprised of loan fees and related costs which are amortized over the terms of the related borrowing in a manner which approximates the effective interest method.

### **(j) Income Taxes**

Generally in any year in which the Company qualifies as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) under the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”), it is not subject to federal income tax on that portion of its income that it distributes to stockholders. No provision for federal income taxes, other than the taxable REIT subsidiaries discussed below has been made in the accompanying consolidated financial statements for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2007, as the Company has elected to be and believes it qualifies under the Code as a REIT and has made distributions during the periods in amounts to preclude the Company from paying federal income tax.

In order to maintain compliance with REIT tax rules, the Company utilizes taxable REIT subsidiaries for various revenue generating or investment activities. The taxable REIT subsidiaries’ are consolidated by the Company. The activities and tax related provisions, assets and liabilities are not material.

The status of cash dividends distributed for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005 related to common stock, Series F, and Series G preferred stock are classified for tax purposes as follows:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Common stock</b>			
Ordinary income.....	75.65%	100.00%	74.91%
Capital gains.....	24.35%	0.00%	25.09%
Return of capital.....	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>
	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
<b>Series F and G Preferred stock<sup>(1)</sup></b>			
Ordinary income.....	75.65%	100.00%	74.91%
Capital gains.....	24.35%	0.00%	25.09%
Return of capital.....	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>	<u>100.00%</u>

(1) Series G was issued during the third quarter of 2006.

### **(k) Preferred Stock**

The Company classifies its Series G Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (“Series G Preferred Stock”) based on Emerging Issues Task Force Topic D-98, (“EITF D-98”) “*Classification and Measurement of Redeemable Securities.*” The Series G Preferred Stock contains fundamental change provisions that allow the holder to redeem the preferred stock for cash if certain events occur. The redemption under these provisions is not solely within the Company’s control, thus the Company has classified the Series G Preferred Stock as temporary equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

The Company classifies its Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (“Series F Preferred Stock”) based on EITF D-98. The Series F Preferred Stock contains fundamental change provisions that allow the holder to redeem the preferred stock for cash if certain events occur. The redemption under these provisions is within the Company’s control, and thus the Company has classified the Series F Preferred Stock as permanent equity in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

### **(l) Stock-based Compensation**

The Company accounts for share based compensation using the fair value method of accounting. The estimated fair value of stock options granted by the Company is being amortized over the vesting period of the stock options. The estimated grant date fair values of the long term incentive plan units (discussed in Note 14) are being amortized over the expected service periods.

### **(m) Legal costs**

Legal costs associated with matters arising out of the normal course of our business are expensed as incurred. Legal costs incurred in connection with non-recurring litigation that is not covered by insurance are accrued when amounts are probable and estimable.

### **(n) Accounting Estimates and Reclassifications**

The preparation of consolidated financial statements, in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (“GAAP”), requires the Company to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities. On an on-going basis, the Company evaluates its estimates, including those related to acquiring, developing and assessing the carrying values of its real estate properties, its investments in and advances to joint ventures and affiliates, its notes receivable and its qualification as a REIT. The Company bases its estimates on historical experience, current market conditions, and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may vary from those estimates and those estimates could be different under different assumptions or conditions.

Certain reclassifications have been made to prior year balances in order to conform to the current year presentation. Such reclassifications have no impact on reported earnings, total assets or total liabilities.

### **(o) New Accounting Pronouncements**

In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48, “*Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes—an Interpretation of FASB Statement 109*” (“FIN 48”). FIN 48 establishes new evaluation and measurement processes for all income tax positions taken, and requires expanded disclosures of income tax matters. The adoption of this FIN on January 1, 2007 did not have a material impact on the Company’s consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement No. 157, “*Fair Value Measurements*” (“FAS 157”). FAS 157 provides guidance for using fair value to measure assets and liabilities. This statement clarifies the principle that fair value should be based on the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing an asset or liability. FAS 157 establishes a fair value hierarchy, giving the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets and the lowest priority to unobservable data. This statement is effective in fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company believes that the adoption of this standard will not have a material effect on its consolidated financial statements.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement No. 159, “*The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities*” (“SFAS No. 159”). FAS 159 expands opportunities to use fair value measurement in financial reporting and permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company does not plan to measure any eligible financial assets and liabilities at fair value upon the adoption of this standard on January 1, 2008.

In December 2007, the FASB issued revised SFAS No. 141, “*Business Combinations*” (“FAS 141(R)”). FAS 141(R) establishes principles and requirements for how the acquirer recognizes and measures in its financial statements the identifiable assets acquired, the liabilities assumed, and any noncontrolling interest in the acquiree; recognizes and measures the goodwill acquired in the business combination or a gain from a bargain purchase; and determines what information to disclose to enable users of the financial statements to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business combination. The objective of the guidance is to improve the relevance, representational faithfulness, and comparability of the information that a reporting entity provides in its financial reports about a business combination and its effects. FAS 141(R) is effective for business combinations for which the acquisition date is on or after the beginning of the first annual reporting period beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Management is currently evaluating the impact FAS 141(R) will have on the Company’s consolidated financial statements.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, “*Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements*” (“FAS 160”). FAS 160 establishes accounting and reporting standards that require the ownership interests in subsidiaries held by parties other than the parent be clearly identified, labeled, and presented in the consolidated statement of financial position within equity, but separate from the parent’s equity; the amount of consolidated net income attributable to the parent and to the noncontrolling interest be clearly identified and presented on the face of the consolidated statement of income; changes in a parent’s ownership interest while the parent retains its controlling financial interest in its subsidiary be accounted for consistently; when a subsidiary is deconsolidated, any retained noncontrolling equity investment in the former subsidiary be initially measured at fair value; and entities provide sufficient disclosures that clearly identify and distinguish between the interests of the parent and the interests of the noncontrolling owners. The objective of the guidance is to improve the relevance, comparability, and transparency of the financial information that a reporting entity provides in its consolidated financial statements. FAS 160 is effective

for fiscal years beginning on or after December 15, 2008. Management is currently evaluating the impact FAS 160 will have on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

### **(3) Real Estate**

#### ***(a) Sales of Real Estate and Assets Held for Sale***

Each property is considered a separately identifiable component of the Company and is reported in discontinued operations when the operations and cash flows of the property have been (or will be) eliminated from the ongoing operations of the Company as a result of a disposal transaction.

In December 2007, the Company sold four communities (875-units) in the Portland metropolitan area for \$97.5 million, resulting in a gain of \$47.6 million net of minority interest. The proceeds from the sale were used in a tax-free reverse exchange for the purchase of Mill Creek at Windermere in September 2007.

In February 2007, the Company sold the joint venture property City Heights Apartments, a 687-unit community located in Los Angeles, California for \$120 million. The Company's share of the proceeds from the sale totaled \$33.9 million, resulting in a \$13.7 million gain on sale to the Company, and an additional \$10.3 million for fees from the joint venture partner, both of which are included in income from discontinued operations. As of December 31, 2006, City Heights was classified as held for sale.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, the gain on the sale of the Eastridge apartment community was \$28.5 million. An additional \$2.2 million was deferred as of December 31, 2007 and 2006. The \$2.2 million was deferred because it is due and payable to the Company only upon the sale of units following a condominium conversion which was still in progress as of December 31, 2007. This transaction was included in discontinued operations as we had no other ongoing involvement with the Property.

For the year ended December 31, 2005, \$5.0 million previously deferred gain on the sale of The Essex on Lake Merritt apartment community was recognized on the cost recovery method when the cash was received. The \$5.0 million was deferred because it was due and payable to the Company only upon the sale of units following a condominium conversion. The sale transaction was included in continuing operations as we continued to manage the rented apartment units in the project during the conversion process.

#### ***(b) Co-investments***

The Company has joint venture investments in a number of co-investments which are accounted for under the equity method. The joint ventures own and operate apartment communities.

Essex Apartment Value Fund, L.P. ("Fund I"), was an investment fund organized by the Company in 2001 to add value through rental growth and asset appreciation, utilizing the Company's acquisition, development, redevelopment and asset management capabilities. Fund I was considered fully invested in 2003. An affiliate of the Company, Essex VFGP, L.P. ("VFGP"), was a 1% general partner and was a 20.4% limited partner. The Operating Partnership owned a 99% limited partnership interest in VFGP. Fund I acquired or developed ownership interests in 19 apartment communities, representing 5,406 apartment units.

Fund I sold its apartment communities during 2004 and 2005. The Fund I dispositions in 2005 resulted in the Company recognizing equity income from the gain on the sale of investments of \$18.1 million, and \$7.0 million in promote income. During 2006, the Company recorded an additional \$1.2 million in promote income related to the dispositions of assets in 2005, and during 2007 the Company recorded \$0.3 million in gain on its investment and \$0.3 million in promote income related to the final liquidation of Fund I assets.

Essex Apartment Value Fund II, L.P. ("Fund II"), has eight institutional investors, and the Company, with combined partner equity commitments of \$265.9 million. Essex has committed \$75.0 million to Fund II, which represents a 28.2% interest as general partner and limited partner. Fund II utilized debt as leverage equal to approximately 65% of the estimated value of the underlying real estate. Fund II invests in apartment communities in the Company's targeted West Coast markets with an emphasis on investment opportunities in the Seattle metropolitan area and the San Francisco Bay Area. Subject to certain exceptions, Fund II had been Essex's primary investment vehicle during 2005 and 2006. As of October 2006, Fund II was fully invested and closed for any future acquisitions or development. As of

December 31, 2007, Fund II owned eleven apartment communities and three development projects. No properties have been sold by Fund II. Consistent with Fund I, Essex records revenue for its asset management, property management, development and redevelopment services when earned, and promote income when realized if Fund II exceeds certain financial return benchmarks.

In August 2005, the Company purchased 500,000 Series A Preferred shares in Multifamily Technology Solutions, Inc. (“MTS”). The Company owns less than 5% of the voting stock of MTS and therefore accounts for this investment on the cost method.

During 2006, the Company made a contribution to a development with a joint venture partner totaling \$3.4 million, and made additional contributions to this joint venture of \$0.7 million during 2007. The development is located in Southern California and as of December 31, 2007 was still in the predevelopment stage.

During March 2007, the Mountain Vista Apartments, LLC, a joint venture that owns the Waterstone at Fremont apartments in Fremont, California, was recapitalized with the inclusion of a new joint venture partner, and as part of this transaction the Company received \$7.7 million in net distributions from the joint venture. The Company accounted for this transaction as a partial sale of the Company’s investment and recorded a gain of \$2.0 million which is included in equity income in co-investments as a result of this transaction. As of December 31, 2007, the Company’s carrying value of its remaining investment in the amended and restated Mountain Vista Apartments, LLC joint venture was \$1.2 million. During January 2008, the Company collected \$7.5 million in connection with the return of its remaining interest in the joint venture and recognized income of \$6.3 million from its preferred interest.

The Company had a developer agreement to distribute to the general contractor of Mirabella apartments 20% of the property’s cash flow after the Company receives a 9% cumulative preferred return on its investment from operating cash flow and a 12% preferred return on its investment from capital transactions cash flow. During the third quarter of 2007, the Company acquired the general contractor's interest in the Mirabella property for \$9 million in lieu of distributing a percentage of future cash flows to the general contractor per the agreement, accordingly, Mirabella became wholly owned by the Company.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Investments in joint ventures accounted for under the equity method of accounting:		
Limited partnership interest of 27.2% and general partner interest of 1% in Essex Apartment Value Fund II, L.P (Fund II).....	\$ 58,419	\$ 45,598
Preferred limited partnership interest in Mountain Vista Apartments LLC (A).....	1,182	6,806
Development joint venture.....	<u>4,090</u>	<u>3,414</u>
	63,691	55,818
Investments accounted for under the cost method of accounting:		
Series A Preferred Stock interest in Multifamily Technology Solutions, Inc.....	500	500
Total investments.....	<u>\$ 64,191</u>	<u>\$ 56,318</u>

(A) The investment is held in an entity that includes an affiliate of The Marcus & Millichap Company (“TMMC”), and is the general partner. TMMC’s Chairman is also the Chairman of the Company.

