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# **FORM 10-K**

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For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024				
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Documents Incorporated by Reference: Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement, to be filed no later than April 30, 2025, relating to the Registrant's 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

The number of shares of the Registrant's common stock, \$0.001 par value per share, outstanding as of February 18, 2025, was 36,184,658.

# GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION

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# FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Our disclosure and analysis in this Annual Report on Form 10-K (the "Form 10-K") and the documents that are incorporated by reference herein contain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Forward-looking statements involve inherent risks and uncertainties as they relate to expectations, beliefs, projections, future plans and strategies, anticipated events, or trends concerning matters that are not historical facts and may ultimately prove to be incorrect or false. Forward-looking statements include information about possible or assumed future events, including, without limitation, those relating to the discussion and analysis of our business, financial condition, results of operations, and our strategic plans and objectives. Words such as "may," "might," "believe," "will," "anticipate," "future," "could," "growth," "plan," "intend," "expect," "should," "would," "if," "seek," "possible," "potential," "likely" and variations of these words and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements, though not all forward-looking statements contain these words. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those included within or contemplated by such statements, including, but not limited to, the description of risks and uncertainties in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," of this Form 10-K. Additional information regarding risk factors that may affect us is included in Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," of this Form 10-K, and readers of our Form 10-K should also read our U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filings and other publicly-filed documents for further discussion regarding such f

You are cautioned to not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made. Except as otherwise may be required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements, including, without limitation, to reflect changes to our assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events, or actual operating results.

# **Summary Risk Factors**

Below is a summary of the principal risk factors associated with an investment in our securities. In addition to the below, you should carefully consider the information included in "Risk Factors" beginning on page 15 of this Annual Report together with all of the other information included in this Annual Report and the other reports and documents filed or furnished by us with the SEC for a more detailed discussion of the principal risks (as well as certain other risks) that you should carefully consider before deciding to invest in our securities.

- Our real estate portfolio is concentrated across a limited number of states, which subjects us to an increased risk of significant loss if adverse weather, economic, or regulatory changes or developments in the markets in which our properties are located occurs.
- We may, on a temporary basis, choose to operate farms on certain of our properties, which will increase our operating costs and expose us to additional farming and related operational risks.
- Our investments in farms subject to leases with a participation rent component based on the annual gross revenues earned on the respective farm means that a portion of our cash flow is exposed to various risks, including risks related to declining crop prices and lower-than-average crop production, which could have a material adverse effect on the amount of rent we can collect and, consequently, our cash flow and ability to make distributions to our stockholders.
- We currently lease many of our properties to medium-sized, independent farming operations and agricultural businesses, which may have limited financial and personnel resources and, therefore, may be less stable than larger companies, which could impact our ability to generate rental revenue.
- Some of our tenants may be unable to pay rent, which could adversely affect our cash available to make distributions to our stockholders or otherwise impair the value of your investment.
- Our real estate investments will consist of agricultural properties that may be difficult to sell or re-lease upon tenant defaults or early lease terminations, either of which would adversely affect returns to stockholders.
- Illiquidity of our farmland investments may make it difficult for us to sell properties in response to market conditions and could harm our financial condition and ability to make distributions to our stockholders.
- Our operating results and the value of our properties may be impacted by future climate changes, adversely impacting the value of our properties and our ability to generate rental revenue.
- We may not be able to raise sufficient capital or borrow money in sufficient amounts or on sufficiently favorable terms necessary to attain the optimal degree of leverage to operate our business, which may have an adverse effect on our operations and ability to pay distributions.
- Interest rate fluctuations may adversely affect our results of operations.

- Cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents may adversely affect our business by causing a disruption to our operations or the operations of businesses in which we invest, a compromise or corruption of our confidential information, and/or damage to our business relationships, all of which could negatively impact our financial condition, and operating results.
- We are dependent upon our key management personnel for our future success, particularly David Gladstone, Bill Reiman, Lewis Parrish, and Jay Beckhorn.
- We may have conflicts of interest with our Adviser and other affiliates, which could result in investment decisions that are not in the best interests of our stockholders.
- Our Adviser (as defined in Part 1, Item 1, "Business—Overview") is not obligated to provide a waiver of the incentive fee, which could negatively impact our earnings and our ability to maintain our current level of, or increase, distributions to our stockholders.
- Certain provisions contained in our charter and bylaws and under Maryland law may prohibit or restrict attempts by our stockholders to change our management and hinder efforts to effect a change of control of us, and the market price of our common stock may be lower as a result.
- We may not have sufficient earnings and profits to pay distributions on our currently-designated preferred securities.
- We may not be able to maintain our qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, which would subject us to federal income tax on our taxable income at regular corporate rates, thereby reducing the amount of funds available for paying distributions to stockholders.
- Investments in our common stock may not be suitable for pension or profit-sharing trusts, Keogh Plans, or individual retirement accounts, or IRAs.
- If our Operating Partnership fails to maintain its status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, its income may be subject to taxation.

This list of risks and uncertainties, however, is only a summary of some of the most important factors to us and is not intended to be exhaustive. You should carefully review the risks set forth herein under Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors," of this Form 10-K. New factors may also emerge from time to time that could materially and adversely affect us.

All references to "we," "our," "us," and the "Company" in this Form 10-K mean Gladstone Land Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries, except where it is made clear that the term refers only to Gladstone Land Corporation.

# PART I

#### ITEM 1. BUSINESS

# Overview

We are an externally-managed, agricultural real estate investment trust ("REIT") that is engaged in the business of owning and leasing farmland. We are not generally a grower of crops, nor do we typically farm the properties we own, though we may, on a temporary basis, do so in the future on select properties in certain situations. If we choose to operate any farms we own, we anticipate doing so via a management agreement with a third-party operator and/or through a taxable REIT subsidiary ("TRS"). We currently own 150 farms comprised of 103,001 acres across 15 states in the U.S. We also own several farm-related facilities that are necessary to the farming operations on the underlying farmland.

Our farmland is predominantly concentrated in locations where farmers are able to grow either fresh produce annual row crops (e.g., certain berries and vegetables), which are typically planted and harvested annually, or certain permanent crops (e.g., almonds, blueberries, pistachios, and wine grapes). To a much lesser extent, we also own farms that grow certain commodity crops (e.g., corn and beans). In addition, we own several farm-related facilities, such as cooling facilities, packinghouses, processing facilities, and various storage facilities. While our focus will continue to be on farmland growing either fresh produce annual row crops or certain permanent crops, in the future, we expect to acquire more farmland that grows commodity crops on a selective basis, as well as more farm-related facilities.

We conduct substantially all of our business activities through an Umbrella Partnership Real Estate Investment Trust ("UPREIT") structure, by which all of our properties are held, directly or indirectly, by Gladstone Land Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"). We control the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership and currently own, directly or indirectly, 100.0% of the common units of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership ("OP Units"). We have in the past, and may in the future, offer equity ownership in our Operating Partnership by issuing additional OP Units to farmland owners as consideration for acquiring their farms. See "Our Investment Process—Types of Investments" below for additional information regarding OP Units.

We are managed by our external adviser, Gladstone Management Corporation (the "Adviser"), and Gladstone Administration, LLC (the "Administrator"), provides administrative services to us. Both our Adviser and our Administrator are affiliates of ours and each other.

Upon the pricing of our initial public offering (the "IPO"), on January 29, 2013, our shares of common stock began trading on the Nasdaq Global Market ("Nasdaq") under the symbol "LAND." Our shares of 6.00% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series B Preferred Stock") are traded on Nasdaq under the symbol "LANDO," our shares of 6.00% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series C Preferred Stock") are traded on Nasdaq under the symbol "LANDP," and our shares of 5.00% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock (the "Series D Term Preferred Stock") are traded on Nasdaq under the symbol "LANDM." In addition, we have registered our 5.00% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series E Preferred Stock"). The Series E Preferred Stock is not listed on a national securities exchange, and there is currently no public market for shares of this security.

# Our Investment Objectives and Our Strategy

Our principal business objective is to maximize stockholder returns through a combination of: (i) monthly cash distributions to our stockholders, which we hope to sustain and increase through long-term growth in cash flows from increased rents (including participation rents); (ii) appreciation of our land; and (iii) capital gains derived from the sale of our properties. Our primary strategy to achieve our business objective is to invest in and further diversify our current portfolio of primarily triple-net-leased farmland and farm related properties. In addition, we may also acquire certain commercial properties used by businesses that support agricultural communities. This strategy includes the following components:

Owning Farms, Farm-Related Real Estate, and Real Estate used by Businesses that Support Farming Communities for Income. We own and intend to primarily acquire
additional farms and farm-related properties and lease them to independent and corporate farming operations, including sellers who desire to continue farming the land
after we acquire the property from them. We may also acquire commercial properties used by businesses that support farming communities. Such businesses may
include, but are not limited to, farmer-owned cooperatives, rural infrastructure providers, and other agribusinesses. We intend to hold most acquired properties for many
years and to generate stable and increasing rental income from leasing these properties. However, from time to time, we may explore alternative

- options with certain of our farms, including entering into agreements where we finance a portion of the planting, growing, and harvesting costs on certain farms in exchange for receiving a larger share of the resulting crop sales.
- Owning Farms, Farm-Related Real Estate, and Real Estate used by Businesses that Support Farming Communities for Appreciation. We intend to lease acquired properties over the long term. However, from time to time, we may sell one or more properties if we believe it to be in the best interests of our stockholders and best to maintain the overall value of our portfolio. Potential purchasers may include real estate developers desiring to develop the property, financial purchasers seeking to acquire property for investment purposes, or farmers who have operated or seek to operate the land. Accordingly, we will seek to acquire properties that we believe have potential for long-term appreciation in value.
- Operating Certain Farms under Certain Conditions. While we do not generally intend to be a grower of crops, we may choose to do so on select properties in certain unique situations if we believe it to be in the best interests of our stockholders and best to maintain the overall value of our portfolio. If we choose to operate any farms we own, we anticipate doing so via a management agreement with a third-party operator and/or through our TRS.
- Continue Expanding our Operations Geographically. Our properties are currently located in 15 states across the U.S., and we expect that we will acquire properties in other farming regions of the U.S. in the future. While our primary regions of focus are the West and the Southeast regions of the U.S., we believe other regions of the U.S., such as the Pacific Northwest and Mid-Atlantic regions, offer attractive locations for expansion, and, to a lesser extent, we also expect to seek farmland acquisitions in certain regions of the Midwest on a select, opportunistic basis, as well as other areas in the U.S.
- Continue Expanding our Crop Varieties. Currently, the majority of tenants who farm our properties grow either annual row crops dedicated to fresh produce, such as berries (e.g., strawberries and raspberries) and fresh vegetables (e.g., tomatoes, lettuce, and bell peppers), or certain permanent crops (e.g., pistachios, almonds, blueberries, and wine grapes). To a lesser extent, we also own farms growing certain commodity crops (e.g., corn and beans). We will seek to continue our recent expansion into other permanent crops and, to a lesser extent, commodity crops, while maintaining our focus on annual row-crop farms growing fresh produce and farms growing certain permanent crops.
- Using Leverage. To maximize our number of investments, we intend to borrow through loans secured by long-term mortgages on our properties, and we may also borrow funds on a short-term basis or incur other indebtedness.
- Owning Mortgages on Farms and Farm-Related Real Estate. In certain circumstances, we may make senior secured first lien mortgage loans (secured by farms or farm-related real estate) to farmers for the purchase of farmland, properties related to farming and for other farm related needs. We do not expect that, over time, our mortgages held will exceed 5.0% of the fair value of our total assets.