The combined summarized financial information of co-investments, which are accounted for under the equity method, is as follows:

	<b>December 31,</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	
Balance sheets:			
Rental properties and real estate under development.....	\$ 614,266	\$ 576,134	
Other assets.....	16,184	20,681	
Total assets.....	<u>\$ 630,450</u>	<u>\$ 596,815</u>	
Mortgage notes payable.....	\$ 322,615	\$ 301,665	
Other liabilities.....	24,014	74,793	
Partners' equity.....	283,821	220,357	
Total liabilities and partners' equity.....	<u>\$ 630,450</u>	<u>\$ 596,815</u>	
Company's share of equity.....	<u>\$ 63,691</u>	<u>\$ 55,818</u>	
	<b>Years ended</b>		
	<b>December 31,</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
Statements of operations:			
Property revenues.....	\$ 46,559	\$ 43,031	\$ 28,156
Property operating expenses.....	<u>(18,551)</u>	<u>(20,464)</u>	<u>(11,761)</u>
Net operating income.....	28,008	22,567	16,395
Gain on the sale of real estate.....	-	-	41,985
Interest expense.....	(13,888)	(17,000)	(11,042)
Depreciation and amortization.....	<u>(14,116)</u>	<u>(12,395)</u>	<u>(7,037)</u>
Net income (loss).....	<u>\$ 4</u>	<u>\$ (6,828)</u>	<u>\$ 40,301</u>
Company's share of co-investment net income (loss).....	1,074	(1,503)	18,553
Company's gain on partial sale of its interest.....	<u>2,046</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Income (loss) for co-investments.....	<u>\$ 3,120</u>	<u>\$ (1,503)</u>	<u>\$ 18,553</u>

### ***Real Estate Under Development***

The Company defines real estate under development activities as new properties that are being constructed, or are newly constructed and, in the case of development communities, are in a phase of lease-up and have not yet reached stabilized operations. As of December 31, 2007, excluding development projects owned by Fund II, the Company had three development projects comprised of 684 units for an estimated cost of \$236.7 million, of which \$125.8 million remains to be expended.

The Company defines the predevelopment pipeline as new properties in negotiation or in the entitlement process with a high likelihood of becoming development activities. As of December 31, 2007, the Company had five development communities aggregating 1,658 units that were classified as predevelopment projects. The estimated total cost of the predevelopment pipeline at December 31, 2007 is \$508.4 million, of which \$411.3 million remains to be expended. The Company owns land parcels held for future development aggregating 434 units as of December 31, 2007. The Company had incurred \$25.5 million in costs related to these five land parcels as of December 31, 2007.

### **(4) Notes Receivable and Other Receivables from Related Parties**

Notes receivable and other receivables from related parties consist of the following as of December 31, 2007 and 2006:

	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Related party receivables, unsecured:		
Loans to officers made prior to July 31, 2002, secured, bearing interest of 8%, due beginning April 2007.....	\$ -	\$ 375
Other related party receivables, substantially due on demand.....	904	834
Total notes and other receivable from related parties	<u>\$ 904</u>	<u>\$ 1,209</u>

Other related party receivables include accrued management and development fees from Fund II totaling \$0.5 million and \$0.4 million as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

## (5) Notes and Other Receivables

Notes receivables, secured by real estate, and other receivables consist of the following as December 31, 2007 and 2006:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Note receivable, secured, bearing interest at 12%, due June 2008.....	\$ 2,193	\$ 2,193
Note receivable, secured, bearing interest at LIBOR + 3.69%, due June 2009.....	7,346	7,309
Note receivable, secured, bearing interest at LIBOR + 4.65%, due January 2008.....	5,448	7,807
Note receivable, secured, bearing interest at LIBOR + 3.38%, due February 2009.....	7,128	-
Note receivable, secured, bearing interest at LIBOR + 4.75%, due March 2011.....	10,999	-
Note receivable, secured, bearing interest at LIBOR + 2.95%, due April 2009.....	14,010	-
Other receivables.....	2,508	886
	<u>\$ 49,632</u>	<u>\$ 18,195</u>

As of December 31, 2007, the Company originated five notes receivables totaling \$47.4 million which are mezzanine or bridge loans. The borrowers under each note receivable have the right to extend the maturity date if certain criteria are met specific to each agreement. During August 2006, the Company originated a loan with the owners of a 26-unit apartment community in Sherman Oaks, California. The proceeds from the loan financed the conversion of the units to condominiums for sale. Effective July 1, 2007, the Company had ceased accruing interest on the note, due to the current velocity of sales, pricing, and status of the interest reserve. During the fourth quarter of 2007, the Company recorded an allowance for loan loss in the amount of \$0.5 million on this impaired note receivable, which is approximately equal to accrued and unpaid interest recorded from inception of the note through June 30, 2007. The Company believes that the current loan balance of \$5.4 million is collectible through the future sales of 17 unsold condominium units.

## (6) Related Party Transactions

Management and other fees from affiliates includes management, promote, development and redevelopment fees totaling \$5.1 million, \$5.0 million, and \$11.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively.

The Company's Chairman, George Marcus, is the Chairman of TMMC, which is a real estate brokerage firm. During the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, the Company paid brokerage commissions totaling \$1.3 million, \$0.8 million, and \$0 to TMMC on the purchase and sales of real estate.

Mr. Marcus was an investor in the two partnerships that owned the Thomas Jefferson Apartments that was acquired by the Company during September 2007 in a DownREIT transaction. In conjunction with that transaction, Mr. Marcus received 7,006 DownREIT units in exchange for his partnership interests in those apartments. The Company's independent Board of Directors approved the acquisition of the apartment community.

Mr. Marcus is the Chairman of the Urban Housing Group ("UHG"), a subsidiary of TMMC. During December 2007, UHG sold the rights to the Company to acquire the Fourth Street development land parcel in Berkeley, California for \$2.8 million. The amount paid to the Urban Housing Group included reimbursement for the costs incurred by UHG to entitle the property for development. The Company's independent Board of Directors approved the acquisition of the rights to the land parcel.

## **(7) Discontinued Operations**

In the normal course of business, the Company will receive offers for sale of its properties, either solicited or unsolicited. For those offers that are accepted, the prospective buyer will usually require a due diligence period before consummation of the transaction. It is not unusual for matters to arise that result in the withdrawal or rejection of the offer during this process. Essex classifies real estate as "held for sale" when all criteria under SFAS No. 144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets" ("SFAS 144") have been met.

In January 2005, the Company sold four non-core assets that were acquired for \$14.9 million. The four non-core assets were: The Riviera Recreational Vehicle Park and a Manufactured Home Park, located in Las Vegas, Nevada, for which the Company had previously entered into master lease and option agreements with an unrelated entity; and two small office buildings, located in San Diego California. The Company recorded a gain of \$0.7 million on the sale of these assets. The Company has recorded the gain on sale and operations for these assets as part of discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

In June 2005, the Company sold the Eastridge apartments, a 188-unit apartment community located in San Ramon, California for approximately \$47.5 million. In conjunction with the sale, the Company deferred \$2.2 million of the gain on the sale of Eastridge because Essex, through a TRS, originated a participating loan to the buyer in the amount of approximately \$2.2 million, which allows the Company to financially participate in the buyer's condominium conversion plan. The gain on the sale of the Eastridge property net of the deferral of the \$2.2 participating loan was \$28.5 million. The Company has recorded the gain on sale and operations for Eastridge apartments as part of discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

In January 2006, the Company sold Vista Capri East and Casa Tierra apartment communities for approximately \$7.0 million and in March 2006, the Company sold Diamond Valley, a Recreational Vehicle Park, for approximately \$1.3 million. The total combined gain was \$3.1 million. The Company has recorded the gain on sale and operations for the three properties as part of discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

In June 2006, the unconsolidated joint venture property, Vista Pointe, a 286-unit apartment community located in Anaheim, California, was sold for approximately \$46.0 million. The Company's share of the proceeds from the transaction totaled \$19.3 million, resulting in an \$8.8 million gain on the sale, and an additional \$8.2 million for fees and a promote distribution. The Company has recorded the ground lease income and all related gains and fees from the Vista Pointe joint venture as part of discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

In December 2006, the Company sold Emerald Palms, a 152-unit apartment community located in San Diego for approximately \$20.5 million, for a gain of approximately \$6.7 million. The Company has recorded the gain on sale and operations for Emerald Palms apartments as part of discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

As of December 31, 2006, City Heights Apartments, a 687-unit community located in Los Angeles was classified as held for sale, and during February 2007 the property was sold to a third-party for \$120 million. The Company's share of the proceeds from the sale totaled \$33.9 million, resulting in a \$13.7 million gain, net of minority interest, to the Company, and an additional \$10.3 million for fees from the City Heights joint venture partner are included in discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

The Company sold the 21 remaining condominium units at the Peregrine Point community during the first three quarters of 2007, and recorded a gain of \$1.0 million net of taxes and expenses. The Company started selling the units in the third quarter of 2006, and recorded the sale of 45 units and recorded a gain of \$2.0 million net of taxes and expenses during 2006. The Company has recorded the gain on sale of condominiums and operations for Peregrine Point apartments as part of discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

In December 2007, the Company sold four communities (875-units) in the Portland metropolitan area for \$97.5 million, resulting in a gain of \$47.6 million, net of minority interest. The Company has recorded the gain on sale and operations for the four communities as part of discontinued operations in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations.

The components of discontinued operations are outlined below and include the results of operations for the respective periods that the Company owned such assets, as described above.

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Rental revenues.....	\$ 9,466	\$ 19,537	\$ 21,267
Interest and other income.....	290	41	1,231
Equity income co-investments.....	-	238	477
Revenues	<u>9,756</u>	<u>19,816</u>	<u>22,975</u>
Property operating expenses.....	(3,779)	(7,611)	(8,159)
Interest expense.....	(416)	(2,314)	(2,830)
Depreciation and amortization.....	(1,861)	(4,940)	(5,300)
Minority interests.....	(129)	(1,199)	(821)
Expenses	<u>(6,185)</u>	<u>(16,064)</u>	<u>(17,110)</u>
Income from real estate sold	3,571	3,752	5,865
Gain on sale of real estate.....	52,874	20,503	29,219
Gain on sale of real estate - City Heights....	78,306	-	-
Promote interest and fees.....	10,290	8,221	-
Minority interests.....	(6,443)	(2,730)	(2,741)
Minority interests - City Heights.....	(64,624)	-	-
	<u>70,403</u>	<u>25,994</u>	<u>26,478</u>
Income from discontinued operations	<u>\$ 73,974</u>	<u>\$ 29,746</u>	<u>\$ 32,343</u>

## (8) Mortgage Notes Payable and Exchangeable Bonds

Mortgage notes payable and exchangeable bonds consist of the following as of December 31, 2007 and 2006:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Mortgage notes payable to a pension fund, secured by deeds of trust, bearing interest at rates ranging from 6.62% to 8.18%, principal and interest payments due monthly, and maturity dates ranging from October 2008 through October 2010. Under certain conditions a portion of these loans can be converted to an unsecured note payable. Three loans are cross-collateralized by a total of 13 properties.....	\$ 224,876	\$ 228,663
Mortgage notes payable, secured by deeds of trust, bearing interest at ranges ranging from 4.86% to 7.90%, principal and interest payments due monthly, and maturity dates ranging from March 2008 through June 2018.....	804,859	645,702
Mortgage notes payable - held for sale, secured by deed of trust, bearing interest at 6.90%, principal and interest payments due monthly, and maturity date of January 2008. Repaid in February 2007.....	-	32,850
Multifamily housing mortgage revenue bonds secured by deeds of trust on rental properties and guaranteed by collateral pledge agreements, payable monthly at a variable rate as defined in the Loan Agreement (approximately 4.50% at December 2007 and 4.60% at December 2006), plus credit enhancement and underwriting fees ranging from approximately 1.2% to 1.9%. The bonds are primarily convertible to a fixed rate at the Company's option. Among the terms imposed on the properties, which are security for the bonds, is a requirement that 20% of the units are subject to tenant income criteria. Principal balances are due in full at various maturity dates from December 2009 through December 2039. \$152.7 million of these bonds are subject to various interest rate cap agreements which limit the maximum interest rate to such bonds.....	233,138	186,339
Exchangeable bonds, unsecured obligations of the Operating Partnership and guaranteed by the Company, bearing interest at 3.625% per year, payable November 1 and May 1 of each year, which mature on November 1, 2025. The bonds are exchangeable at the option of the holder into cash and, in certain circumstances at the Company's option, shares of the Company's common stock at an initial exchange price of \$103.25 per share subject to certain adjustments. These bonds will also be exchangeable prior to November 1, 2020 under certain circumstances. The bonds are redeemable at the Company's option for cash at any time on or after November 4, 2010 and are subject to repurchase for cash at the option of the holder on November 1st in years 2010, 2015, and 2020 or upon the occurrence of certain events.....	<u>225,000</u>	<u>225,000</u>
	<u>\$ 1,487,873</u>	<u>\$ 1,318,554</u>

The aggregate scheduled principal payments of mortgage notes payable and exchangeable bonds are as follows:

2008.....	\$ 116,357
2009.....	24,689
2010.....	154,813
2011.....	166,545
2012.....	32,183
Thereafter.....	<u>993,286</u>
	<u>\$ 1,487,873</u>

Repayment of debt before the scheduled maturity date could result in prepayment penalties.