We intend to acquire more farmland and farm-related properties in our regions of focus that is already or will be leased to farmers, and we expect that most of our future tenants will be independent or corporate farming and business operations that are all unrelated to us. We intend to continue to lease the majority of our farms and farm-related facilities on a triple-net lease basis to tenants who sell their products through national corporate marketers-distributors. We may also acquire and lease commercial properties used by businesses that support farming communities. We expect to continue to earn rental income from our real estate assets.

# **Our Investment Process**

#### Types of Investments

We expect that substantially all of our investments will continue to be comprised of income-producing agricultural real property, and we expect that the majority of our leases will continue to be structured as triple-net leases. We may also acquire properties used by businesses that support farming communities. Investments will not be restricted as to geographical areas, but we expect that most of our investments in farmland real estate will continue to be made within the U.S. Currently, our properties are located across 15 states in the U.S.

We anticipate that we will make substantially all of our investments through our Operating Partnership. Our Operating Partnership may acquire interests in real property in exchange for the issuance of shares of our common stock, OP Units, cash, or through a combination of the three. OP Units issued by our Operating Partnership will be redeemable at the option of the holder for cash or, at our election, shares of our common stock on a one-for-one basis at any time after holding the OP Units for one year. We currently, and may in the future, hold some or all of our interests in real properties through one or more wholly-owned subsidiaries, each classified as a qualified REIT subsidiary.

Property Acquisitions and Leasing

We anticipate that many of the farms and farm-related facilities we purchase will be acquired from independent farmers or agricultural companies and that they will simultaneously lease the properties back from us. These transactions will provide the tenants with an alternative to other financing sources, such as borrowing, mortgaging real property, or selling securities. We anticipate that some of our transactions will be in conjunction with acquisitions, recapitalizations, or other corporate transactions affecting our tenants. We also expect that many of the farms and farm-related facilities we acquire will be purchased from owners who do not farm the property but rather lease the property of other tenant-farmers. In situations such as these, we intend to have a lease in place prior to or simultaneously with acquiring the property. For a discussion of the risks associated with leasing property to leveraged tenants, see Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Business and Operations—Some of our tenants may be unable to pay rent, which could adversely affect our cash available to make distributions to our stockholders or otherwise impair the value of your investment."

We intend to own and lease primarily single-tenant, agricultural real property, and we may acquire and lease properties used by businesses that support farming communities. Generally, we will lease properties to tenants that our Adviser deems creditworthy under triple-net leases that will be full-recourse obligations of our tenants or their affiliates. Most of our agricultural leases have original terms ranging from 3 to 10 years for farms growing annual row crops and 7 to 15 years for properties growing permanent crops, often with options to extend the lease further. Rent is generally payable to us in advance on either an annual or semi-annual basis, with such rent typically subject to periodic escalation clauses provided for within the lease. The escalation clauses may specify fixed dollar amounts or percentage increases each year, or they may be variable, based on standard cost of living or inflation indices. In addition, some leases that are longer-term in nature may require a regular survey of comparable land rents, with the rent owed per the lease being adjusted to reflect then-current market rents. We also have leases that include a variable rent component based on the gross revenues earned on the respective farm. In these types of agreements, we will generally require the lease to include the guarantee of a minimum amount of rental income that satisfies our investment return criteria. From time to time, we may also explore alternative leasing options with tenants on certain of our farms, including entering into agreements where we finance a portion of the planting, growing, and harvesting costs on certain farms in exchange for receiving a larger share of the resulting crop sales.

We believe that we can acquire farmland that we will be able to lease at annual rental rates providing net capitalization rates generally ranging from 4% to 7% or more of the properties' market values. However, there can be no assurance that we will be able to achieve this level of rental rates. Since rental contracts in the farming business for annual row crops are customarily short-term agreements, rental rates are typically renegotiated regularly to then-current market rates.

# Underwriting Criteria and Due Diligence Process

# Selecting the Property

We consider selecting the right properties to purchase or finance as one of the most important aspects of our business. Buying quality farmland that can be used to grow a variety of different crops and that is located in desirable locations is essential to our success.

Our Adviser works with real estate contacts in agricultural markets throughout the U.S. to assess available properties and farming areas. We believe that our Adviser is experienced in selecting valuable farmland and will use this expertise to identify promising properties. The following is a list of important factors in our selection of farmland:

- Water availability. Availability of water is essential to farming. We seek to purchase properties with ample access to water through an operating well on site or rights to use a well or other source that is located nearby. Additionally, we may, in the future, consider acquiring properties that rely on rainfall for water if the tenant on that property mitigates the drought risk by purchasing drought insurance. Typically, leases on properties that would rely on rainfall would be longer term in nature.
- Soil composition. In addition to water, for farming efforts to be successful, the soil must be suitable for growing crops. We will not buy or finance any real property that does not have soil conditions that we believe are favorable for growing the crops farmed on the property, except to the extent that a portion of an otherwise suitable property, while not favorable for growing the crops farmed on the property, may be utilized to build structures used in the farming business, such as cooling facilities, packinghouses, distribution centers, greenhouses, and storage facilities.
- Location. Farming also requires optimal climate and growing seasons. We typically seek to purchase properties in locations that take advantage of climate conditions that are needed to grow fresh produce row crops. We intend to continue to expand throughout the U.S. in locations with productive farmland and financially sound tenant-farmers
- *Price.* We intend to purchase and finance properties that we believe are a good value and that we will be able to rent profitably for farming over the long term. Generally, the closer a property is located to urban developments, the higher the value of the property. As a result, properties that are currently located in close proximity to urban developments are likely to be too expensive to justify farming over an extended period of time, and, therefore, we are unlikely to invest in such properties.

Our Adviser will perform a due diligence review with respect to each potential property acquisition. Such review will include an evaluation of the physical condition of a property and an environmental site assessment to determine potential environmental liabilities associated with a property prior to its acquisition. One of the criteria that we look for is whether mineral rights to such property, which constitute a separate estate from the surface rights to the property, have been sold to a third party. We generally seek to invest in properties where mineral rights have not been sold to third parties; however, in cases where access to mineral rights would not affect the surface farming operations, we may enter into a lease agreement for the extraction of minerals or other subterranean resources, as we have done in the past on a few of our properties. We may seek to acquire mineral rights in connection with the acquisition of future properties to the extent such mineral rights have been sold off and the investment acquisition of such rights is considered to be favorable after our due diligence review. Despite the conduct of these reviews, there can be no assurance that hazardous substances or waste, as determined under present or future federal or state laws or regulations, will not be discovered on the property after we acquire it.

Our Adviser will also physically inspect each property and the real estate surrounding it to estimate its value. Our Adviser's due diligence will be primarily focused on valuing each property independent of its rental value to particular tenants to whom we plan to rent. The real estate valuations our Adviser performs will consider one or more of the following items:

- The comparable value of similar real property in the same general area of the prospective property, to the extent possible.
- · The comparable real estate rental rates for similar properties in the same general area of the prospective property.
- Alternative uses for the property to determine if there is another use for the property that would give it higher value, including potential future conversion to urban or suburban uses, such as commercial or residential development.
- The assessed value as determined by the local real estate taxing authority.

In addition, our Adviser will generally supplement its valuation estimate with an independent real estate appraisal in connection with each investment that it considers. These appraisals may take into consideration, among other things, the terms and conditions of the particular lease transaction, the quality of the tenant's credit and the conditions of the credit markets at the time the lease transaction is negotiated. However, in certain limited situations, the actual purchase price of a property may be greater or less than its appraised value. When appropriate, our Adviser may engage experts to undertake some or all of the due diligence efforts described above.

Upon completion of a due diligence investigation and a decision to proceed with an investment, the Adviser's investment professionals who have primary responsibility for the investment present the investment opportunity to the Adviser's investment committee. The investment committee then determines whether to pursue the potential investment. Prior to the closing of an investment, additional due diligence may be conducted on our behalf by attorneys, independent accountants, and other outside advisers, as appropriate.

Underwriting the Tenant, Due Diligence Process, and Negotiating Lease Provisions

In addition to property selection, underwriting the tenant that will lease the property is also an important aspect of our investment process. Our Adviser will evaluate the creditworthiness of the tenant and assess its ability to generate sufficient cash flow from its agricultural operations and other business operations, as applicable, to cover its payment obligations to us pursuant to our lease. The following is a list of criteria that our Adviser may consider when evaluating potential tenants for our properties, although not all criteria may be present for each lease:

- Experience. We believe that experience is the most significant characteristic when determining the creditworthiness of a tenant. Therefore, we seek to rent our properties to farmers that have an extensive track record of farming their property and particular crops successfully and, in some cases, to other tenants with meaningful management experience and a strong operating history.
- Financial Strength. We evaluate each potential tenant's financial stability, considering factors such as its rating by a national credit rating agency, if any, management experience, industry position and fundamentals, operating history, and capital structure, as applicable. We primarily seek to rent to farming operations that have financial resources to invest in planting and harvesting their crops. We generally require annual financial statements of new tenants to evaluate the financial capability of the tenant and its ability to perform its obligations under the lease.
- Adherence to Quality Standards. We seek to lease our properties to those farmers that are committed to farming in a manner that will generate high-quality crops. We intend to identify such commitment through their track records of selling produce into established distribution chains and outlets.
- Lease Provisions that Enhance and Protect Value. When appropriate, our Adviser attempts to include lease provisions that require our consent to specified tenant activity or require the tenant to satisfy specific operating tests. These provisions may include, for example, requiring the tenant to meet operational or financial covenants or to indemnify us against environmental and other contingent liabilities. We believe that these provisions serve to protect our investments from adverse changes in the operating and financial characteristics of a tenant that may impact its ability

to satisfy its obligations to us or that could reduce the value of our properties. Our Adviser generally also seeks covenants requiring tenants to receive our consent prior to any change in control of the tenant.