## (9) Lines of Credit

The Company has three outstanding lines of credit in the aggregate committed amount of \$310.0 million as of December 31, 2007. In March 2006, the Company renegotiated its revolving line of credit to increase the maximum principal amount to \$200.0 million from \$185.0 million. Additionally, the maturity date was extended from April 2007

to March 2009, with an option for a one-year extension, and the underlying rate, based on a tiered rate structure tied to the Company's corporate ratings, was reduced to LIBOR plus 0.8% from LIBOR plus 1.0%. Certain terms and covenants of the \$200.0 million unsecured line of credit were amended during the third quarter of 2007. The balance on this line of credit was \$61.0 million as of December 31, 2007, which yielded an average interest rate of 6.2%. No amounts were outstanding as of December 31, 2006. The Company also has a \$100 million credit facility from Freddie Mac, which is secured by eight of the Company's apartment communities. The underlying interest rate on this line is between 55 and 59 and basis points over the Freddie Mac Reference Rate. As of December 31, 2007 and 2006, \$100.0 million and \$93.0 million was outstanding under this line of credit, respectively, which yielded an average interest rate of 5.4% and 6.2% as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, and matures in January 2009. During March 2007, the Company entered into an unsecured revolving line of credit for \$10.0 million with a commercial bank with an initial maturity date of March 2008. Borrowings under this revolving line of credit bear an interest rate at the bank's Prime Rate less 2.0%. As of December 31, 2007, there was an \$8.8 million balance on the revolving line of credit at an average interest rate of 5.6%. The credit agreements contain debt covenants related to limitations on indebtedness and liabilities, maintenance of minimum levels of consolidated earnings before depreciation, interest and amortization and maintenance of minimum tangible net worth. The Company was in compliance with the line of credit covenants as of December 31, 2007 and 2006.

#### **(10) Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities**

During March 2007, the Company entered into a ten-year forward-starting interest rate swap for a notional amount of \$50 million and a settlement date on or before October 1, 2011.

During April 2007, the Company refinanced a mortgage loan for \$35.7 million secured by the Tierra Vista property in the amount of \$62.5 million, with a fixed interest rate of 5.47%, which matures in April 2017. In conjunction with this transaction the Company settled a \$50 million forward-starting swap and received \$1.3 million from the counterparty. The accounting for the swap settlement reduces the effective interest rate on the new Tierra Vista mortgage loan to 5.19%.

As of December 31, 2007 the Company had entered into nine forward-starting interest rate swaps totaling a notional amount of \$450 million with interest rates ranging from 4.9% to 5.9% and settlements dates ranging from April 2008 to October 2011. These derivatives qualify for hedge accounting as they are expected to economically hedge the cash flows associated with the refinancing of debt that matures between April 2008 and October 2011. The fair value of the derivatives decreased \$7.9 million during the year ended December 31, 2007 to a liability value of \$10.2 million as of December 31, 2007, and the derivative liability was recorded in other liabilities in the Company's consolidated financial statements. The changes in the fair values of the derivatives are reflected in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income in the Company's consolidated financial statements. No hedge ineffectiveness on cash flow hedges was recognized during the year ended December 31, 2007 and 2006.

#### **(11) Lease Agreements**

During the fourth quarter of 2003, the Company entered into lease and purchase option agreements with unrelated third parties related to its five recreational vehicle ("RV") parks that were comprised of 1,717 spaces and two manufactured housing communities that contain 607 sites. At the time of agreement, the unrelated third parties had an option to purchase the assets in approximately four years for approximately \$41.7 million, which was a 5% premium to the gross book value of the assets. The Company received \$0.5 million as consideration for entering into the option agreement and a non-refundable upfront payment of \$4.0 million, which was recorded as deferred revenue and has been amortized into income over the five year lease term. Under the lease agreements, Essex receives fixed monthly lease payments and passes through all executory costs such as property taxes. In January 2005, the Company sold Riviera RV Resort and Riviera Mobile Home Park. As of December 31, 2007, the Company still owns two RV parks totaling 338 spaces, and one manufactured housing community that contains 157 sites.

The Company owns two predevelopment projects that it leases to tenants. Cadence Campus is an office building, and Essex-Hollywood is a commercial building currently utilized as a production studio, and both properties are 100% leased to single tenants. The lease at Cadence Campus will expire in January 2009 and the tenant has a right to two six-month extensions, and the Essex-Hollywood lease will expire in July 2008. These two properties generated lease income totaling \$4.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2007, which was recorded as net lease income and included in interest and other income in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations. Interest expense is not being capitalized on these properties while they are leased, and depreciation expense is being recorded on these

properties until the leases expire.

The Company is also a lessor of an office building located in Southern California. The tenants' lease terms expire at various times through 2009 with average annual lease payments of approximately \$1.3 million. The future minimum non-cancelable base rent to be received under the Cadence Campus, Essex-Hollywood, the two office buildings in Southern California, the RV parks and manufactured housing community operating leases for each of the years ending after December 31, 2007 are summarized as follows:

	<b>Future Minimum Rent</b>
2008.....	\$ 6,184
2009.....	4,149
2010.....	1,439
2011.....	695
2012.....	183
2013 and thereafter.....	474
	<u>\$ 13,124</u>

The Company is also a lessee of an office building located in Palo Alto next to the Company's headquarters. The lease term expires on September 30, 2009, with average annual lease payments of approximately \$0.2 million.

## (12) Equity Transactions

### Preferred Securities Offerings

As of December 31, 2007, the Company, either directly or through the Operating Partnership, has the following cumulative preferred securities outstanding:

<b>Description</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>		<b>Liquidation Preference</b>
7.875% Series B	February 1998	1,200,000 units	\$ 60,000
7.875% Series B	April 1998	400,000 units	\$ 20,000
7.875% Series D	July 1999	2,000,000 units	\$ 50,000
7.8125% Series F	September 2003	1,000,000 shares	\$ 25,000
4.875% Series G	July 2006	5,980,000 shares	\$ 149,500

Dividends on the securities are payable quarterly. The holders of the securities have limited voting rights if the required dividends are in arrears. The Series B and D preferred units represent preferred interests issued by the Operating Partnership and are included in minority interests in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets. The preferred units can be exchanged for Series B and D preferred stock of the Company under limited conditions.

In September 2003, the Company issued 1,000,000 shares of its Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock ("Series F Preferred Stock") at a fixed price of \$24.664 per share, a discount from the \$25.00 per share liquidation value of the shares. The shares pay quarterly distributions at an annualized rate of 7.8125% per year of the liquidation value and are redeemable by the Company on or after September 23, 2008. The shares were issued pursuant to the Company's existing shelf registration statement. The Company used the net proceeds from this sale of Series F Preferred Stock to redeem all of the 9.125% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units (the "Series C Preferred Units") of Essex Portfolio, L.P., of which the Company is the general partner.

In January 2004, the Operating Partnership restructured its previously issued \$50,000, 9.30% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units ("Series D Units"), and its previously issued \$80,000, 7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units ("Series B Units"). The existing distribution rate of 9.30% of the Series D Units continued until July 27, 2004 – the end of the non-call period. Effective July 28, 2004, the distribution rate on the Series D Units was reduced to 7.875%. The date that the Series D Units can first be redeemed at the Company's option was extended by six years to July 28, 2010. The date that the Series B Units can first be redeemed at the Company's option was extended from February 6, 2003 to December 31, 2009.

During the third quarter of 2006, the Company sold 5,980,000 shares of 4.875% Series G Cumulative Convertible

Preferred Stock for gross proceeds of \$149.5 million. Holders may convert Series G Preferred Stock into shares of the Company's common stock subject to certain conditions. The conversion rate will initially be .1830 shares of common stock per the \$25 share liquidation preference, which is equivalent to an initial conversion price of approximately \$136.62 per share of common stock (the conversion rate will be subject to adjustment upon the occurrence of specified events). On or after July 31, 2011, the Company may, under certain circumstances, cause some or all of the Series G Preferred Stock to be converted into that number of shares of common stock at the then prevailing conversion rate.

### **Common Stock Offerings**

During 2006, the Company issued and sold approximately 427,700 shares of common stock for \$48.3 million, net of fees and commissions under its Controlled Equity Offering program. Under this program, the Company may from time to time sell shares of common stock into the existing trading market at current market prices, and the Company used the net proceeds from such sales to primarily fund the development, redevelopment pipelines, and pay down outstanding borrowing under the Company's lines of credit.

During April 2007, the Company issued and sold approximately 170,500 shares of common stock for \$21.8 million, net of fees and commissions, under its Controlled Equity Offering program.

During May 2007, the Company sold 1,500,000 shares of its common stock for proceeds of \$191.9 million, net of underwriter fees and expenses. The Company used net proceeds from the common stock sales to reduce outstanding borrowings under the Company's lines of credit.

### **Common Stock Repurchases**

In August 2007, the Company's Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase plan to allow the Company to acquire shares in an aggregate of up to \$200 million. The program supersedes the common stock repurchase plan that the Company announced on May 16, 2001. During 2007 the Company repurchased and retired 323,259 shares of its common stock for approximately \$32.6 million. During January 2008, the Company repurchased and retired 137,500 shares of its common stock for approximately \$13.2 million.

### **UpREIT and DownREIT transactions**

During October 2006, the Company acquired Belmont Terrace, a 71-unit community located in Belmont, California. The Company acquired the apartment community in an UpREIT structured transaction for an agreed upon value of approximately \$14.7 million. The Company issued 72,685 limited operating partnership units to the prior owners and during the close of escrow the Company paid-off the existing debt on the property.

During September 2007, the Company acquired the Thomas Jefferson apartments in Sunnyvale, California, for \$28.0 million by acquiring ownership interests in the two limited partnerships that collectively owned the property. In connection with this acquisition, the limited partnerships were restructured to provide for limited partnership units, or DownREIT units, that are redeemable for cash, or at the Company's sole discretion, cash or shares of the common stock of the Company. A total of 62,873 such units were issued, and the Company assumed \$20.0 million in mortgage loans in the transaction.

### (13) Net Income Per Common Share

Basic and diluted income from continuing operations per share are calculated as follows for the years ended December 31:

	2007			2006			2005		
	Income	Weighted-average Common Shares	Per Common Share Amount	Income	Weighted-average Common Shares	Per Common Share Amount	Income	Weighted-average Common Shares	Per Common Share Amount
Basic:									
Income from continuing operations available to common stockholders....	\$ 32,490	24,548,003	\$ 1.32	\$ 27,857	23,081,682	\$ 1.21	\$ 45,420	23,038,561	\$ 1.98
Income from discontinued operations..	73,974	24,548,003	3.02	29,746	23,081,682	1.29	32,343	23,038,561	1.40
	<u>106,464</u>		<u>4.34</u>	<u>57,603</u>		<u>2.50</u>	<u>77,763</u>		<u>3.38</u>
Effect of Dilutive Securities (1).....	-	552,971		-	469,360		-	349,942	
Diluted:									
Income from continuing operations available to common stockholders....	32,490	25,100,974	1.29	27,857	23,551,042	1.18	45,420	23,388,503	1.94
Income from discontinued operations..	73,974	25,100,974	2.95	29,746	23,551,042	1.27	32,343	23,388,503	1.38
	<u>\$ 106,464</u>		<u>\$ 4.24</u>	<u>\$ 57,603</u>		<u>\$ 2.45</u>	<u>\$ 77,763</u>		<u>\$ 3.32</u>

- (1) Weighted convertible limited partnership units of 2,282,568, 2,294,591, and 2,305,134 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively, and Series Z incentive units of 213,126, 184,142, and 122,803, for the year ended December 31 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively, were not included in the determination of diluted EPS because they were anti-dilutive. The Company has the ability and intent to redeem Down REIT Limited Partnership units for cash and does not consider them to be common stock equivalents.

On or after November 1, 2020, the holders of the \$225 million exchangeable notes may exchange, at the then applicable exchange rate, the notes for cash and, at Essex's option, a portion of the notes may be exchanged for Essex common stock; the current exchange rate is \$103.25 per share of Essex common stock. The exchangeable notes will also be exchangeable prior to November 1, 2020, but only upon the occurrence of certain specified events. During 2007, the weighted average common stock price exceeded the \$103.25 strike price and therefore common stock issuable upon exchange of the exchangeable notes was included in the diluted share count. The treasury method was used to determine the shares to be added to the denominator for the calculation of earnings per diluted share.

Stock options of 25,326, 1,014, and 22,229 for 2007, 2006, 2005, respectively, are not included in the diluted earnings per share calculation because the exercise price of the options was greater than the average market price of the common shares for the twelve months ended and, therefore, were anti-dilutive.

5,980,000 shares of cumulative convertible preferred stock Series G has been excluded from diluted earnings per share for 2007 and 2006 as the effect was anti-dilutive.

### (14) Stock Based Compensation Plans

#### Stock Options and Restricted Stock

Effective January 1, 2006, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 123 Revised ("SFAS No. 123(R)"), "Share-Based Payment", a revision of SFAS No. 123 using the modified prospective approach. SFAS No. 123(R) requires companies to recognize in the income statement the grant-date fair value of stock options and other equity based compensation issued to employees.

The Essex Property Trust, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan provides incentives to attract and retain officers, directors and key employees. The Stock Incentive Plan provides for the grants of options to purchase a specified number of shares of common stock or grants of restricted shares of common stock. Under the Stock Incentive Plan, the total number of shares available for grant is approximately 1,200,000. The 2004 Stock Incentive Plan is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee is comprised of independent directors. The Compensation Committee is authorized to establish the exercise price; however, the exercise price cannot be less than 100% of the fair market value of the common stock on the grant date. The Company's options have a life of ten years. Option grants for officers and employees fully vest between one year and five years after the grant date.

Stock-based compensation expense for options and restricted stock under the fair value method totaled approximately \$1.2 million, \$1.1 million and \$0.8 million, for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Stock-based compensation capitalized for options totaled approximately \$0.2 million, \$0.2 million and none for the year ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The intrinsic value of the options exercised totaled \$6.3 million, \$6.0 million, and \$4.1 million, for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. The intrinsic value of the options outstanding and fully vested totaled \$9.9 million, \$14.3 million, and \$10.8 million, for the

years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005, respectively. Total unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested share-based compensation granted under the stock option and restricted plans totaled \$0.8 million as of December 31, 2007. The unrecognized compensation cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3 to 5 years for the stock option plans.

The average fair value of stock options granted for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005 was \$11.58, \$17.40 and \$10.06 per share, respectively, and was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following weighted average assumptions used for grants:

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Stock price.....	\$95.34-\$126.73	\$101.01-\$132.62	\$69.11-\$91.88
Risk-free interest rates.....	3.52%-4.58%	4.45%-5.15%	3.64%-4.50%
Expected lives.....	7-9 years	4-7 years	5-6 years
Volatility.....	18.52%-20.31%	18.44%-18.54%	18.09%-18.54%
Dividend yield.....	3.99%-5.26%	3.12%-4.29%	4.22%-5.13%

A summary of the status of the Company's stock option plans as of December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005 and changes during the years ended on those dates is presented below:

	<u>2007</u>		<u>2006</u>		<u>2005</u>	
	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted- average exercise price</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted- average exercise price</u>	<u>Shares</u>	<u>Weighted- average exercise price</u>
Outstanding at beginning of year.....	570,542	\$ 72.60	530,375	\$ 57.73	463,376	\$ 47.07
Granted.....	29,250	119.98	170,350	106.63	188,800	78.01
Exercised.....	(86,056)	50.23	(90,633)	47.57	(103,201)	43.47
Forfeited and canceled.....	(20,033)	94.29	(39,550)	80.85	(18,600)	76.70
Outstanding at end of year.....	<u>493,703</u>	79.83	<u>570,542</u>	72.60	<u>530,375</u>	57.73
Options exercisable at year end.....	288,889	64.69	272,074	52.42	248,015	43.77

The following table summarizes information about stock options outstanding as of December 31, 2007:

Range of exercise prices	<u>Options outstanding</u>			<u>Options exercisable</u>	
	<u>Number outstanding as of December 31, 2007</u>	<u>Weighted- average remaining contractual life</u>	<u>Weighted- average exercise price</u>	<u>Number exercisable as of December 31, 2007</u>	<u>Weighted- average exercise price</u>
\$13.26-26.52	600	0.1 years	\$ 19.08	600	\$ 19.08
26.52-39.79	41,547	1.4 years	32.64	41,547	32.64
39.78-53.05	90,027	3.8 years	49.33	87,427	49.28
53.05-66.31	40,680	5.7 years	59.10	38,230	59.37
66.31-79.57	90,775	7.2 years	75.69	52,795	76.37
79.57-92.83	58,704	7.5 years	83.18	25,170	82.95
92.83-106.10	39,620	8.3 years	101.51	7,720	102.63
106.10-119.36	103,500	8.4 years	107.36	34,100	107.42
119.36-132.62	28,250	9.3 years	125.27	1,300	128.02
	<u>493,703</u>	6.6 years	79.83	<u>288,889</u>	64.69

During 2007, the Company issued 17,178 shares of restricted stock. The unrecognized compensation cost is expected to be recognized straight-line over a period of 7 years less an estimate for forfeitures.

### Long Term Incentive Plan – Z Units

The Company has adopted an incentive program involving the issuance of Series Z Incentive Units and Series Z-1 Incentive Units (collectively referred to as "Z Units") of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership. Vesting in the Z Units is based on performance criteria established in the plan. The criteria can be revised at the beginning of the year by the Board's Compensation Committee if the Committee deems that the plan's criterion is unachievable for any given year. The sale of Z units is contractually prohibited and cannot be converted into Operating Partnership units until certain conditions are met or 15 years after the inception of the plan. The estimated fair value of a Z unit is determined on the grant date and considers the company's current stock price, the dividends that are not paid

on unvested units and a marketability discount for the 8 to 15 years of illiquidity. Compensation expense is calculated by taking annual vesting increases multiplied by the estimated fair value as of the grant date less its \$1.00 purchase price.

Stock-based compensation expense for Z Units under the fair value method totaled approximately \$1.5 million, \$1.3 million and \$1.6 million, for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Stock-based compensation capitalized for Z Units totaled approximately \$0.4 million, \$0.3 million and \$0.2 million, for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The intrinsic value of the Z Units subject to conversion totaled \$16.0 million as of December 31, 2007. Total unrecognized compensation cost related Z Units subject to conversion in the future granted under the Z Units plans totaled \$8.1 million as of December 31, 2007. The unamortized cost is expected to be recognized over the next 4 to 12 years subject to the achievement of the stated performance criteria.

The issuance of Z Units is administered by the Compensation Committee which has the authority to select participants and determine the awards to be made up to a maximum of 600,000 Z Units. The conversion ratchet (accounted for as vesting) of the Z Units into common units, will increase by up to 10% (up to 20% in certain circumstances following their initial issuance) effective January 1 of each year for each participating executive who remains employed by the Company if the Company has met a specified “funds from operations” per share target, or such other target as the Compensation Committee deems appropriate, for the prior year, up to a maximum conversion ratchet of 100%. The Operating Partnership has the option to redeem Z Units held by any executive whose employment has been terminated with either common units of the Operating Partnership or shares of the Company’s common stock based on the then-effective conversion ratchet.

During 2001, the Operating Partnership issued 200,000 Series Z Incentive Units of limited partner interest to eleven senior executives of the Company in exchange for a capital commitment of \$1.00 per Series Z Incentive Unit, for an aggregate offering price of \$200. The 2001 Z Unit grant had a conversion ratchet of 45, 55, and 65 percent as of January 1, 2005, 2006, and 2007 respectively.

During 2004, the Operating Partnership issued 95,953 Series Z-1 Incentive Units of limited partner interest to fourteen senior executives of the Company in exchange for cash or a capital commitment of \$1.00 per Series Z-1 Incentive Unit, for an aggregate offering price of \$96. The 2004 Z Unit grant had a conversion ratchet of 20 percent upon issuance, and 30, 40, and 50 percent as of January 1, 2005, 2006, and 2007, respectively. In 2005 an additional 27,000 Z-1 Units were granted to two senior executives pursuant to the 2004 grant terms with a 20 percent conversion ratio at issuance, and 30 and 40 percent conversion ratchet as of January 1, 2006 and 2007.

During 2005, the Operating Partnership issued 89,999 Series Z-1 Incentive Units of limited partner interest to fourteen senior executives of the Company in exchange for cash or a capital commitment of \$1.00 per Series Z-1 Incentive Unit, for an aggregate offering price of \$90. The 2005 Z-1 Unit grant had a conversion ratchet of 20 and 30 percent as of January 1, 2006 and 2007.

### **Long Term Incentive Plan – Outperformance Plan**

Stock-based compensation expense for the Outperformance Plan, (the “OPP”) adopted in December 2007 under the fair value method totaled approximately \$0.1 million for year ended December 31, 2007. Total unrecognized compensation cost less an estimate for forfeitures related to the OPP totaled \$5.5 million as of December 31, 2007. The unamortized cost is expected to be recognized over the expected service period of five years for senior officers and three years for non-employee directors.

Under the 2007 OPP, award recipients will share in a “performance pool” if the Company’s total return to stockholders for the period from December 4, 2007 (measured based on the closing price of the Company’s common stock on December 4, 2007) through December 3, 2010 exceeds a cumulative total return to stockholders of 30%. The size of the pool will be 10% of the outperformance amount in excess of the 30% benchmark, subject to an aggregate maximum award of \$25 million. The maximum award will be reduced by the amount of any forfeited awards. In the event the potential performance pool reaches the maximum aggregate award between June 4, 2010 and December 3, 2010 and remains at that level or higher for 30 consecutive days, the performance period will end early and the performance pool will be formed on the last day of such 30-day period, but the participants will nonetheless be subject to the time-based vesting requirements described below.

Each participant’s award under the 2007 OPP has been designated as a specified percentage of the aggregate performance pool. Assuming the 30% benchmark is achieved, the pool will be allocated among the participants in

accordance with the percentage specified in each participant's award agreement. Individual awards were made in the form of newly created long term incentive plan ("LTIP") Units, which are partnership units of the Operating Partnership, and the LTIP units are exchangeable on a one-for-one basis into common units of the Operating Partnership to the extent the LTIP Units become vested. Such common units are exchangeable for shares of the Company's common stock on a one-for-one basis. Any shares of the Company's common stock, which are ultimately issued in connection with the 2007 OPP, will be issued pursuant to the Company's 2004 Stock Incentive Plan. LTIP Units were granted prior to the determination of the performance pool; however, they will only vest upon satisfaction of performance and time vesting thresholds and will not be entitled to distributions until after the benchmark is achieved. Distributions on LTIP Units will equal the distributions payable on each common unit of the Operating Partnership on a per unit basis.

In the case of awards granted to senior officers, if the benchmark is achieved, the LTIP Units will vest in three substantially equal installments on December 4, 2010 and on each of the first two anniversaries thereafter, based on the officer's continued employment through the applicable vesting date. In the case of awards granted to non-employee directors, such awards will vest in full on December 4, 2010 if the benchmark is achieved and only to the extent the board members have continued to serve through such date.

In the event of a change of control of the Company prior to the establishment of the performance pool, the performance period will be shortened to end on a date immediately prior to such event and the cumulative stockholder return benchmark will be adjusted on a pro rata basis. The performance pool will be formed as described above if the adjusted benchmark target is achieved, and the awards will become fully vested at such time.

### **(15) Shareholder Rights Plan**

On November 12, 1998, the Company's Board of Directors adopted a Stockholder Rights Plan. A dividend of one right (a Right) per share of common stock was distributed to stockholders of record on November 21, 1998. Each Right, expiring November 11, 2008, represents a right to buy from the Company 1/100th of a share of Series A junior participating preferred stock at a price of \$99.13 per Right.

Generally the Rights will not be exercisable unless a person or group acquires 15% or more, or announces an offer that could result in acquiring 15% or more, of the Company's common stock unless such person is or becomes the beneficial owner of 15% or more of the Company's outstanding common stock and had a contractual right or the approval of the Company's Board of Directors, provided that such percentage shall not be greater than 19.9%. Following an acquisition of 15% or more of the Company's common stock, each Right holder, except the 15% or more shareholder, has the right to receive, upon exercise, shares of common stock valued at twice the then applicable exercise price of the Right, unless the 15% or more shareholder has offered to acquire all of the outstanding shares of the Company under terms that a majority of the independent directors of the Company have determined to be fair and in the best interest of the Company and its shareholders.

Similarly, unless certain conditions are met, if the Company engages in a merger or other business combination following a stock acquisition where it does not survive or survives with a change or exchange of its common stock or if 50% or more of its assets, earning power or cash flow is sold or transferred, the Rights will become exercisable for shares of the acquirer's stock having a value of twice the exercise price.