- Credit Enhancement. To mitigate risk and enhance the likelihood of tenants satisfying their lease obligations, our Adviser may also seek cross-default provisions if a
  tenant has multiple obligations to us or seek a letter of credit or a guaranty of lease obligations from each tenant's corporate affiliates, if any. We believe that these types
  of credit enhancements, if obtained, provide us with additional financial security.
- Diversification. Our Adviser will seek to diversify our portfolio to avoid dependence on any one particular tenant, geographic location, facility type or crop type. By diversifying our portfolio, our Adviser intends to reduce the adverse effect on our portfolio of a single underperforming investment or a downturn in any particular geographic region. Many of the areas in which we purchase or finance properties are likely to have their own microclimates and, although they appear to be in close proximity to one another, generally will not be similarly affected by weather or other natural occurrences at the same time. We currently own properties in 15 different states across the U.S., and over time, we expect to expand our geographic focus to other areas in the U.S., including the Pacific Northwest, Midwest, and Mid-Atlantic. We will also attempt to continue diversifying our portfolio of properties by seeking additional farmland that grows a variety of different crop types, while maintaining our current focus of owning and leasing farmland that grows fresh produce annual row crops and certain permanent crops. Refer to Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation—Overview—Portfolio Diversification," for a summary of our portfolio diversification and concentrations

While our Adviser seeks tenants it believes to be creditworthy, tenants are not required to meet any minimum rating established by an independent credit rating agency. Our Adviser's standards for determining whether a particular tenant is creditworthy will vary in accordance with a variety of factors relating to specific prospective tenants. The creditworthiness of a tenant is determined on a tenant-by-tenant and case-by-case basis. Therefore, general standards for creditworthiness cannot be applied. We monitor our tenants' credit quality on an ongoing basis by, among other things, periodically conducting site visits to the properties to ensure farming operations are taking place and to assess the general maintenance of the properties. To date, no significant changes to credit quality of our tenants have been identified, and our tenants generally continue to pay pursuant to the terms of their respective leases.

# Use of Leverage

Our strategy is to use borrowings as a financing mechanism in amounts that we believe will maximize the return to our stockholders. We generally expect to enter into borrowing arrangements directly or indirectly through our Operating Partnership. Our governing documents and policies do not impose a limitation on the amount we may borrow against any single investment property, nor do they impose a limitation on our overall level of borrowing.

We believe that, by operating on a leveraged basis, we will have more funds available and, therefore, will be able to make more investments than would otherwise be possible. We believe that this will allow us to assemble a more diversified portfolio. Our Adviser and Administrator use their best efforts to obtain financing on the most favorable terms available to us.

We anticipate that our prospective lenders may also seek to include loan provisions whereby the termination or replacement of our Adviser would result in an event of default or an event requiring the immediate repayment of the full outstanding balance of the loan. The replacement or termination of our Adviser may, however, require the prior consent of a lender

We may refinance properties during the term of a loan when, in the opinion of our Adviser, a decline in interest rates makes it advisable to prepay an existing mortgage loan, when an existing mortgage loan matures, or if an attractive investment becomes available and the proceeds from the refinancing can be used to make such investment. The benefits of the refinancing may include an increase in cash flow resulting from reduced debt service requirements, an increase in distributions to stockholders from proceeds of the refinancing, if any, or an increase in property ownership if some refinancing proceeds are reinvested in real estate.

# **Investment Limitations**

There are numerous limitations on the manner in which we may invest our funds. We have adopted a policy that without the permission of our Board of Directors, we will not:

- invest 50% or more of our total assets in a single property at the time of investment;
- · invest in real property owned by our Adviser, any of its affiliates or any entity in which our Adviser or any of its affiliates have invested;
- invest in commodities or commodity futures contracts, with this limitation not being applicable to futures contracts when used solely for the purpose of hedging in connection with our ordinary business of investing in properties and making mortgage loans;

- · invest in contracts for the sale of real estate unless the contract is in recordable form and is appropriately recorded in the chain of title;
- issue equity securities on a deferred payment basis or other similar arrangement;
- · grant warrants or options to purchase shares of our stock to our Adviser or its affiliates;
- · engage in trading, as compared with investment activities, or engage in the business of underwriting, or the agency distribution of, securities issued by other persons;
- invest more than 5% of the value of our assets in the securities of any one issuer if the investment would cause us to fail to maintain our qualification as a REIT;
- invest in securities representing more than 10% of the outstanding securities (by vote or value) of any one issuer if the investment would cause us to fail to maintain our qualification as a REIT; or
- · acquire securities in any company holding investments or engaging in activities prohibited in the foregoing clauses.

# **Conflict of Interest Policy**

We have adopted policies to reduce potential conflicts of interest. In addition, our directors are subject to certain provisions of Maryland law that are designed to minimize conflicts. However, we cannot provide assurance that these policies or provisions of law will reduce or eliminate the influence of these conflicts.

We have adopted a policy that, without the approval of a majority of our independent directors, we will not:

- acquire from or sell to any of our officers or directors, the employees of our Adviser or Administrator, or any entity in which any of our officers, directors, or such employees has an interest of more than 5%, any assets or other property;
- borrow from any of our directors or officers, the employees of our Adviser or Administrator, or any entity in which any of our officers, directors, or such employees has an interest of more than 5%; or
- engage in any other transaction with any of our directors or officers, the employees of our Adviser or Administrator, or any entity in which any of our directors, officers, or such employees has an interest of more than 5%.

Consistent with the provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we will not extend credit, or arrange for the extension of credit, to any of our directors and officers. Under the Maryland General Corporation Law, a contract or other transaction between us and one of our directors or officers or any other entity in which one of our directors or officers is also a director or officer or has a material financial interest is not void or voidable solely on the grounds of the common directorship or interest, the fact that the director or officer was present at the meeting at which the contract or transaction was approved or the fact that the director's vote was counted in favor of the contract or transaction if:

- the material facts relating to the common directorship or interest and as to the transaction are disclosed to our Board of Directors or a committee of our Board, and our Board or the committee in good faith authorizes the contract or transaction by the affirmative vote of a majority of the directors not interested in the contract or transaction, even if the disinterested directors do not constitute a quorum of the Board or committee;
- the fact of the common directorship or interest is disclosed to our stockholders entitled to vote on the contract or transaction, and the contract or transaction is approved or ratified by a majority of the votes cast by the stockholders entitled to vote on the matter, other than shares owned of record or beneficially by the interested director, corporation or entity; or
- the contract or transaction is fair and reasonable to us as of the time authorized, approved or ratified by the Board of Directors, a committee or the stockholders.

Our policy also prohibits us from purchasing any real property from, or co-investing in any real property with, our Adviser, any of its affiliates, or any business in which our Adviser or any of its subsidiaries have invested. If we decide to change this policy on co-investments with our Adviser or its affiliates, we will seek approval of our independent directors

# **Code of Ethics**

We have adopted a code of ethics and business conduct applicable to all personnel of our Adviser and Administrator that complies with the guidelines set forth in Item 406 of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act. This code establishes procedures for personal investments, restricts certain transactions by such personnel, and requires the reporting of certain transactions and holdings by such personnel. A copy of this code is available for review, free of charge, on the Investors section of our website at www.GladstoneLand.com. The information contained on or connected to our website is not incorporated by reference into this Form 10-K and should not be considered part of this or any other report that we file with or furnish to the SEC. We intend to provide any required disclosure of any amendments to or waivers of this code of ethics by posting information regarding any such amendment or waiver to our website.

# **Insider Trading Policy**

In addition, the code of ethics and business conduct, among other things, prohibits directors, officers and other employees of the Company, Gladstone Capital Corporation ("Gladstone Capital"), Gladstone Commercial"), Gladstone Investment Corporation ("Gladstone Investment"), Gladstone Investment Corporation ("Gladstone Investment"), Gladstone Alternative Income Fund ("Gladstone Alternative," and collectively, with the Company, the "Funds"), the Administrator, or the Adviser, including such persons' spouse, minor children, family members living within the same household, and any other affiliates or affiliated entities, from trading in the Funds' securities while in possession of material non-public information and entering into a short sale transaction or trading in options (including puts and calls), warrants, convertible securities, appreciation rights, or other derivative securities, with respect to the Company's securities (or securities of the Funds) granted as compensation or held directly or indirectly by the individuals covered under the policy, or use any other derivative transaction or instrument to take a short position in respect of such Fund's securities. The code also requires the pre-clearance of transactions in Fund securities.

# Our Adviser and Administrator

We are externally managed by our Adviser. The officers, directors, and employees of our Adviser have significant experience in making investments in and lending to businesses of all sizes, including investing in real estate and making mortgage loans. We have entered into an investment advisory agreement with our Adviser, which was most recently amended and restated effective July 1, 2021 (the "Advisory Agreement"), under which our Adviser is responsible for managing our assets and liabilities, for operating our business on a day-to-day basis, and for identifying, evaluating, negotiating, and consummating investment transactions consistent with our investment policies as determined by our Board of Directors from time to time.

Our Administrator employs our chief financial officer, treasurer, chief compliance officer, general counsel and secretary (who also serves as our Administrator's president, general counsel, and secretary), and their respective staffs and provides administrative services to us under the amended and restated Administration Agreement entered into on February 1, 2013 (the "Administration Agreement").

David Gladstone, our chairman, chief executive officer, president, and largest stockholder, is also the chairman, chief executive officer, and the controlling stockholder of our Adviser and our Administrator.

Our Adviser has an investment committee that evaluates and approves each of our investments. This investment committee is currently comprised of Messrs. Gladstone and Reiman; Mr. John Sateri, who is a managing director of our Adviser and President of Gladstone Alternative; and Ms. Laura Gladstone, who is a managing director of our Adviser. We believe that the review process of our Adviser's investment committee gives us a competitive advantage over other agricultural real estate companies because of the substantial experience that the members possess and their unique perspective in evaluating the blend of corporate credit, real estate, and lease terms that collectively combine to provide an acceptable risk for our investments.

Our Adviser's board of directors has empowered the investment committee to authorize and approve our investments, subject to the terms of the Advisory Agreement. Before we acquire any property, the proposed transaction is be reviewed by the investment committee to ensure that, in its view, the transaction satisfies our investment criteria and is within our investment policies. Approval by the investment committee will generally be the final step in the property acquisition approval process, although the separate approval of our Board of Directors is required in certain circumstances, which are described below.