Generally, Rights may be redeemed for \$0.01 each (in cash, common stock or other consideration the Company deems appropriate) until the tenth day following a public announcement that a 15% or greater position has been acquired of the Company's stock.

### **(16) Segment Information**

In accordance with FASB No. 131, "*Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*" the Company defines its reportable operating segments as the three geographical regions in which its properties are located: Southern California, Northern California and Seattle Metro. Excluded from segment revenues are properties outside of these regions including property in Houston, Texas, management and other fees from affiliates, and interest and other income. Non-segment revenues and net operating income included in the following schedule also consist of revenue generated from commercial properties, recreational vehicle parks, and manufactured housing communities. Other non-segment assets include investments, real estate under development, cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, notes receivable, other assets and deferred charges.

The revenues, net operating income, and assets for each of the reportable operating segments are summarized as follows for the years ended and as of December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005:

	<b>Years Ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>			
Southern California.....	\$ 215,090	\$ 198,929	\$ 181,048
Northern California.....	99,734	75,624	67,099
Seattle Metro.....	64,079	55,721	50,936
Other Regions.....	4,530	4,496	4,152
Total property revenues.....	<u>\$ 383,433</u>	<u>\$ 334,770</u>	<u>\$ 303,235</u>
<b>Net operating income:</b>			
Southern California.....	\$ 147,340	\$ 135,969	\$ 122,551
Northern California.....	65,143	49,907	44,528
Seattle Metro.....	42,137	35,138	31,792
Other Regions.....	389	(642)	(115)
Total net operating income.....	<u>255,009</u>	<u>220,372</u>	<u>198,756</u>
<b>Depreciation and amortization:</b>			
Southern California.....	(49,551)	(43,017)	(39,219)
Northern California.....	(27,892)	(17,568)	(15,984)
Seattle Metro.....	(15,491)	(13,170)	(12,343)
Other Regions.....	(7,455)	(4,339)	(7,303)
	<u>(100,389)</u>	<u>(78,094)</u>	<u>(74,849)</u>
<b>Interest:</b>			
Southern California.....	(31,626)	(26,432)	(27,690)
Northern California.....	(18,741)	(18,295)	(17,201)
Seattle Metro.....	(6,892)	(6,904)	(6,508)
Other Regions.....	(23,736)	(21,267)	(19,385)
	<u>(80,995)</u>	<u>(72,898)</u>	<u>(70,784)</u>
Amortization of deferred financing costs.....	(3,071)	(2,745)	(1,947)
General and administrative.....	(26,273)	(22,234)	(19,148)
Other expenses.....	(800)	(1,770)	(5,827)
Management and other fees from affiliates.....	5,090	5,030	10,951
Gain on sale or real estate.....	-	-	6,391
Interest and other income.....	10,310	6,176	8,524
Equity income in co-investments.....	3,120	(1,503)	18,553
Minority interests.....	(19,937)	(18,807)	(20,709)
Income tax provision.....	<u>(400)</u>	<u>(525)</u>	<u>(2,538)</u>
Income from continuing operations.....	<u>\$ 41,664</u>	<u>\$ 33,002</u>	<u>\$ 47,373</u>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Southern California.....	\$ 1,354,818	\$ 1,244,037	
Northern California.....	829,879	565,405	
Pacific Northwest.....	353,737	317,848	
Other Regions.....	37,338	76,882	
Net reportable operating segments - real estate assets	<u>2,575,772</u>	<u>2,204,172</u>	
Real estate - held for sale, net.....	-	41,221	
Real estate under development.....	233,445	107,620	
Co-investments.....	64,191	56,318	
Notes and other receivables.....	50,536	19,404	
Other non-segment assets.....	56,379	57,105	
Total assets.....	<u>\$ 2,980,323</u>	<u>\$ 2,485,840</u>	

### **(17) 401(k) Plan**

The Company has a 401(k) benefit plan (the Plan) for all full-time employees who have completed six months of service. Employees may contribute up to 23% of their compensation, limited by the maximum allowed under Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Company matches the employee contributions for non-highly compensated personnel, up to 50% of their contribution up to a specified maximum. Company contributions to the Plan were approximately \$267, \$226, and \$98 for the years ended December 31, 2007, 2006, and 2005.

### **(18) Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Management believes that the carrying amounts of its variable rate mortgage notes payable, lines of credit, notes receivable and other receivables from related parties, and notes and other receivables approximate fair value as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, because interest rates, yields and other terms for these instruments are consistent with yields and other terms currently available to the Company for similar instruments. Management has estimated that the fair value of the Company's \$1.25 billion of fixed rate mortgage notes payable and exchangeable bonds at December 31, 2007 are approximately \$1.30 billion based on the terms of existing mortgage notes payable compared to those available in the marketplace. At December 31, 2006, the Company's fixed rate mortgage notes payable of \$1.13 billion had an approximate market value of \$1.22 billion. Management believes that the carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash, marketable securities, accounts payable and accrued liabilities, other liabilities and dividends payable approximate fair value as of December 31, 2007 and 2006 due to the short-term maturity of these instruments.

### **(19) Commitments and Contingencies**

At December 31, 2007, the Company had five non-cancelable ground leases for certain apartment communities and buildings that expire between 2027 and 2080. Land lease payments are typically the greater of a stated minimum or a percentage of gross rents generated by these apartment communities. Total minimum lease commitments, under land leases and operating leases, are approximately \$1.8 million per year for the next five years.

The Company has a performance guarantee with a commercial bank related to the Northwest Gateway development.

To the extent that an environmental matter arises or is identified in the future that has other than a remote risk, as defined in SFAS 5, of having a material impact on the financial statements, the Company will disclose the estimated range of possible outcomes, and, if an outcome is probable, accrue appropriate liability for remediation and other potential liability. The Company will consider whether such occurrence results in an impairment of value on the affected property and, if so, accrue an appropriate reserve for impairment.

Except with respect to three Properties, the Company has no indemnification agreements from third parties for potential environmental clean-up costs at its Properties. The Company has no way of determining at this time the magnitude of any potential liability to which it may be subject arising out of unknown environmental conditions or violations with respect to the properties formerly owned by the Company. No assurance can be given that existing environmental studies with respect to any of the Properties reveal all environmental liabilities, that any prior owner or operator of a Property did not create any material environmental condition not known to the Company, or that a material environmental condition does not otherwise exist as to any one or more of the Properties. The Company has limited insurance coverage for the types of environmental liabilities described above.

The Company may enter into transactions that could require the Company to pay the tax liabilities of the partners in the Operating Partnership or in the DownREIT entities. These transactions which are within the Company's control. Although the Company plans to hold the contributed assets or defer recognition of gain on their sale pursuant to like-kind exchange rules under Section 1031 of the Internal Revenue Code the Company can provide no assurance that it will be able to do so and if such tax liabilities were incurred they may have a material impact on the Company's financial position.

Recently there has been an increasing number of lawsuits against owners and managers of apartment communities alleging personal injury and property damage caused by the presence of mold in residential real estate. Some of these lawsuits have resulted in substantial monetary judgments or settlements. The Company has been sued for mold related matters and has settled some, but not all, of such matters. Insurance carriers have reacted to mold related liability awards by excluding mold related claims from standard policies and pricing mold endorsements at prohibitively high rates. The Company has, however, purchased pollution liability insurance, which includes some coverage for mold.

The Company has adopted programs designed to manage the existence of mold in its properties as well as guidelines for promptly addressing and resolving reports of mold to minimize any impact mold might have on residents or property. Liabilities resulting from such mold related matters are not expected to have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

The Company carries comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage and rental loss insurance for each of the Properties. There are, however, certain types of extraordinary losses, such as, for example, losses for terrorism or earthquake, for which the Company does not have insurance coverage. Substantially all of the Properties are located in areas that are subject to earthquake activity.

The Company is subject to various other lawsuits in the normal course of its business operations. Such lawsuits could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

## (20) Quarterly Results of Operations (Unaudited)

The following is a summary of quarterly results of operations for 2007 and 2006:

	Quarter ended December 31 <sup>(1)</sup>	Quarter ended September 30 <sup>(1)</sup>	Quarter ended June 30 <sup>(1)</sup>	Quarter ended March 31 <sup>(1)</sup>
<b>2007:</b>				
Total property revenues.....	\$ 101,138	\$ 97,780	\$ 94,508	\$ 90,007
Income before discontinued operations....	\$ 5,163	\$ 11,603	\$ 11,129	\$ 13,769
Net income.....	\$ 53,597	\$ 12,308	\$ 12,187	\$ 37,546
Net income available to common stockholders.....	\$ 51,287	\$ 9,997	\$ 9,877	\$ 35,303
Per share data:				
Net income:				
Basic.....	\$ 2.04	\$ 0.40	\$ 0.40	\$ 1.51
Diluted.....	\$ 2.02	\$ 0.39	\$ 0.39	\$ 1.46
Market price:				
High.....	\$ 127.35	\$ 123.50	\$ 133.40	\$ 148.54
Low.....	\$ 94.08	\$ 102.00	\$ 114.19	\$ 124.78
Close.....	\$ 97.49	\$ 117.57	\$ 116.30	\$ 129.48
Dividends declared.....	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.93	\$ 0.93
<b>2006:</b>				
Total property revenues.....	\$ 88,118	\$ 84,740	\$ 81,665	\$ 80,247
Income before discontinued operations....	\$ 9,854	\$ 10,648	\$ 5,970	\$ 6,530
Net income.....	\$ 17,437	\$ 12,477	\$ 22,512	\$ 10,322
Net income available to common stockholders.....	\$ 15,060	\$ 10,686	\$ 22,023	\$ 9,834
Per share data:				
Net income:				
Basic.....	\$ 0.64	\$ 0.46	\$ 0.96	\$ 0.43
Diluted.....	\$ 0.63	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.95	\$ 0.43
Market price:				
High.....	\$ 133.99	\$ 128.57	\$ 111.90	\$ 111.10
Low.....	\$ 119.76	\$ 111.54	\$ 100.90	\$ 92.10
Close.....	\$ 129.25	\$ 121.40	\$ 111.66	\$ 108.73
Dividends declared.....	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.84	\$ 0.84

(1) Net earnings from discontinued operations have been reclassified for all periods presented.