Our Adviser and Administrator are headquartered in McLean, Virginia, a suburb of Washington, D.C., and our Adviser also has offices in several other states. Refer to Part II, Item 7, "Management Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations—Overview—Our Adviser and Administrator" of this Form 10-K for a detailed discussion on the fee structure of each of the Adviser and Administrator.

# Adviser Duties and Authority under the Advisory Agreement

Under the terms of the Advisory Agreement, our Adviser is required to present to us investment opportunities consistent with our investment policies and objectives as adopted by our Board of Directors. In performing its duties, our Adviser, either directly or indirectly by engaging an affiliate:

- finds, evaluates, presents, and recommends to us a continuing series of real estate investment opportunities consistent with our investment policies and objectives;
- provides advice to us and acts on our behalf with respect to the negotiation, acquisition, financing, refinancing, holding, leasing, and disposition of real estate investments:
- enters into contracts to purchase real estate on our behalf in compliance with our investment procedures, objectives, and policies, subject to approval of our Board of Directors, where required;

- takes the actions and obtains the services necessary to effect the negotiation, acquisition, financing, refinancing holding, leasing, and disposition of real estate investments; and
- · provides day-to-day management of our real estate activities and other administrative services.

Our Board of Directors has authorized our Adviser to make investments in any property on our behalf without the prior approval of our Board if the following conditions are satisfied:

- · our Adviser has determined that the total cost of the property does not exceed its determined value; and
- our Adviser has provided us with a representation that the property, in conjunction with our other investments and proposed investments, is reasonably expected to fulfill our investment objectives and policies as established by our Board of Directors then in effect.

The actual terms and conditions of transactions involving investments in properties shall be determined in the sole discretion of our Adviser, subject at all times to compliance with the foregoing requirements. Some types of transactions, including the following, require the prior approval of our Board of Directors, including a majority of our independent directors:

- any acquisition which at the time of investment would have a cost exceeding 50% of our total assets; and
- · transactions that involve conflicts of interest with our Adviser (other than reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the Advisory Agreement).

Our Adviser and Administrator also engage in other business ventures and, as a result, certain (but not all) of their resources are not dedicated exclusively to our business. For example, our Adviser and Administrator also serve as the external adviser and administrator, respectively, to Gladstone Capital and Gladstone Investment, both publicly-traded business development companies affiliated with us; Gladstone Commercial, a publicly-traded REIT affiliated with us; and Gladstone Alternative, a non-diversified, closed-end management investment company that operates as an "interval fund" that is also our affiliate. However, under the Advisory Agreement, our Adviser is required to devote sufficient resources to the administration of our affairs to discharge its obligations under the agreement. The Advisory Agreement is not assignable or transferable by either us or our Adviser without the consent of the other party, except that our Adviser may assign the Advisory Agreement to an affiliate for whom our Adviser agrees to guarantee its obligations to us.

# **Gladstone Securities**

Gladstone Securities, LLC ("Gladstone Securities") is a privately-held broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and insured by the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. Gladstone Securities is an affiliate of ours, as its parent company is owned and controlled by David Gladstone, our chairman, chief executive officer, and president. Mr. Gladstone also serves on the board of managers of Gladstone Securities. In addition, Michael LiCalsi, our General Counsel and Secretary, serves in several capacities for Gladstone Securities, serving as Chief Legal Officer, Secretary, and a member of its board of managers since 2010 and a managing principal since 2011.

# Financing Arrangement Agreement

On April 11, 2017, we entered into an agreement with Gladstone Securities for it to act as our non-exclusive agent to assist us with arranging financing for our properties (the "Financing Arrangement Agreement"). Pursuant to the agreement, we pay Gladstone Securities a financing fee in connection with the services it provides to us for securing financing on our properties. Refer to Note 6, "Related-Party Transactions—Gladstone Securities," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the fees to be paid to Gladstone Securities pursuant to the Financing Arrangement Agreement.

# Dealer-Manager Agreements

In connection with the continuous public offering of our Series C Preferred Stock (which was completed in December 2022) and our Series E Preferred Stock (which offering is ongoing), we entered into certain dealer-manager agreements with Gladstone Securities, whereby Gladstone Securities served or serves, as appropriate, as our exclusive dealer-manager. Pursuant to each of these dealer-manager agreements, Gladstone Securities provided or provides certain sales, promotional, and marketing services to us in connection with the offering of the respective stock. Refer to Note 6, "Related-Party Transactions—Gladstone Securities," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the fees and commissions paid to Gladstone Securities pursuant to each of these dealer-manager agreements.

# **Human Capital Management**

We do not currently have any employees and do not expect to have any employees in the foreseeable future. Currently, services necessary for our business are provided by individuals who are employees of our Adviser and our Administrator pursuant to the terms of the Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement, respectively. Each of our executive

officers is an employee or executive officer, or both, of each our Adviser and our Administrator. We expect that approximately 15 to 25 full-time employees of our Adviser and our Administrator will spend substantial time on our matters during the 2025 calendar year. Our CFO, accounting team, and the employees of our Adviser who manage our assets and investments spend all of their time on our matters. To the extent that we acquire more investments, we anticipate that the number of employees of our Adviser and our Administrator who devote time to our matters will increase and the number of our Adviser's employees working out of local offices, if any, where we buy land will also increase.

As of December 31, 2024, our Adviser and Administrator, collectively, had 72 full-time employees. A breakdown thereof is summarized by functional area in the table below:

Number of Individuals	Functional Area
12	Executive Management
37	Investment Management, Portfolio Management, and Due Diligence
23	Administration, Accounting, Compliance, Human Resources, Legal, and Treasury

The Adviser and the Administrator aim to attract and retain capable advisory and administrative personnel, respectively, by offering competitive base salaries, benefits, and bonus structure and by providing employees with appropriate opportunities for professional development and growth.

# Competition

We face competition for farmland acreage from many different entities, including, but not limited to, developers, municipalities, individual farmers, agriculture corporations, institutional investors, and others. Investment firms that we might compete directly against could include agricultural investment firms, such as Hancock Agricultural Investment Group, Prudential Agricultural Investments, and UBS AgriVest, LLC. These firms engage in the acquisition, asset management, valuation, and disposition of farmland properties. Further competition may also come from other agricultural REITs, both publicly-traded (e.g., Farmland Partners, Inc.) and privately-held (e.g., Iroquois Valley Farmland REIT, PBC); other agricultural-focused privately-held funds, such as AgIS Capital, LLC, and Homestead Capital; and various online farmland crowdfunding platforms (e.g., AcreTrader, FarmTogether, etc.).

# **Government Regulations**

We own, manage, acquire, and develop our properties in compliance with the laws and regulations of the United States, as well as state and local laws and regulations in the jurisdictions where our properties are located, which may differ among jurisdictions. Developments related to public health emergencies, including laws and regulations implemented by federal governmental authorities or state and local governmental authorities in jurisdictions where our properties are located in response to such public health emergencies, may impact our ability to operate our business, or those of our tenants, in the ordinary course, which may materially affect our results of operations for the year ending December 31, 2025. Otherwise, we do not expect that compliance with the various laws and regulations we are subject to will have a material effect on our capital expenditures, results of operations, or competitive position for the year ending December 31, 2025, as compared to prior periods.

Additionally, as an owner of real estate, we are subject to various federal, state, and local environmental laws, regulations, and ordinances and also could be liable to third parties resulting from environmental contamination or noncompliance at our properties. Environmental laws often impose liability without regard to whether the owner or operator knew of or was responsible for the presence of the contaminants, and the costs of any required investigation or cleanup of these substances could be substantial. The liability is generally not limited under such laws and could exceed the property's value and the aggregate assets of the liable party. The presence of contamination or the failure to remediate contamination at our properties also may expose us to third-party liability for personal injury or property damage or adversely affect our ability to lease the real property or to borrow using the real estate as collateral.

These and other risks related to governmental regulation and environmental matters are described in more detail in Part I, Item 1A, 'Risk Factors,' of this Form 10-K.

# Other Required Financial Information

For other required financial information related to our properties, concentrations, segments, and operations, refer to our consolidated financial statements, including the notes thereto, included within this Form 10-K.

# **Available Information**

Copies of each of our annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, proxy statements, and amendments, if any, to those reports filed or furnished with the SEC, pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act are available free of charge through our website at www.GladstoneLand.com. A request for any of these reports may also be submitted to us by sending a written request addressed to Investor Relations, Gladstone Land Corporation, 1521 Westbranch Drive, Suite 100, McLean, VA, 22102, or by calling our toll-free investor relations line at 1-866-366-5745. The SEC also maintains a website that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding issuers that file electronically with the SEC at www.SEC.gov.

# ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves a number of significant risks and other factors relating to our structure and investment objectives. As a result, we cannot assure you that we will achieve our investment objectives. You should consider carefully the following information as an investor and/or prospective investor in our securities. The risks described below may not be the only risks we face. Additional risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial may also significantly impact our business operations. If any of these risks occur, our business prospects, financial condition, or results of operations could suffer, the market price of our capital stock could decline, and you could lose all or part of your investment in our capital stock.

# Risks Relating to Our Business and Operations

Our real estate portfolio is concentrated across a limited number of states, which subjects us to an increased risk of significant loss if adverse weather, economic, or regulatory changes or developments in the markets in which our properties are located occur.

Since our current real estate profile is concentrated across a limited number of states, we are subject to adverse changes in the political or regulatory climate in those states or specific counties where our properties are located that could adversely affect our real estate portfolio and our ability to lease properties. The geographic concentration of our portfolio could also cause us to be more susceptible to adverse weather, economic or regulatory changes, or developments in the markets in which our properties are located than if we owned a more geographically-diverse portfolio, which could materially and adversely affect the value of our farms and our ability to lease our farms on favorable terms or at all.

We may operate farms on certain of our properties, which will increase our operating costs and expose us to additional farming and related operational risks

We may, on a temporary basis, operate certain of our farms via a management agreement with a third-party operator. If we choose to operate any farms we own, we will incur additional costs associated with such farming activities. In addition, we will be exposed to risks related to farming these properties, including, but not limited to, overall market conditions, natural disasters, adverse weather conditions (including drought), crop-related disease, lower-than-expected harvests, and regulatory restrictions. These risks may harm our farming operations and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flow.

We may not be successful in identifying and consummating additional suitable acquisitions that meet our investment criteria, which may impede our growth and negatively affect our results of operations.

We continue to actively seek and evaluate other farm properties for potential purchase, but there is no guarantee that we will be able to continue to find and acquire properties that meet our investment criteria. We expect that a significant number of our future tenants will be independent farming operations, about which there is generally little or no publicly available operating and financial information. As a result, we rely on our Adviser to perform due diligence investigations of these tenants, their operations, and their prospects. We may not learn all of the material information we need to know regarding these businesses through our investigations. As a result, it is possible that we could lease properties to tenants that ultimately are unable to pay rent to us, which could adversely impact the amount available for distributions.

Investments in development farmland, or farmland planted with immature permanent crops rather than annual crops or mature permanent crops, may have inherent risks, including those relating to the longer period between development and commercial productivity for certain permanent crop development farms, the cost of development, profitability of newly-developed farms, higher ongoing costs, and delayed development, all of which could adversely impact our results of operations and cash flow.

On a limited basis, we have invested in certain properties requiring further development before reaching commercial productivity, such as the development of an almond orchard, or in properties with immature permanent plantings. Such investments, and any future investments in property developments, involves risks that are different and, in most cases, greater than the risks associated with our acquisition of fully-developed and commercially-productive farms. In addition to the risks

associated with real estate investments in general, as described elsewhere in this Form 10-K, the risks associated with our development farms include, among other things:

- significant time lag between commencement of development and commercial productivity for permanent crop development farms subjects us to greater risks due to fluctuations in the general economy, crop prices, and adverse weather conditions;
- · expenditure of money and time on development that may not be completed;
- inability to achieve rental rates per acre at newly-developed farms to make the properties profitable;
- · higher than estimated costs, including labor and planting, irrigation or other related costs; and
- possible delays in development due to a number of factors, including weather, labor disruptions, regulatory approvals, acts of terror or other acts of violence, or acts of God (such as fires, earthquakes, or floods).

All of our properties undergoing development or planted with immature permanent crops are currently leased and earning income. However, with regard to future acquisitions of such properties, the time frame required for development and for the farms to become commercially productive means that we may not be able to lease the farms and, in turn, generate revenue with respect to such farms for several years. If any of the above events occur, the development of such farms may hinder our growth and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flow. In addition, new development farms, regardless of whether or not they are ultimately productive, typically require substantial time and attention from management.

We currently lease many of our properties to medium-sized, independent farming operations and agricultural businesses, which may have limited financial and personnel resources and, therefore, may be less stable than larger companies, which could impact our ability to generate rental revenue.

We expect to lease a significant number of our properties to medium-sized farming operations and related agricultural businesses, which will expose us to a number of risks specifically related to these entities. For example, medium-sized agricultural businesses may be more likely than larger farming operations to have difficulty making lease payments when they experience adverse events. They also tend to experience significant fluctuations in their operating results and to be more vulnerable to competitors' actions and market conditions, as well as general economic downturns. In addition, our target tenants may face intense competition, including competition from companies with greater financial resources, which could lead to price pressure on crops that could lower our tenants' income.

Furthermore, the success of a medium-sized business may also depend on the management talents and efforts of one or a small group of persons. The death, disability or resignation of one or more of these persons could have a material adverse impact on our tenant and, in turn, on us.

Our Adviser has broad authority to make acquisitions and dispositions of properties, and there can be no assurance that, in the future, we will be able to continue to enter into definitive agreements to purchase properties, complete acquisitions, or dispose of properties on favorable terms. Our stockholders are unable to evaluate the economic merits of our investments or the terms of any dispositions of properties.

Our Adviser has broad authority to make acquisitions and dispositions of properties. There can be no assurance that our Adviser will be able to continue to identify or negotiate acceptable terms for the acquisition or dispositions of properties or that we will be able to continue to acquire or dispose of such properties on favorable terms. We may compete with other purchasers for attractive properties. Further factors that could cause us not to purchase one or more properties that initially meet our investment criteria include our potential inability to agree to definitive purchase terms with the prospective sellers and our discovery of problems with the properties in our due diligence investigations. Factors that could cause us to be unable to dispose of a property on favorable terms include market conditions and competition. Any significant impediment to continue to identify and make investments that fit into our investment criteria or dispose of investments during suitable market conditions would have a material adverse effect on our ability to continue to generate cash flow and make distributions to our stockholders.

Our cash available for distribution to stockholders may not be sufficient to pay anticipated distributions, nor can we assure you of our ability to make distributions in the future, and we may need to borrow to make such distributions or may not be able to make such distributions at all.

To remain competitive with alternative investments, our distribution rate may exceed our cash available for distribution, including cash generated from operations. In the event this happens, we intend to fund the difference out of any excess cash on hand or from borrowings under our revolving credit facility. If we do not have sufficient cash available for distribution generated by our assets to pay the distributions set by our Board of Directors, or if cash available for distribution decreases in future periods, the market price of our common stock could decrease.

All distributions will be made at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend on our earnings, our financial condition, whether we are able to maintain our qualification as a REIT, and other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant from time to time. We may not be able to make distributions in the future. In addition, some of our distributions may include a return of capital. To the extent that our Board of Directors approves distributions in excess of our then current and accumulated earnings and profits, these excess distributions would generally be considered a return of capital for federal income tax purposes to the extent of your adjusted tax basis in your shares. A return of capital is not taxable, but it has the effect of reducing your adjusted tax basis in your investment. To the extent that distributions exceed the adjusted tax basis of your shares, such excess will be treated for tax purposes as a gain from the sale or exchange of your shares. If we borrow to fund distributions, our future interest costs would increase, thereby reducing our earnings and cash available for distribution from what they otherwise would have been.

Some of our tenants may be unable to pay rent, which could adversely affect our cash available to make distributions to our stockholders or otherwise impair the value of your investment.

We expect that single tenants will continue to occupy most of our farms, and, therefore, the success of our investments will continue to be materially dependent on the financial stability of these tenants. Some of our tenants may have been recently restructured using leverage acquired in a leveraged transaction, may otherwise be subject to significant debt obligations, or may have been adversely impacted by public health emergencies. Tenants that are subject to significant debt obligations may be unable to make their rent payments if there are adverse changes in their businesses or in general economic conditions. Tenants that have been impacted adversely by public health emergencies may not be able to make timely rental payments due to labor shortages, supply chain issues, or other measures taken to address such public health emergencies. Tenants that have experienced leveraged restructurings or acquisitions will generally have substantially greater debt and substantially lower net worth than they had prior to the leveraged transaction. In addition, the payment of rent and debt service may reduce the working capital available to leveraged entities and prevent them from devoting the resources necessary to remain competitive in their industries. In situations where management of the tenant will change after a transaction, it may be difficult for our Adviser to determine with certainty the likelihood of the tenant's business success and of it being able to pay rent throughout the lease term. These companies are more vulnerable to adverse conditions in their businesses or industries and economic conditions generally, as well as to increases in interest rates. In addition, these companies' revenues and expenses may fluctuate according to the growing season, which may impact their ability to make regular lease payments.

Any lease payment defaults by a tenant could adversely affect our cash flows and cause us to reduce the amount of distributions to stockholders. In the event of a default by a tenant, we may also experience delays in enforcing our rights as landlord and may incur substantial costs in protecting our investment and re-leasing our property.

Adverse changes in government policies related to farming could affect the prices of crops and the profitability of farming operations, which could materially and adversely affect the value of our properties and our results of operations.

There are a number of government programs that directly or indirectly affect the profitability of farm operators. These include marketing, export, renewable fuel, and insurance policies and programs. Significant changes to or the elimination of such programs and policies could adversely affect crop prices and the profitability of farming operations, which could materially and adversely impact the value of our farms and our ability to lease them on favorable terms, or at all, which would have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

The potential for tariffs or trade disputes between the U.S. and its primary agricultural trade partners has increased with the change of the Presidential administration. This impacts the volatility of the market prices of certain crops that our tenants grow on our properties. Tariffs, trade disputes, and geopolitical conflicts could adversely affect the profitability of our tenants' farming operations, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations, financial condition, ability to make distributions to our stockholders, and the value of our properties.

Some of our tenants could be susceptible to bankruptcy, which would affect our ability to generate rents from them and therefore negatively affect our results of operations.

In addition to the risk of tenants being unable to make regular rent payments, certain of our tenants who may depend on debt and leverage could be especially susceptible to bankruptcy in the event that their cash flows are insufficient to satisfy their debt. Any bankruptcy of one of our tenants would result in a loss of lease payments to us, as well as an increase in our costs to carry the property.

Additionally, under bankruptcy law, a tenant who is the subject of bankruptcy proceedings has the option of continuing or terminating any unexpired lease. If a bankrupt tenant terminates a lease with us, any claim we might have for breach of the lease, excluding a claim against collateral securing the lease, would be treated as a general unsecured claim. Our claim would likely be capped at the amount the tenant owed us for unpaid rent prior to the bankruptcy unrelated to the termination, plus the greater of one year of lease payments or 15% of the remaining lease payments payable under the lease, but in no case more than

three years of lease payments. In addition, a bankruptcy court could re-characterize a net lease transaction as a secured lending transaction. If that were to occur, we would not be treated as the owner of the property, but might have additional rights as a secured creditor. This would mean our claim in bankruptcy court would only be for the amount we paid for the property, which could adversely impact our financial condition.

Because we expect to continue to enter into some short-term leases, we may continue to be more susceptible to any decreases in prevailing market rental rates than would be the case with long-term leases, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

For our properties that are farmed for annual row crops, we intend to primarily enter into leases with independent and corporate farming operations having terms generally ranging from 3 to 10 years. As a result, we will be required to frequently re-lease our properties upon the expiration of our leases. This will subject our business to near term fluctuations in market rental rates, and we will be more susceptible to declines in market rental rates than we would be if we were to enter into longer-term leases. As a result, any decreases in the prevailing market rental rates in the geographic areas in which we own properties could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash available for distribution to stockholders.

Our investments in properties with longer-term leases (i.e., five years or more), could expose us to various risks, including interest rate risk and the risk of being unable to take advantage of prevailing market rates, which could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash available for distribution to stockholders.

When entering into longer-term leases in which the rental rate is generally fixed, we intend to incorporate at least one of a variety of forms of rent escalators into the lease, including annual rent escalations or market reset periods. Annual rent escalations may be either a fixed amount each year or variable based on standard cost of living or inflation indices. In addition, some longer-term leases may require a regular survey of comparable land rents, with the rent owed per the lease being adjusted upward to reflect current market rents. If, in the future, we receive a significant portion of our revenues under longer-term leases in which the rental rate is generally fixed, subject to rent escalations described above, we would be subject to interest rate risk in the event interest rates rise at a greater rate than any potential rent escalations. In addition, by entering into longer-term leases, we would be subject to the risk that we would not be able to increase our rental rates if prevailing land values or rental rates have increased. Any inability to take advantage of increases in prevailing land values or rental rates could have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash available for distribution to stockholders.