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Financial Statement Schedule III**  
**Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation**  
**December 31, 2007**  
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Property	Units	Location	Encumbrance	Initial cost		Costs capitalized subsequent to acquisition	Gross amount carried at close of period			Accumulated depreciation	Date of construction	Date acquired	Lives (years)	
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<i>Encumbered apartment communities</i>														
Foothill Commons	360	Bellevue, WA	\$	\$ 2,435	\$ 9,821	\$ 6,074	\$ 2,440	\$ 15,890	\$ 18,330	\$ 9,298	1978	03/90	3-30	
Montclair, The (Oak Pointe)	390	Sunnyvale, CA		4,842	19,776	12,774	4,847	32,545	37,392	17,967	1973	12/88	3-30	
Palisades, The	192	Bellevue, WA		1,560	6,242	9,421	1,565	15,658	17,223	6,617	1969/1977 <sup>(2)</sup>	05/90	3-30	
Pathways	296	Long Beach, CA		4,083	16,757	15,174	6,239	29,775	36,014	13,093	1975	02/91	3-30	
Stevenson Place	200	Fremont, CA		996	5,582	7,879	1,001	13,456	14,457	8,763	1971	04/83	3-30	
Bridgeport (Summerhill Commons)	184	Newark, CA		1,608	7,582	5,984	1,525	13,649	15,174	7,019	1987	07/87	3-30	
Summerhill Park	100	Sunnyvale, CA		2,654	4,918	1,149	2,656	6,065	8,721	3,978	1988	09/88	3-30	
Woodland Commons	236	Bellevue, WA		2,040	8,727	4,293	2,044	13,016	15,060	7,236	1978	03/90	3-30	
				<u>90,005</u>	<u>79,405</u>	<u>62,748</u>	<u>22,317</u>	<u>140,054</u>	<u>162,371</u>	<u>73,972</u>				
Fountain Court	320	Seattle, WA		6,702	27,306	1,691	6,985	28,714	35,699	7,679	2000	03/00	3-30	
Hillcrest Park	608	Newbury Park, CA		15,318	40,601	12,353	15,755	52,517	68,272	16,713	1973	03/98	3-30	
Hillsborough Park	235	La Habra, CA		6,291	15,455	827	6,272	16,302	22,573	4,728	1999	09/99	3-30	
				<u>76,732</u>	<u>83,362</u>	<u>14,871</u>	<u>29,012</u>	<u>97,532</u>	<u>126,544</u>	<u>29,120</u>				
Bel Air	462	San Ramon, CA		12,105	18,252	18,642	12,682	36,317	48,999	12,687	1988	01/97	3-30	
Waterford, The	238	San Jose, CA		11,808	24,500	11,688	15,165	32,831	47,996	7,659	2000	06/00	3-30	
				<u>58,139</u>	<u>42,752</u>	<u>30,329</u>	<u>27,847</u>	<u>69,147</u>	<u>96,994</u>	<u>20,346</u>				
Bonita Cedars	120	Bonita, CA		2,496	9,913	977	2,503	10,883	13,386	1,983	1983	12/02	3-30	
Bristol Commons	188	Sunnyvale, CA		5,278	11,853	2,447	5,293	14,285	19,578	5,889	1989	01/97	3-30	
Castle Creek	216	Newcastle, WA		4,149	16,028	2,020	4,833	17,364	22,197	6,593	1997	12/97	3-30	
Forest View	192	Renton, WA		3,731	14,530	689	3,731	15,219	18,950	2,233	1998	10/03	3-30	
Mira Monte	355	Mira Mesa, CA		7,165	28,459	6,909	7,186	35,347	42,533	6,243	1982	12/02	3-30	
Mission Hills	282	Oceanside, CA		10,099	38,778	1,920	10,167	40,630	50,797	3,611	1984	7/05	3-30	
Walnut Heights	163	Walnut, CA		4,858	19,168	1,140	4,887	20,280	25,166	2,927	1964	10/03	3-30	
Windsor Ridge	216	Sunnyvale, CA		4,017	10,315	3,855	4,021	14,167	18,187	8,183	1989	03/89	3-30	
				<u>100,000</u>	<u>41,793</u>	<u>149,044</u>	<u>19,959</u>	<u>42,621</u>	<u>168,174</u>	<u>37,662</u>				
Alpine Village	306	Alpine, CA		17,016	4,967	19,728	1,994	4,982	21,707	26,689	3,845	1971	12/02	3-30
Anchor Village	301	Mukilteo, WA		10,750	2,498	10,595	5,433	2,681	15,845	18,526	7,092	1981	01/97	3-30
Barkley, The	161	Anaheim, CA		4,883	2,272	8,520	1,705	2,353	10,144	12,497	3,253	1984	04/00	3-30
Bluffs II, The	224	San Diego, CA		12,137	3,405	7,743	5,979	3,442	13,685	17,127	3,756	1974	06/97 <sup>(3)</sup>	3-30
Brentwood (Hearthstone)	140	Santa Ana, CA		9,333	2,833	11,303	4,341	3,502	14,975	18,477	2,798	1970	11/01	3-30
Brighton Ridge	264	Renton, WA		16,013	2,623	10,800	3,789	2,656	14,555	17,212	6,030	1986	12/96	3-30
Brookside Oaks	170	Sunnyvale, CA		14,130	7,301	16,310	16,792	10,301	30,102	40,403	5,312	1973	06/00	3-30
Cairns, The	100	Seattle, WA		11,552	6,937	20,679	62	6,939	20,739	27,678	396	2006	06/07	3-30
Camarillo Oaks	564	Camarillo, CA		53,052	10,953	25,254	5,109	11,075	30,241	41,316	13,871	1985	07/96	3-30
Camino Ruiz Square	160	Camarillo, CA		21,110	6,871	26,119	64	6,878	26,176	33,054	876	1990	12/06	3-30
Canyon Point	250	Bothell, WA		15,736	4,692	18,288	1,082	4,693	19,370	24,062	2,785	1990	10/03	3-30
Capri at Sunny Hills	100	Fullerton, CA		19,150	3,337	13,320	3,962	3,867	16,752	20,619	3,444	1961	09/01	3-30
Cardiff by the Sea	300	Cardiff, CA		42,200	13,724	57,395	439	14,224	57,881	72,105	1,355	1986	04/07	3-30

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<i>Encumbered apartment communities (continued)</i>													
Carlyle, The	132	San Jose, CA	15,424	3,954	15,277	9,270	5,801	22,701	28,501	5,266	2000	04/00	3-30
City View (Wimbledon Woods)	560	Hayward, CA	51,600	9,883	37,670	15,069	10,350	52,272	62,622	15,861	1975	03/98	3-30
Coldwater Canyon	39	Studio City, CA	5,919	1,674	6,640	367	1,676	7,005	8,681	143	1979	05/07	3-30
Coral Gardens	200	El Cajon, CA	10,943	3,638	14,452	936	3,649	15,377	19,026	2,770	1976	12/02	3-30
Devonshire	276	Hemet, CA	11,078	3,470	13,786	1,548	3,482	15,322	18,804	2,905	1988	12/02	3-30
Emerald Ridge - North	180	Bellevue, WA	10,721	3,449	7,801	3,036	3,449	10,837	14,286	5,018	1987	11/94	3-30
Esplanade	278	San Jose, CA	38,956	18,170	40,086	2,946	18,425	42,777	61,202	4,635	2002	11/04	3-30
Evergreen Heights	200	Kirkland, WA	10,910	3,566	13,395	2,134	3,649	15,446	19,095	5,847	1990	06/97	3-30
Fairwood Pond	194	Renton, WA	14,514	5,296	15,564	709	5,300	16,269	21,569	1,755	1997	10/04	3-30
Fountain Park	705	Playa Vista, CA	98,665	25,073	94,980	17,327	25,208	112,173	137,380	13,407	2002	02/04	3-30
Harvest Park	104	Santa Rosa, CA	11,603	6,700	15,479	192	6,690	15,681	22,371	413	2004	03/07	3-30
Hidden Valley (Parker Ranch)	324	Simi Valley, CA	33,303	14,174	34,065	287	11,724	36,802	48,526	4,334	2004	12/04	3-30
Highridge	255	Rancho Palos Verde, CA	44,807	5,419	18,347	8,220	5,841	26,145	31,986	9,376	1972	05/97	3-30
Huntington Breakers	342	Huntington Beach, CA	20,962	9,306	22,720	3,882	9,315	26,593	35,908	9,494	1984	10/97	3-30
Inglenook Court	224	Bothell, WA	8,300	3,467	7,881	6,502	3,474	14,375	17,850	5,757	1985	10/94	3-30
Kings Road	196	Los Angeles, CA	14,618	4,023	9,527	5,675	4,031	15,194	19,225	4,932	1979	06/97	3-30
Le Pac Luxury Apartments	140	Santa Clara, CA	13,713	3,090	7,421	4,768	3,092	12,187	15,279	4,889	1975	02/94	3-30
Marbrisa	202	Long Beach, CA	20,923	4,700	18,605	1,323	4,760	19,869	24,628	3,806	1987	09/02	3-30
Mariners Place	105	Oxnard, CA	3,872	1,555	6,103	1,029	1,562	7,126	8,687	2,166	1987	05/00	3-30
Montejo	124	Garden Grove, CA	5,812	1,925	7,685	1,332	2,110	8,833	10,942	1,959	1974	11/01	3-30
Monterey Villas	122	Oxnard, CA	13,802	2,349	5,579	4,395	2,424	9,900	12,323	3,206	1974	07/97	3-30
Monterra del Rey	84	Pasadena, CA	10,130	2,312	4,923	4,292	2,825	8,702	11,527	2,494	1972	04/99	3-30
Mt. Sutro	99	San Francisco, CA	5,725	2,334	8,507	1,850	2,810	9,881	12,691	2,942	1973	06/01	3-30
Park Place/Windsor Court/Cochran	176	Los Angeles, CA	21,964	4,965	11,806	5,090	5,015	16,846	21,861	5,682	1988	08/97	3-30
Pointe at Cupertino, The	116	Cupertino, CA	13,033	4,505	17,605	606	4,505	18,211	22,716	2,282	1963	08/98 <sup>(4)</sup>	3-30
Sammamish View	153	Bellevue, WA	10,778	3,324	7,501	5,942	3,331	13,436	16,767	4,724	1986	11/94	3-30
San Marcos	432	Richmond, CA	49,225	15,563	36,204	24,269	22,866	53,170	76,036	7,372	2003	11/03	3-30
Stonehedge Village	196	Bothell, WA	13,786	3,167	12,603	3,198	3,201	15,767	18,968	5,363	1986	10/97	3-30
Summit Park	300	San Diego, CA	21,100	5,959	23,670	2,011	5,977	25,663	31,640	4,773	1972	12/02	3-30
Thomas Jefferson	156	Sunnyvale, CA	19,529	8,190	19,306	91	8,195	19,392	27,587	340	1969	09/07	3-30
Tierra Vista	404	Oxnard, CA	62,037	13,652	53,336	669	13,661	53,997	67,657	6,665	2001	01/01 <sup>(4)</sup>	3-30
Treehouse	164	Santa Ana, CA	7,825	2,626	10,485	1,440	2,843	11,708	14,551	2,706	1970	11/01	3-30
Boulevard (Treetops)	172	Fremont, CA	9,800	3,520	8,182	7,717	3,580	15,839	19,419	4,925	1978	01/96	3-30
Valley Park	160	Fountain Valley, CA	9,913	3,361	13,420	3,001	3,761	16,021	19,782	3,458	1969	11/01	3-30
Villa Angelina	256	Placentia, CA	13,405	4,498	17,962	2,860	4,962	20,359	25,320	4,282	1970	11/01	3-30
Vista Belvedere	76	Tiburon, CA	11,297	5,573	11,901	1,973	5,573	13,874	19,447	1,520	1963	08/04	3-30
Wandering Creek	156	Kent, WA	5,300	1,285	4,980	3,762	1,296	8,731	10,027	3,615	1986	11/95	3-30
Wharfside Pointe	142	Seattle, WA	7,827	2,245	7,020	4,180	2,256	11,189	13,445	4,645	1990	06/94	3-30
			<u>1,325,057</u>	<u>408,608</u>	<u>1,283,091</u>	<u>342,554</u>	<u>432,055</u>	<u>1,602,745</u>	<u>2,034,800</u>	<u>391,640</u>			