Our investments in farms subject to leases with a participation rent component based on the annual gross revenues earned on the respective farm means that a portion of our cash flow is exposed to various risks, including risks related to declining crop prices and lower-than-average crop production, which could have a material adverse effect on the amount of rent we can collect and, consequently, our cash flow and ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

We own several farms subject to leases that include a participation rent component based on the annual gross revenues earned on the respective farm; however, the majority of these leases also include a guarantee of a minimum amount of rental income that generally satisfies our investment return criteria. While we do not generally intend for participation rents to make up a significant portion of our overall leased portfolio, we anticipate entering into additional leases with participation rent components. Such leases will still be impacted by factors related to the success of the farmer-tenant's harvest, including, but not limited to, declining crop prices and lower-than-average crop production, that may result in us receiving less rent than anticipated or projected when entering into such leases. A reduction in the rent we receive could have a material adverse effect on our cash flow and ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Our investments in farmland used for permanent crops have a higher risk profile than farmland used for annual row crops.

Since our IPO, we have expanded our investment focus to include farms used for permanent crops, and we intend to continue to add to our investments in farmland used for permanent crops in the future. Permanent crops have plant structures (such as trees, vines, or bushes) that produce yearly crops without being replanted. Examples include almonds, apples, blueberries, figs, pistachios, oranges, and table and wine grapes. Permanent crops generally involve more risk than annual row crops because permanent crops require more time and capital to plant and cultivate. As a result, permanent crops are generally more expensive to replace and more susceptible to disease and poor weather. If a farmer loses a permanent crop to any natural disaster, such as drought, hurricane, flooding, fire, or disease, there would generally be significant time and capital needed to return the land to commercial production because a tree, bush, or vine may take years to grow before bearing fruit.

Permanent crop farmland also prevents the farmer from being able to rotate crop types to keep up with changing market conditions or changes in the weather or soil. If demand for one type of permanent crop decreases, the permanent crop farmer cannot easily convert the farm to another type of crop because permanent crop farmland is dedicated to one crop during the lifespan of the trees, bushes, or vines and therefore cannot easily be rotated to adapt to changing environmental or market conditions.

In addition, permanent crops, which can generally endure long periods of time from harvest to consumption, allow for global shipment and trade. As a result, permanent crops are usually less insulated from the global produce market volatility than annual row crops. This will generally provide for less price stability of the harvested crop and therefore less stability of the underlying land value for cropland producing permanent crops. As a result, permanent crop farms typically have a higher risk profile than annual row crop farms.

Market conditions for certain permanent crops may continue at depressed levels for the foreseeable future.

Markets for certain permanent crops, including almonds, pistachios, and wine grapes, continue to operate below peak levels experienced in previous years, and it is currently unknown when, or if, pricing for such crops will return to those previous levels. As a result, due to the associated operating costs, variability in crop production, and challenging market conditions, our farms producing these crop types have a higher risk than the rest of our farmland portfolio. If these crop markets do not rebound or we cannot sell the related farmland, these higher-risk farms may have a material adverse effect on our results of operations and cash flow.

Our real estate investments will consist of agricultural properties that may be difficult to sell or re-lease upon tenant defaults or early lease terminations, either of which would adversely affect returns to stockholders.

We intend to focus our investments on agricultural properties. These types of properties are relatively illiquid compared to other types of real estate and financial assets. This illiquidity could limit our ability to quickly dispose of properties in response to changes in economic or other conditions. With these kinds of properties, if the current lease is terminated or not renewed, we may be required to renovate the property to the extent we have buildings on the property, or to make rent concessions to lease the property to another tenant or sell the property. In addition, in the event we are forced to sell the property, we may have difficulty finding qualified purchasers. These and other limitations may affect our ability to sell or re-lease properties without adversely affecting returns to our stockholders.

Illiquidity of our farmland investments may make it difficult for us to sell properties in response to market conditions and could harm our financial condition and ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

Our farmland investments may be difficult to sell quickly or for a gain. As a result, our ability to promptly sell one or more properties in our portfolio in response to changing economic, financial, and investment conditions may be limited, or we may have to sell properties at a loss. In addition, we generally seek to opportunistically dispose of properties when we are able to do so at a price we consider attractive and/or recognize a gain on the sale. If we are required to dispose of assets for liquidity purposes, we may be unable to realize our investment objectives via a sale at attractive prices within any given period of time or may otherwise be unable to complete any exit strategy. Opportunities to dispose of assets at a gain may not be available to us, which would reduce our cash on hand for distributions to stockholders or for any other purpose. Weakness in or the lack of an established market for a farm, changes in the financial condition or prospects of prospective purchasers, changes in national or international economic conditions, and changes in laws, regulations, or fiscal policies of jurisdictions in which the farm is located, in each case, may limit our ability to dispose of a farm.

In addition, as a REIT, we may be subject to a 100% tax on net income derived from the sale of property considered to be held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of our business. We may seek to avoid this tax by complying with certain safe harbor rules that generally limit the number of properties we may sell in a given year, the aggregate expenditures made on such properties prior to their disposition, and how long we retain such properties before disposing of them. However, we can provide no assurance that we will always be able to comply with these safe harbors. If compliance is possible, the safe harbor rules may restrict our ability to sell assets in the future and achieve liquidity that may be necessary to fund distributions.

If we sell properties and provide financing to purchasers, defaults by the purchasers would decrease our cash flows and limit our ability to make distributions.

In some instances, we may sell our properties by providing financing to purchasers who may then also operate the farm. When we provide financing to purchasers, we may bear the risk that the purchaser may default, which could negatively impact our liquidity and thus our ability to either distribute the proceeds from the sale to our stockholders or reinvest the sale proceeds in other property acquisitions.

If our properties do not have access to adequate water supplies, it could harm our ability to lease the properties for farming, thereby adversely affecting our ability to generate returns on our properties.

To lease the cropland that we intend to acquire, these properties will require access to sufficient water to make them suitable for farming. Additionally, the ability of our current tenants to make their rental payments is dependent upon sufficient access to water. Although we expect to acquire properties with sufficient water access, should the need arise for additional wells from which to obtain water, we likely would be required to obtain permits prior to drilling such wells. Permits for drilling water wells are required by state and county regulations, and such permits may be difficult to obtain due to the limited supply of water

in areas where we expect to acquire properties, such as the farming regions of California. Similarly, our properties may be subject to governmental regulations relating to the quality and disposition of rainwater runoff or other water to be used for irrigation. In such case, we could incur costs necessary to retain this water. Water politics may adversely shift relative to our business interests or those of our tenants due to a number of external factors, such as the recent wildfires in the Los Angeles and San Diego areas of California and the new Presidential administration's actions related to farming and water rights, among others. If we are unable to obtain or maintain sufficient water supply for our properties, our ability to lease them for farming would be seriously impaired, which would have a material adverse impact on the value of our assets and our results of operations. If, in the future, we invest in farmland that depends upon rain water rather than local water access, our tenants on that farmland may be susceptible to extended droughts, and any failure on the part of such tenants to procure adequate drought insurance would impact the ability of such tenants to make rental payments, which would have a material adverse impact on our ability to generate returns on our properties.

Our agricultural properties are subject to adverse weather conditions, seasonal variability, crop disease and other contaminants, which may affect our tenants' ability to pay rent and thereby have an adverse effect on our results of operations and our ability to make distributions to stockholders.

Fresh produce, including produce used in canning and other packaged food operations, is vulnerable to adverse weather conditions, including windstorms, floods, drought and temperature extremes, which are common but difficult to predict. Because fresh produce is highly perishable and generally must be brought to market and sold soon after harvest, unfavorable growing conditions can reduce both crop size and crop quality. Seasonal factors, including supply and consumer demand, may also have an effect on the crops grown by our tenants. In extreme cases, entire harvests may be lost in some geographic areas. Further, certain of our properties are reliant upon groundwater, as they are not located within any state or federal water districts and, thus, are not limited by any government-regulated restrictions.

Fresh produce is also vulnerable to crop disease, pests, and other contaminants. Damages to tenants' crops from crop disease and pests may vary in severity and effect, depending on the stage of production at the time of infection or infestation, the type of treatment applied and environmental conditions. The costs to control these infestations vary depending on the severity of the damage and the extent of the plantings affected. These infestations can increase costs and decrease revenues of our tenants. Tenants may also incur losses from product recalls due to other contaminants that may cause food borne illness. It is difficult to predict the occurrence or severity of such product recalls as well as the impact of these upon our tenants. Although we do not expect that a significant portion of our rental payments will be based on the quality of our tenants' harvests, any of these factors could have a material adverse effect on our tenants' ability to pay rent to us, which in turn could have a material adverse effect on our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

As permanent crops produce yearly crops without being replanted, they are more expensive to replace and more susceptible to disease and poor weather than annual row crops. If a farmer loses a permanent crop to any natural disaster, such as drought, flooding, fire or disease, there would generally be significant time and capital needed to return the land to production because a tree or vine may take years to grow before bearing fruit. Permanent crop farmland also prevents the farmer from being able to rotate crop types to keep up with changing market conditions or changes to the weather or soil. If demand for one type of permanent crop decreases, the permanent crop farmer cannot easily convert the farm to another type of crop because permanent crop farmland is dedicated to one crop during the lifespan of the trees or vines and therefore cannot easily be rotated to adapt to changing environmental or market conditions. As a result, the risks associated with weather conditions, seasonal variability, crop disease and other contaminants are magnified in the case of permanent crops.

Our operating results and the value of our properties may be impacted by future climate changes, adversely impacting the value of our properties and our ability to generate rental revenue.

In addition to the general risks that adverse weather conditions will pose for the tenants of our properties and their subsequent ability to comply with the terms of their leases, the value of our properties will potentially be subject to risks associated with long-term effects of climate change. Many climatologists predict increases in average temperatures, more extreme temperatures and increases in volatile weather over time. The effects of climate change may be more significant along coastlines, such as in the California coastal areas where we partially focus our acquisition efforts, due to rising sea levels resulting from the melting of polar ice caps, which could result in increased risk of coastal erosion, flooding, degradation in the availability and quality of groundwater aquifers, and expanding agricultural weed and pest populations. As a result, the effects of climate change could make our properties less suitable for farming or other alternative uses, which could adversely impact the value of our properties, our ability to generate rental revenue from leasing our properties and our cash available for distribution to stockholders. Climate change may also have indirect effects on our business by increasing the cost of, or availability of, property insurance on terms we find acceptable and increasing the cost of energy at our properties.

Because we must distribute a substantial portion of our net income to maintain our qualification as a REIT, we will be largely dependent on third-party sources of capital to fund our future capital needs.

To maintain our qualification as a REIT, we generally must distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our taxable income each year, excluding net capital gains. Because of this distribution requirement, it is not likely that we will be able to fund a significant portion of our future capital needs, including property acquisitions, from retained earnings. Therefore, we may acquire additional capital from the issuance of securities senior to our common shares, including borrowings or other indebtedness, preferred shares, or the issuance of other securities. This capital may not be available on favorable terms or at all. Our access to additional capital depends on a number of things, including the market's perception of our growth potential and our current and potential future earnings.

To the extent we issue debt securities, other instruments of indebtedness, or additional preferred stock or borrow additional money from banks or other financial institutions, we will be additionally exposed to risks associated with leverage, including increased risk of loss. If we issue additional preferred securities that rank senior to our common shares in our capital structure, the holders of such preferred securities may have separate voting rights and other rights, preferences, or privileges, economic and otherwise, more favorable than those of our common shares and our currently-designated preferred securities, and the issuance of such preferred securities could have the effect of delaying, deferring, or preventing a transaction or a change of control that might involve a premium price for common stockholders.

Any inability to access additional financing on terms that are favorable to us may adversely affect our ability to grow and our business generally.

We may not be able to raise sufficient capital or borrow money in sufficient amounts or on sufficiently favorable terms necessary to attain the optimal degree of leverage to operate our business, which may have an adverse effect on our operations and ability to pay distributions.

Our ability to raise additional capital in the markets may be limited due to market conditions and applicable SEC regulations. Our business and acquisition strategies rely heavily on borrowing funds, so that we may make more investments than would otherwise be possible to maximize potential returns to stockholders. We may borrow on a secured or unsecured basis. Our charter and bylaws do not impose any limitation on our borrowing. Our ability to achieve our investment objectives will be affected by our ability to borrow money in sufficient amounts and on favorable terms, which may result in us becoming highly leveraged. We expect that we will borrow money that will be secured by our properties and that these financing arrangements will contain customary covenants such as those that limit our ability, without the prior consent of the lender, to further mortgage the applicable property or to discontinue insurance coverage. In addition, any credit facility we might enter into is likely to contain certain customary restrictions, requirements and other limitations on our ability to incur indebtedness, and will specify debt ratios that we will be required to maintain. Accordingly, we may be unable to obtain the degree of leverage that we believe to be optimal, which may cause us to have less cash for distributions to stockholders. Our use of leverage could also make us more vulnerable to a downturn in our business or the economy generally and a significant increase in the ratio of our indebtedness to our assets may have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

Our income from operations may not be enough to cover our debt service obligations, which may affect distributions to stockholders or cause us to incur losses.

If the income generated by our properties and other assets fails to cover our debt service, we could be forced to reduce or eliminate distributions to our stockholders and may experience losses. Some of our debt financing arrangements may require us to make lump-sum, or balloon, payments at maturity. If our income from operations does not cover a balloon payment, our ability to make the balloon payment at maturity could depend upon our ability to obtain additional financing or to sell the financed property. At the time the balloon payment is due, we may not be able to refinance the balloon payment on terms as favorable as the original loan or sell the property at a price sufficient to make the balloon payment, which would likely have a material adverse effect on our financial condition.

We have secured borrowings, which would have a risk of loss of the property securing such loan upon foreclosure.

We have multiple borrowing facilities in place, and our total borrowings are secured by the majority of the farms we own. If we are unable to make our debt payments as required, either under our current credit facilities or any future facilities, a lender could foreclose on certain of the properties securing its loan. This could cause us to lose part or all of our investment in the property, which in turn could cause the value of our common stock, any of our currently-designated preferred securities, or the distributions to our stockholders to be reduced or delayed.

As we consider additional debt financing from third-party lenders, our assets may become highly leveraged, which may result in losses.

There is no limitation imposed by our charter or bylaws on our borrowings. An increased amount of leverage may expose us to cash flow problems if rental income decreases. Under those circumstances, in order to pay our debt obligations, including distribution and dividend payments to stockholders, we might be required to sell properties at a loss or be unable to make distributions or decrease distributions to our stockholders. A failure to pay amounts due to lenders or redeem shares of our

Series D Term Preferred Stock under the mandatory redemption requirement may result in a default on our obligations and result in certain penalties, such as increased interest rates. Additionally, our degree of leverage could adversely affect our ability to obtain additional financing and may have an adverse effect on the public market price of shares of our publicly-traded common stock or currently-designated preferred securities.

We face a risk from the fact that certain of our properties are cross-collateralized.

The mortgages on certain of our properties are cross-collateralized. To the extent that any of the properties in which we have an interest are cross-collateralized, any default by the property owner subsidiary under the mortgage note relating to the one property will result in a default under the financing arrangements relating to any other property that also provides security for that mortgage note or is cross-collateralized or cross-defaulted with such mortgage note. Such a default may adversely affect our financial condition, results of operations and ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

Competition for the acquisition of agricultural real estate may impede our ability to make acquisitions, increase the cost of these acquisitions or decrease or prevent increases in the occupancy and rental rates of our current properties.

We will compete for the acquisition of properties with many other entities engaged in agricultural and real estate investment activities, including corporate agriculture companies, financial institutions, institutional pension funds, real estate companies, private equity funds and private real estate investors. These competitors may prevent us from acquiring desirable properties or may cause an increase in the price we must pay for real estate. Our competitors may have greater resources than we do and may be willing to pay more for certain assets or may have a more compatible operating philosophy with our acquisition targets. In particular, larger institutions may enjoy significant competitive advantages that result from, among other things, a lower cost of capital and enhanced operating efficiencies. Our competitors may also adopt transaction structures similar to, or more favorable than ours, offering rental rates below current market rates or below rates we currently charge our tenants, which would decrease our competitive advantage in offering flexible transaction terms. In addition, the number of entities and the amount of funds competing for suitable investment properties may increase, resulting in increased demand and increased prices paid for these properties. If we pay higher prices for properties, our profitability may decrease, and you may experience a lower return on your investment. Increased competition for properties may also preclude us from acquiring those properties that would generate attractive returns to us, as well as prevent us from achieving diversification by geography and crop type, having a material adverse effect on our results of operations and available cash for distributions to stockholders.

We operate as a holding company dependent upon the assets and operations of our subsidiaries, and because of our structure, we may not be able to generate the funds necessary to make distributions on our common stock.

We generally operate as a holding company that conducts its businesses primarily through our Operating Partnership, which in turn is a holding company conducting its business through its subsidiaries. These subsidiaries conduct all of our operations and are our only source of income. Accordingly, we are dependent on cash flows and payments of funds to us by our subsidiaries as distributions, loans, advances, leases or other payments from our subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to make distributions on our common stock. Our subsidiaries' ability to pay such distributions and/or make such loans, advances, leases or other payments may be restricted by, among other things, applicable laws and regulations, current and future debt agreements and management agreements into which our subsidiaries may enter, which may impair our ability to make cash payments on our common stock. In addition, such agreements may prohibit or limit the ability of our subsidiaries to transfer any of their property or assets to us, any of our other subsidiaries or to third parties. Our future indebtedness or our subsidiaries' future indebtedness may also include restrictions with similar effects.

In addition, because we are a holding company, stockholders' claims will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities and obligations (whether or not for borrowed money) of our Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries. Therefore, in the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation or reorganization, claims of our stockholders will be satisfied only after all of our and our operating partnership's and its subsidiaries' liabilities and obligations have been paid in full.

Some state laws prohibit or restrict the ownership of agricultural land by business entities, which could impede the growth of our portfolio and our ability to diversify geographically.

Certain states, including Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Oklahoma, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Kansas have laws that prohibit or restrict to varying degrees the ownership of agricultural land by corporations or business entities like us. Additional states may, in the future, pass similar or more restrictive laws, and we may not be legally permitted, or it may become overly burdensome or expensive, to acquire properties in these states, which could impede the growth of our portfolio and our ability to diversify geographically in states that might otherwise have attractive investment opportunities.

Failure to succeed in new markets may have adverse consequences.

As we expand and diversify our geographic portfolio, we may acquire properties located in new markets, exposing us to risks associated with a lack of market knowledge or understanding of the local market. This includes the availability and identity of

quality tenant farmers, forging new business relationships in the area and unfamiliarity with local government requirements and procedures. Furthermore, the evaluation and negotiation of a potential expansion into new markets would divert management time and other resources. As a result, we may have difficulties executing our business strategy in these new markets, which could have a negative impact on our results of operations and ability to make distributions to stockholders.

We may not ultimately be able to sell our agricultural real estate to developers in connection with the conversion of such properties to urban or suburban uses, especially in light of the current uncertain market for real estate development.

Our business plan in part contemplates purchasing agricultural real property that we believe is located in the path of urban and suburban growth and ultimately will increase in value over the long term as a result. Pending the sale of such real property to developers for conversion to urban, suburban and other more intensive uses, such as residential or commercial development, we intend to lease the property for agricultural uses, particularly farming. Urban and suburban development is subject to a number of uncertainties, including land zoning and environmental issues, infrastructure development and demand. These uncertainties are particularly pronounced in light of the current economic environment, in which the pace of future development is unclear. Although the current development market contains uncertainties, these uncertainties may be more acute over time, since we do not intend to acquire properties that are expected to be converted to urban or suburban uses in the near term. As a result, there can be no guarantee that increased development will actually occur and that we will be able to sell any of the properties that we own or acquire in the future for such conversion. Our inability to sell these properties in the future at an appreciated value for conversion to urban or suburban uses could result in a reduced return on your investment.

Liability for uninsured or underinsured losses could adversely affect our financial condition.

Losses from disaster-type occurrences, such as wars, wildfires, earthquakes and weather-related disasters, may be either uninsurable or not insurable on economically viable terms. Should an uninsured loss occur, we could lose our capital investment or anticipated profits and cash flows from one or more properties. If any such loss is insured, we may be required to pay a significant deductible on any claim for recovery of such a loss prior to our insurer being obligated to issue reimbursement. Further, the amount of losses may exceed our coverage, which could have an adverse effect on our cash flow.

Potential liability for environmental matters could adversely affect our financial condition.

We intend to purchase agricultural properties and will be subject to the risk of liabilities under federal, state and local environmental laws. Some of these laws could subject us to:

- responsibility and liability for the cost of removal or remediation of hazardous substances released on our properties, which may include herbicides and pesticides, generally without regard to our knowledge of or responsibility for the presence of the contaminants;
- liability for the costs of removal or remediation of hazardous substances at disposal facilities for persons who arrange for the disposal or treatment of these substances; and
- · potential liability for claims by third parties for damages resulting from environmental contaminants.