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<i>Unencumbered apartment communities</i>													
Alpine Country	108	Alpine, CA		1,741	6,914	456	1,746	7,364	9,111	1,335	1986	12/02	3-30
Avondale at Warner Center	446	Woodland Hills, CA		10,536	24,522	14,962	10,601	39,419	50,020	12,858	1970	01/97	3-30
Belmont Terrace	71	Belmont, CA		4,446	10,290	647	4,474	10,909	15,383	433	1974	10/06	3-30
Bridle Trails	108	Kirkland, WA		1,500	5,930	4,982	1,531	10,881	12,412	3,182	1986	10/97	3-30
Bunker Hill	456	Los Angeles, CA		11,498	27,871	3,350	11,639	31,080	42,719	11,324	1968	03/98	3-30
Cambridge	40	Chula Vista, CA		497	1,973	214	498	2,186	2,684	387	1965	12/02	3-30
Canyon Oaks	250	San Ramon, CA		19,088	44,473	119	19,088	44,591	63,680	934	2005	05/07	3-30
Carlton Heights	70	Santee, CA		1,099	4,368	318	1,103	4,682	5,785	855	1979	12/02	3-30
CBC Apartments	148	Goleta, CA		6,283	24,000	96	6,288	24,091	30,379	1,587	1962	01/06	3-30
Cedar Terrace	180	Bellevue, WA		5,543	16,442	2,077	5,652	18,410	24,062	1,857	1984	01/05	3-30
Chimney Sweep Apartments	91	Goleta, CA		5,558	21,320	1,561	5,618	22,820	28,439	1,670	1967	01/06	3-30
Country Villas	180	Oceanside, CA		4,174	16,583	2,180	4,187	18,750	22,937	3,404	1976	12/02	3-30
Monterra del Sol (Euclid)	85	Pasadena, CA		2,202	4,794	4,364	2,824	8,536	11,360	2,274	1972	04/99	3-30
Fairways <sup>(5)</sup>	74	Newport Beach, CA		-	7,850	2,876	9	10,717	10,726	3,877	1972	06/99	3-30
Foothill Gardens/Twin Creeks	176	San Ramon, CA		5,875	13,992	3,435	5,964	17,339	23,302	6,957	1985	02/97	3-30
Grand Regency	60	Escondido, CA		881	3,498	217	883	3,713	4,596	669	1967	12/02	3-30
Hampton Park	83	Glendale, CA		2,407	5,672	1,563	2,426	7,216	9,642	2,055	1974	06/99	3-30
Hampton Place	132	Glendale, CA		4,288	11,081	2,323	4,307	13,385	17,692	3,817	1970	06/99	3-30
Hillsdale Garden Apartments	697	Hillsdale Garden, CA		22,000	94,681	1,976	22,325	97,184	119,509	3,971	1948	09/06 <sup>(6)</sup>	3-30
Hope Ranch Collection	108	Santa Barbara, CA		16,877	4,078	122	4,208	16,869	21,077	384	1965	03/07	3-30
Linden Square	183	Seattle, WA		4,374	11,588	931	4,202	12,691	16,893	3,464	1994	06/00	3-30
Pinehurst	118	Ventura, CA		1,570	3,912	3,962	1,618	7,826	9,444	2,546	1971	06/97	3-30
Magnolia Lane <sup>(7)</sup>	32	Sunnyvale, CA		-	5,430	8	3	5,434	5,438	98	2001	06/07	3-30
Maple Leaf	48	Seattle, WA		805	3,283	749	828	4,010	4,837	1,376	1986	10/97	3-30
Marbella, The	60	Los Angeles, CA		2,826	11,269	147	2,871	11,371	14,242	865	1991	09/05	3-30
Marina City Club <sup>(8)</sup>	101	Marina Del Rey, CA		-	28,167	2,669	-	30,836	30,836	4,070	1971	01/04	3-30
Marina Cove <sup>(9)</sup>	292	Santa Clara, CA		5,320	16,431	4,136	5,324	20,563	25,887	10,377	1974	06/94	3-30
Meadowood	320	Simi Valley, CA		7,852	18,592	3,829	7,898	22,375	30,273	9,088	1986	11/96	3-30
Mesa Village	133	Clairemont, CA		1,888	7,498	494	1,894	7,986	9,880	1,382	1963	12/02	3-30
Mill Creek at Windermere	400	San Ramon, CA		29,551	70,430	37	29,551	69,070	98,620	671	1974	09/07	3-30
Mirabella	188	Marina Del Rey, CA		6,180	26,673	10,264	6,270	36,847	43,117	7,557	2000	05/00	3-30
Monterra del Mar (Windsor Terrace)	123	Pasadena, CA		2,188	5,263	3,951	2,735	8,666	11,402	3,016	1972	09/97	3-30
Mountain View	106	Camarillo, CA		3,167	11,106	667	3,117	11,823	14,940	1,581	1980	01/04	3-30
Park Hill at Issaquah	245	Issaquah, CA		7,284	21,937	810	7,284	22,747	30,031	2,530	1999	02/99 <sup>(10)</sup>	3-30
Pinehurst	28	Ventura, CA		355	1,356	269	6	1,975	1,980	252	1973	12/04	3-30
Salmon Run at Perry Creek	132	Bothell, WA		3,717	11,483	501	3,801	11,900	15,701	2,877	2000	10/00	3-30
Shadow Point	172	Spring Valley, CA		2,812	11,170	1,386	2,820	12,548	15,368	2,373	1983	12/02	3-30
Spring Lake	69	Seattle, WA		838	3,399	359	859	3,737	4,596	1,441	1986	10/97	3-30
St. Cloud	302	Houston, TX		2,140	7,782	247	2,146	8,022	10,169	1,915	1968	12/02	3-30

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<i>Unencumbered apartment communities (continued)</i>													
The Laurels	164	Mill Creek, WA		1,559	6,430	1,916	1,595	8,309	9,905	3,435	1981	12/96	3-30
Tierra del Sol/Norte	156	El Cajon, CA		2,455	9,753	654	2,463	10,399	12,862	1,881	1969	12/02	3-30
Trabucco Villas	132	Lake Forest, CA		3,638	8,640	1,548	3,890	9,936	13,826	4,011	1985	10/97	3-30
Tuscana	30	Tracy, CA		2,828	6,599	153	2,870	6,710	9,580	140	2007	02/07	3-30
Vista Capri - North	106	San Diego, CA		1,663	6,609	489	1,668	7,093	8,761	1,192	1975	12/02	3-30
Wilshire Promenade	149	Fullerton, CA		3,118	7,385	5,215	3,797	11,921	15,718	4,572	1992	01/97	3-30
Woodlawn Colonial	159	Chula Vista, CA		2,344	9,311	943	2,351	10,248	12,598	1,923	1974	12/02	3-30
Woodside Village	145	Ventura, CA		5,331	21,036	1,145	5,342	22,170	27,512	2,221	1987	12/04	3-30
	<u>24,393</u>		<u>1,325,057</u>	<u>640,904</u>	<u>1,985,955</u>	<u>437,870</u>	<u>654,629</u>	<u>2,410,099</u>	<u>3,064,729</u>	<u>532,323</u>			
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<i>Other real estate assets</i>													
<i>Office Buildings</i>													
925 East Meadow		Palo Alto, CA	-	1,401	3,172	1,105	1,857	3,822	5,678	2,211	1988	11/97	3-30
935 East Meadow <sup>(11)</sup>		Palo Alto, CA	-	1,290	3,078	0	1,290	3,078	4,368	-	1962	12/07	3-30
17461 Derian		Irvine, CA	-	3,079	12,315	5,220	3,105	17,509	20,614	4,527	1983	07/00	3-30
22120 Clarendon		Woodland Hills, CA	-	903	3,600	1,205	1,014	4,694	5,708	1,538	1982	03/01	3-30
<i>Recreational vehicle parks</i>													
Circle RV		El Cajon, CA	-	2,375	2,347	140	2,505	2,357	4,862	400	1977	12/02	3-30
Vacationer		El Cajon, CA	-	1,975	1,951	138	2,100	1,964	4,064	338	1973	12/02	3-30
<i>Manufactured housing communities</i>													
Green Valley		Vista, CA	6,216	3,750	3,710	275	3,993	3,742	7,735	650	1973	12/02	3-30
Total apartment communities and other real estate assets			\$ <u>1,331,273</u>	\$ <u>655,677</u>	\$ <u>2,016,128</u>	\$ <u>445,954</u>	\$ <u>670,494</u>	\$ <u>2,447,265</u>	\$ <u>3,117,759</u>	\$ <u>541,987</u>			(Continued)

**ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**Real Estate and Accumulated Depreciation**  
**December 31, 2007**  
**(Dollars in thousands)**

Property	Units	Location	Encumbrance	Initial cost		Costs capitalized subsequent to acquisition	Gross amount carried at close of period			Accumulated depreciation	Date of construction	Date acquired	Lives (years)
				Land	Buildings and improvements		Land and improvements	Buildings and improvements	Total <sup>(1)</sup>				
<i>Other real estate assets (continued)</i>													
Development Projects <sup>(12)</sup>													
Belmont Station	275	Los Angeles, CA	\$ 19,450	\$ 8,100	\$ -	\$ 47,378	\$ 55,478	\$ -	\$ 55,478	\$ -	-	12/04	-
The Grand	238	Oakland, CA	-	4,838	-	37,211	42,049	-	42,049	-	-	08/05	-
Fourth Street	171	Berkeley, CA	-	8,772	-	4,601	13,373	-	13,373	-	-	12/07	-
Predevelopment Projects <sup>(13)</sup>	1,658	various	12,150	87,845	-	9,248	97,093	-	97,093	-	-	-	-
Land held for future development	434	various	-	-	-	25,452	25,452	-	25,452	-	-	-	-
Consolidated Development Pipeline	2,776		\$ 31,600	\$ 109,555	\$ -	\$ 123,890	\$ 233,445	\$ -	\$ 233,445	\$ -			

(1) The aggregate cost for federal income tax purposes is approximately \$2,379,000,000 (unaudited).

(2) Phase I was built in 1969 and Phase II was built in 1977.

(3) The Company's initial ownership was 85%, and the remaining 15% interest was acquired in 2007.

(4) The Company's initial ownership was 20%, and the remaining 80% interest was acquired in 2004.

(5) The land is leased pursuant to a ground lease expiring 2027.

(6) The land was subject to a ground lease that would have expired in 2047. In the second quarter of 2007, the Company entered into a joint venture with a third-party, and the Company contributed the improvements for an 81.5% interest and the joint venture partner contributed title to the land for an 18.5% interest in the partnership.

(7) The land is leased pursuant to a ground lease expiring 2070.

(8) The land is leased pursuant to a ground lease expiring 2067.

(9) A portion of land is leased pursuant to a ground lease expiring in 2028.

(10) The Company's initial ownership was 45%, and the remaining 55% interest was acquired in 2004.

(11) The office building is currently under renovation through approximately the third quarter of 2008.

(12) All construction costs are reflected as real estate under development in the Company's consolidated balance sheets until the project reaches stabilization.

(13) The 535 - 575 River Oaks and 6230 Sunset Blvd. commercial buildings are accounted as part of predevelopment projects for the year ended December 31, 2007.

A summary of activity for rental properties and accumulated depreciation is as follows:

	2007	2006	2005		2007	2006	2005
Rental properties:				Accumulated depreciation:			
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 2,669,187	\$ 2,431,629	\$ 2,371,194	Balance at beginning of year	\$ 465,015	\$ 389,040	\$ 329,652
Improvements	105,673	40,885	24,000	Depreciation expense - Acquisitions	4,838	2,314	1,406
Acquisition of real estate	397,605	202,459	90,065	Depreciation expense - Development	5,540	-	-
Development of real estate	-	-	20,460	Depreciation expense - Discontinued operations	1,820	4,941	5,777
Disposition of real estate	(54,706)	(5,786)	(22,473)	Depreciation and amortization expense - Rental properties	83,274	73,241	66,409
Real estate investment held for sale	-	-	(51,617)	Dispositions	(18,500)	(2,362)	(4,768)
Balance at the end of year	\$ 3,117,759	\$ 2,669,187	\$ 2,431,629	Real estate investment held for sale	-	(2,159)	(9,436)
				Balance at the end of year	\$ 541,987	\$ 465,015	\$ 389,040

## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 of 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ESSEX PROPERTY TRUST, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: February 28, 2008

By: /S/ MICHAEL T. DANCE

Michael T. Dance  
*Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer*  
*(Authorized Officer, Principal Financial Officer)*

By: /S/ BRYAN HUNT

Bryan Hunt  
*Vice President, Chief Accounting Officer*

KNOWN ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Keith R. Guericke and Michael T. Dance, and each of them, his attorney-in-fact, each with the power of substitution, for him in any and all capacities, to sign any amendments to this Report on Form 10-K and to file the same, with exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorney-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, may do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/S/ KEITH R. GUERICKE</u> Keith R. Guericke	Chief Executive Officer and President, Director, and Vice Chairman of the Board (Principal Executive Officer)	February 28, 2008
<u>/S/ MICHAEL T. DANCE</u> Michael T. Dance	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	February 28, 2008
<u>/S/ MICHAEL J. SCHALL</u> Michael J. Schall	Senior Executive Vice President, Director, and Chief Operating Officer	February 28, 2008
<u>/S/ GEORGE M. MARCUS</u> George M. Marcus	Director and Chairman of the Board	February 28, 2008
<u>/S/ WILLIAM A. MILLICHAP</u> William A. Millichap	Director	February 28, 2008
<u>/S/ DAVID W. BRADY</u> David W. Brady	Director	February 28, 2008

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>/S/ ROBERT E. LARSON</u> Robert E. Larson	Director	February 28, 2008
<u>/S/ GARY P. MARTIN</u> Gary P. Martin	Director	February 28, 2008
<u>/S/ ISSIE N. RABINOVITCH</u> Issie N. Rabinovitch	Director	February 28, 2008
<u>/S/ THOMAS E. RANDLETT</u> Thomas E. Randlett	Director	February 28, 2008
<u>/S/ WILLARD H. SMITH, JR.</u> Willard H. Smith, Jr.	Director	February 28, 2008

## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Document</u>	<u>Note</u>
3.1	Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Essex dated June 22, 1995, attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1995, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.2	Articles Supplementary of Essex Property Trust, Inc. for the 8.75% Convertible Preferred Stock, Series 1996A, attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed August 13, 1996, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.3	First Amendment to Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Essex Property Trust, Inc., attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1996, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.4	Certificate of Correction to Exhibit 3.2 dated December 20, 1996; attached as Exhibit 3.4 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1996, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.5	Amended and Restated Bylaws of Essex Property Trust, Inc., with amendments thereto, dated December 17, 1996 and December 4, 2007.	--
3.6	Articles Supplementary reclassifying 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock as 2,000,000 shares of 7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, filed with the State of Maryland on February 10, 1998, attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 3, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.7	Articles Supplementary reclassifying 500,000 shares of Common Stock as 500,000 shares of 9 1/8% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, filed with the State of Maryland on November 25, 1998, attached as Exhibit 3.8 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.8	Certificate of Correction to Exhibit 3.2 dated February 12, 1999, attached as Exhibit 3.9 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.9	Articles Supplementary reclassifying 6,617,822 shares of Common Stock as 6,617,822 shares of Series A Junior Participating Preferred Stock, filed with the State of Maryland on November 13, 1998, attached as Exhibit 4.0 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.10	Articles Supplementary reclassifying 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock as 2,000,000 shares of 9.30% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, filed with the State of Maryland on July 30, 1999, attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.11	Articles Supplementary reclassifying 2,200,000 shares of Common Stock as 2,200,000 shares of 9.25% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, filed with the State of Maryland on September 9, 1999, attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.12	Certificate of Correction to Articles Supplementary reclassifying 2,000,000 shares of Common Stock as 2,000,000 shares of 9.30% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.13	Certificate of Amendment of the Bylaws of Essex Property Trust, Inc. dated February 14, 2000, attached as Exhibit 3.2 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2000, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.14	Articles Supplementary relating to the 7.8125% Series F Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, dated September 19, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.	--

3.15	Articles Supplementary reclassifying 2,000,000 shares of 7.875% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock as 2,000,000 shares of Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, filed with the State of Maryland on January 14, 2004, attached as Exhibit 3.16 to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.16	Articles Supplementary reclassifying 2,000,000 shares of 9.30% Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock as 2,000,000 shares of Series D Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, filed with the State of Maryland on January 14, 2004, attached as Exhibit 3.16 to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
3.17	Articles Supplementary of Essex Property Trust, Inc. reclassifying 5,980,000 shares of Common Stock as 5,980,000 shares of 4.875% Series G Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, attached as Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, Filed July 27, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
4.1	Rights Agreement, dated as of November 11, 1998, between Essex Property Trust, Inc., and BankBoston, N.A., as Rights Agent, including all exhibits thereto, attached as Exhibit 1 to the Company's Registration Statement filed on Form 8-A dated November 12, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
4.2	Amendment to Rights Agreement, dated as of December 13, 2000, attached as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference.	--
4.3	Amendment to Rights Agreement, dated as of February 28, 2002, attached as Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference.	--
4.4	Form of 4.875% Series G Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock Certificate, attached as Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed July 27, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.1	Essex Property Trust, Inc. 1994 Stock Incentive Plan, (amended and restated), attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000 and incorporated herein by reference.*	--
10.2	First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1997, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.3	First Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. dated February 6, 1998, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 3, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.4	Second Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. dated April 20, 1998, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed April 23, 1998, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.5	Third Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. dated November 24, 1998, attached as Exhibit 10.5 to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.6	Fourth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P., dated July 28, 1999, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.7	Fifth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P., dated September 3, 1999, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 1999 and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.8	Form of Essex Property Trust, Inc. 1994 Non-Employee and Director Stock Incentive Plan, attached as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-11 (Registration No. 33-76578), which became effective on June 6, 1994, and incorporated herein by reference.*	--
10.9	Form of Indemnification Agreement between Essex and its directors and officers, attached as Exhibit 10.7 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-11 (Registration No. 33-76578), which became	--

effective on June 6, 1994, and incorporated herein by reference.

10.10	First Amendment to Investor Rights Agreement dated July 1, 1996 by and between George M. Marcus and The Marcus & Millichap Company, attached as Exhibit 10.3 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed July 16, 1996, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.11	Sixth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. dated as of June 28, 2001, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference.*	--
10.12	Executive Severance Plan attached as Exhibit 10.31 to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2001 and incorporated herein by reference.*	--
10.13	Agreement between Essex Property Trust, Inc. and George M. Marcus dated March 27, 2003 attached as Exhibit 10.32 to the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2002 and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.14	Seventh Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. dated as of June 26, 2003, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference.*	--
10.15	Eighth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. dated as of September 23, 2003, attached as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.16	Ninth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. dated as of January 8, 2004, attached as Exhibit 10.36 to the Company's 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.17	Tenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. dated as of January 8, 2004, attached as Exhibit 10.37 to the Company's 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2003, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.18	Eleventh Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P. dated as of March 29, 2004, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's 10-Q for the quarter ended March 31, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference. *	--
10.19	Essex Property Trust, Inc. 2004 Stock Incentive Plan, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2004, and incorporated herein by reference. *	--
10.20	Indenture, dated October 28, 2005, by and among Essex Property Trust, Inc., as Guarantor, Essex Portfolio, L.P., as the Issuer, and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's current report on Form 8-K, filed November 2, 2005, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.21	Fourth Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of March 24, 2006, among Essex Portfolio L.P., Bank of America and other lenders as specified therein, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 31, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.22	Twelfth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P., dated as of July 26, 2006, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed August 1, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.23	Thirteenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P., dated as of October 26, 2006, attached as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2006, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.24	Supplemental Indenture, dated November 1, 2006, to the Indenture, dated October 28, 2005, by and among Essex Portfolio, L.P., Essex Property Trust, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.	--

10.25	First Amendment to Fourth Amended and Restated Revolving Credit Agreement, dated as of September 28, 2007, among Essex Portfolio L.P., Bank of America and other lenders as specified therein, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.	--
10.26	Agreement to Restructure Partnership Between Western-Mountain View II Investors, a California Limited Partnership and Essex Portfolio, L.P., a California Limited Partnership and Essex Property Trust, Inc., a Maryland Corporation and Essex Management Corporation, a California Corporation and General Partners of the Partnership, attached as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference. (The related agreement to restructure the Western-San Jose IV Investors Limited Partnership, a California Limited Partnership, has basically the same terms as the exhibit and is not being filed, but will be furnished to the SEC upon request.)	--
10.27	Fourteenth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Essex Portfolio, L.P., dated as of December 26, 2007, attached as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 28, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.*	--
10.28	Form of Awards Agreement under the Essex Property Trust, Inc. 2007 Outperformance Plan, attached as Exhibit 10.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed December 28, 2007, and incorporated herein by reference.*	--
12.1	Schedule of Computation of Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges and Preferred Stock Dividends.	--
14.1	Code of Business Conduct and Ethics	--
21.1	List of Subsidiaries of Essex Property Trust, Inc.	--
23.1	Consent of KPMG LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm.	--
24.1	Power of Attorney (see signature page)	--
31.1	Certification of Keith R. Guericke, Principal Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.	--
31.2	Certification of Michael T. Dance, Principal Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.	--
32.1	Certification of Keith R. Guericke, Principal Executive Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.	--
32.2	Certification of Michael T. Dance, Principal Financial Officer, pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.	--

\* Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.

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# shareholder information

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

George M. Marcus  
*Chairman*

Keith R. Guericke  
*Vice Chairman*

David W. Brady  
*Director*

Robert E. Larson  
*Director*

Gary P. Martin  
*Director*

William A. Millichap  
*Director*

Issie N. Rabinovitch  
*Director*

Thomas E. Randlett  
*Director*

Michael J. Schall  
*Director*

Willard H. Smith Jr.  
*Director*

## CORPORATE STAFF

Keith R. Guericke - CEO  
*President & Chief Executive Officer*

Michael J. Schall - COO  
*Senior Executive Vice President  
& Chief Operating Officer*

Michael T. Dance - CFO  
*Executive Vice President  
& Chief Financial Officer*

## DEVELOPMENT

John D. Eudy  
*Executive Vice President*

## ACQUISITIONS

Craig K. Zimmerman  
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## FUND MANAGEMENT

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## INTERNAL AUDIT

Gale H. Hansrajh  
*Vice President*

## CORPORATE CONTROLLER

Bryan Hunt  
*Vice President*

## LEGAL

Jordan E. Ritter  
*Senior Vice President*

## PROPERTY OPERATIONS

Erik J. Alexander  
*First Vice President*

## ASSET MANAGEMENT

Mark J. Mikl  
*Senior Vice President*

## RESEARCH & DUE DILIGENCE

Gerald E. Kelly  
*First Vice President*

John D. Lopez  
*Vice President, Economist*

## INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Jamie Williams  
*Vice President*

## HUMAN RESOURCES

Suzanne M. Golden  
*Vice President*

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Irvine, CA 92614

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11911 NE 1st Street, #B212  
Bellevue, WA 98005

## SHAREHOLDER ACCOUNT ASSISTANCE

Shareholder records are maintained by  
Essex's Transfer Agent:

Computershare Investor Services, LLC  
2 North LaSalle Street  
Chicago, IL 60602

Investor Relations Number: (312) 360-5354  
Internet Address: [www.computershare.com](http://www.computershare.com)

## DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PLAN

The Dividend Reinvestment Plan permits Shareholders to increase their ownership of Essex Property Trust, Inc. by reinvesting all or a portion of their dividends each quarter into new shares of Company stock. For information on the Dividend Reinvestment Plan, please contact our Transfer Agent-Computershare Investor Services, LLC at (312) 360-5354.

## INVESTOR INFORMATION

Company information is available upon request without charge. Please contact the Investor Relations Department at: (650) 849-1600 or [www.essexpropertytrust.com](http://www.essexpropertytrust.com)

## ANNUAL MEETING

Stanford Park Hotel  
100 El Camino Real  
Menlo Park, CA 94025  
May 6, 2008 1:00 p.m. (PDT)

## LEGAL COUNSEL

Baker & McKenzie LLP  
San Francisco, California

## INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

KPMG LLP  
San Francisco, CA

## STOCK EXCHANGE

The New York Stock Exchange—NYSE  
Ticker symbol—ESS

## CERTIFICATION

The Company filed the certifications required by Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 as exhibits to its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007, and submitted to the New York Stock Exchange the certification required by Section 303A.12(a) of the NYSE Listed Company Manual.

# glossary

AVERAGE MARKET RENT	The weighted average (by unit type) of quoted rents drawn from surveys of nearby apartment communities.
CAPITALIZATION RATE	The capitalization rate (or “cap” rate) for a property is determined by dividing the property’s net operating income by its purchase price or value. See “Yield.”
DEBT-TO-TOTAL-MARKET-CAPITALIZATION	The ratio of (a) total indebtedness to (b) total market capitalization, which is the sum of total indebtedness, the redemption value of preferred stock and the value of common stock and securities convertible into common stock.
DEVELOPMENT	The process of acquiring land, obtaining entitlements, and constructing rental housing.
FINANCIAL OCCUPANCY	The percentage resulting from dividing actual rental revenue by total possible rental revenue. Actual rental revenue represents contractual revenue pursuant to leases without considering delinquency and concessions. Total possible rental revenue represents the value of all apartment units, with occupied units valued at contractual rental rates pursuant to leases and vacant units valued at estimated market rents. We believe that financial occupancy is a meaningful measure of occupancy because it considers the value of each vacant unit at its estimated market rate. Financial occupancy may not completely reflect short-term trends in physical occupancy and financial occupancy rates as disclosed by other REITs may not be comparable to our calculation of financial occupancy.
FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS (FFO)	A definition and discussion of FFO can be found on page 41 of the accompanying Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2007 in the section titled, “Funds From Operations.” A reconciliation of FFO to net income can also be found in that section.
NAREIT	The acronym for “National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts,” the REIT trade association.
NAV	The acronym for “Net Asset Value,” which means the estimated “market value” of all the company’s assets, including but not limited to its properties, less the value of its liabilities and indebtedness.
NOI	The acronym for “Net Operating Income,” which means the revenues less expenses directly attributable to the operations of the property, excluding financing and non-cash expenses such as depreciation.
NYSE	The acronym for “The New York Stock Exchange.”
REDEVELOPMENT	Existing properties owned or recently acquired, which have been targeted for additional investment by the Company with the expectation of increased financial returns through property improvement.
REIT	The acronym for “Real Estate Investment Trust,” which is a corporation or business trust that has elected special treatment under the tax law. In general, REITs may not pay a corporate income tax on earnings, provided that they distribute at least 90% of their net income as dividends and invest in rent-producing real property.
SAME-PROPERTY	The results from a community or group of communities that have had stabilized operations and have been owned during two comparable periods.
SUPPLY-CONSTRAINED (MARKETS)	Real estate markets with limited development opportunities due to one or more of the following: (1) relatively few developable land sites that are suitable for housing; (2) political barriers to growth, resulting from restrictive zoning laws or local political opposition to development; (3) physical barriers to growth, resulting from natural features such as mountains or waterways; and (4) economic limitations which make development prohibitively expensive in relation to expected returns.
SUPPLY/DEMAND	As it relates to housing, supply is the result of either new development or conversion from another property type. Demand constitutes the need for housing usually generated by job and/or population growth.
YIELD	The annualized return on invested capital, expressed as a percentage derived by dividing the annualized return by the amount of capital invested.

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