We will generally include provisions in our leases making tenants responsible for all environmental liabilities and for compliance with environmental regulations, and we will seek to require tenants to reimburse us for damages or costs for which we have been found liable. However, these provisions will not eliminate our statutory liability or preclude third-party claims against us. Even if we were to have a legal claim against a tenant to enable us to recover any amounts we are required to pay, there are no assurances that we would be able to collect any money from the tenant. Our costs of investigation, remediation or removal of hazardous substances may be substantial. In addition, the presence of hazardous substances on one of our properties, or the failure to properly remediate a contaminated property, could adversely affect our ability to sell or lease the property or to borrow using the property as collateral. Additionally, we could become subject to new, stricter environmental regulations, which could diminish the utility of our properties and have a material adverse impact on our results of operations.

If our tenants fail to comply with applicable labor regulations, it could have an adverse effect on our ability to make distributions to our stockholders.

State, county, and federal governments have also implemented a number of regulations governing labor practices used in connection with farming operations. For example, these regulations seek to provide for minimum wages and minimum and maximum work hours, as well as to restrict the hiring of illegal immigrants. If one of our tenants is accused of violating, or found to have violated such regulations, it could have a material adverse effect on the tenant's operating results, which could adversely affect its ability to make its rental payments to us and, in turn, our ability to make distributions to our stockholders. Additionally, shifts in federal immigration policy could adversely affect the overall farming labor market, which could result in upward pressure on wages for farm labor and adversely affect our tenants' profitability and ability to pay rent, which could in turn adversely affect our results of operations.

The presence of endangered or threatened species on or near our acquired farmland could restrict the activities of our agricultural tenants, which could in turn have a material adverse impact on the value of our assets and our results of operations.

Federal, state, and local laws and regulations intended to protect threatened or endangered species could restrict certain activities on our farmland. The size of any area subject to restriction would vary depending on the protected species at issue, the time of year and other factors, and there can be no assurance that such federal, state, and local laws will not become more restrictive over time. If portions of our farmland are deemed to be part of or bordering habitats for such endangered or threatened species that could be disturbed by the agricultural activities of our tenants, it could impair the ability of the land to be used for farming, which in turn could have a material adverse impact on the value of our assets and our results of operations.

We may be required to permit the owners of the mineral rights to our properties to enter and occupy parts of the properties for the purposes of drilling and operating oil or gas wells, which could adversely impact the rental value of our properties.

Although we will own the surface rights to the properties that we acquire, other persons may own the rights to any minerals, such as oil and natural gas, that may be located under the surfaces of these properties. Under agreements with any such mineral rights owners, we expect that we would be required to permit third parties to enter our properties for the purpose of drilling and operating oil or gas wells on the premises. We will also be required to set aside a reasonable portion of the surface area of our properties to accommodate these oil and gas operations. The devotion of a portion of our properties to these oil and gas operations would reduce the amount of the surface available for farming or farm-related uses, which could adversely impact the rents that we receive from leasing these properties.

Interest rate fluctuations may adversely affect our results of operations.

We may experience interest rate volatility in connection with mortgage loans on our properties or other variable-rate debt that we may obtain from time to time, such as our existing lines of credit, which are variable. Although we seek to mitigate this risk by structuring such provisions to contain a maximum interest rate or escalation rate, as applicable, and obtain interest rate swaps on certain borrowings to limit our exposure to interest rate risk, these features do not eliminate this risk. We are also exposed to the effects of interest rate changes as a result of holding cash and cash equivalents in short-term, interest-bearing investments. Additionally, increases in interest rates, or reduced access to credit markets due, among other things, to more stringent lending requirements or a high level of leverage, may make it difficult for us to refinance our mortgage debt as it matures or limit the availability of mortgage debt, thereby limiting our acquisition and/or refinancing activities. Even in the event that we are able to secure mortgage debt on, or otherwise finance our mortgage debt, due to increased costs associated with securing financing and other factors beyond our control, we may be unable to refinance the entire mortgage debt as it matures or be subject to unfavorable terms (such as higher loan fees, interest rates, and periodic payments) if we do refinance the mortgage debt. A significant change in interest rates could have an adverse impact on our results of operations.

While the U.S. Federal Reserve increased the federal funds rate 11 times from March 2022 through July 2023, they cut the interest rate for the first time in four years in September 2024 but have held rates flat thus far in 2025. Future decisions on the federal funds rate will depend on a variety of key economic indicators, including inflation and the unemployment rate, among others. Any future increases may cause interest rates and borrowing costs to rise even further, which may negatively impact our ability to access the debt markets on favorable terms. Any prolonged adverse economic conditions could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition, and results of operations.

We cannot predict the impact future actions by regulators or government bodies, including the U.S. Federal Reserve, will have on real estate debt markets, the market value of our capital stock or on our business, and any such actions may negatively impact us.

Regulators and U.S. government bodies have a major impact on our business. The U.S. Federal Reserve is a major participant in, and its actions significantly impact, the real estate debt markets. Partly due to the continued elevated levels of the federal funds rate and the uncertainty over future actions of the Federal Reserve, borrowing costs remain high. While the Federal Reserve recently cut the interest rate for the first time in four years in September 2024, but have held rates flat thus far in 2025 and may announce further increases in the future, causing interest rates and borrowing costs to remain high or rise even further, which may negatively impact our ability to access the debt markets on favorable terms and the market value of our capital stock. This may result in future acquisitions by us generating lower overall economic returns and increasing the costs associated with refinancing current debt, which could potentially reduce future each flow available for distributions. It is difficult to predict future legislation, regulation, and executive actions, and we cannot predict or control the impact future actions by regulators or government bodies, such as the Federal Reserve, will have on our business.

Cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents may adversely affect our business by causing a disruption to our operations or the operations of businesses in which we invest, a compromise or corruption of our confidential information, and/or damage to our business relationships, all of which could negatively impact our business, financial condition, and operating results.

In the normal course of business, we and our service providers collect and retain certain personal information provided by our tenants, employees of our Administrator and Adviser, and vendors. We also rely extensively on computer systems to process transactions and manage our business. Despite careful security and controls design, implementation, updating, and independent third-party verification, our information technology systems, and those of our third-party providers, could become subject to cybersecurity incidents. A cybersecurity incident is defined by the SEC as an unauthorized occurrence, or a series of related unauthorized occurrences, on or conducted through our information systems that jeopardize the confidentiality, integrity, or availability of our information resources or any information residing therein. A cybersecurity incident may be an intentional attack or an unintentional event and could involve gaining unauthorized access to our information systems or those of our third-party providers for purposes of misappropriating assets, stealing confidential information, corrupting data, or causing operational disruption. The result of a cybersecurity incident may include disrupted operations, misstated or unreliable financial data, liability for stolen assets or information, increased cybersecurity protection and insurance costs, litigation, and damage to our business relationships. As our reliance on technology has increased, so have the risks posed to our information systems, both internal and those provided to us by third-party service providers. In addition, cybersecurity threats such as those noted above have increased in recent years in part due to increasingly numerous and sophisticated malicious cyber actors. We have implemented processes, procedures, and internal controls to help prevent, detect, and mitigate cybersecurity threats and cyber intrusions, but these measures are also costly and require ongoing monitoring, testing, and updating as technologies and processes change and efforts to

Our business may be adversely affected by public health emergencies.

Any public health emergency, including any outbreak of COVID-19, SARS, H1N1/09 flu, avian flu, other coronavirus, Ebola or other existing or new epidemic diseases, or the threat thereof, could have a significant adverse impact on us and could adversely affect our ability to fulfill our investment objectives.

The extent of the impact of any public health emergency on our operational and financial performance will depend on many factors, including the duration and scope of such public health emergency, the extent of any related travel advisories and restrictions implemented, the impact of such public health emergencies on overall supply and demand, goods and services, investor liquidity, consumer confidence and levels of economic activity, and the extent of its disruption to important global, regional, and local supply chains and economic markets, all of which are highly uncertain and cannot be predicted. The effects of a public health emergency may disrupt the operations of our tenant-farmers and pose the risk that they may be prevented from conducting normal business activities for an unknown period of time, including shutdowns that may be requested or mandated by governmental authorities. We cannot accurately estimate the impact that a public health threat could have on our farmland portfolio, but it could disrupt the businesses of our tenant-farmers and impact their ability to make lease payments to us, including under modified lease terms allowing for deferred rent, thereby decreasing the overall value of our leasehold interests in the properties, which could adversely impact our business, financial condition, or results of operations.

Further, our operations may be significantly impacted, or even temporarily or permanently halted, as a result of government shelter-in-place measures, vaccine mandates, voluntary and precautionary restrictions on travel or meetings, paused or reversed reopening orders, and other factors related to a public health emergency, including its potential adverse impact on the health of our Adviser's and Administrator's personnel. As a result, there is a risk that any such continuing crisis could adversely impact our ability to source, manage, and divest investments and the Company's ability to achieve its investment objectives, all of which could result in significant losses to us and could impact our ability to make interest and distribution payments to lenders and stockholders, respectively, including their respective amounts.

# Risks Associated with Our Use of an Adviser to Manage Our Business

We are dependent upon our key management personnel for our future success, particularly David Gladstone, Bill Reiman, Lewis Parrish, and Jay Beckhorn.

We have no employees and are therefore dependent on the senior management and other key management members who are employed by our Adviser or Administrator, as applicable, to carry out our business and investment strategies. Our future success depends to a significant extent on the continued service and coordination of our senior management team, particularly David Gladstone, our chairman, chief executive officer and president; Bill Reiman, our Executive Vice President; Lewis Parrish, our chief financial officer and assistant treasurer; and Jay Beckhorn, our treasurer. Mr. Gladstone also serves as the chief executive officer of our Adviser and our Administrator. Although we engage in customary mitigating activities, the departure of any of our executive officers or key personnel of our Adviser or Administrator, as applicable, could have a material adverse effect on our ability to implement our business strategy and to achieve our investment objectives.

Our success will continue to depend on the performance of our Adviser and if our Adviser makes inadvisable investment or management decisions, our operations could be materially adversely impacted.

Our ability to achieve our investment objectives and to pay distributions to our stockholders is substantially dependent upon the performance of our Adviser in evaluating potential investments, selecting and negotiating property purchases and dispositions on our behalf, selecting tenants and borrowers, setting lease terms and determining financing arrangements. You will have no opportunity to evaluate the terms of transactions or other economic or financial data concerning our investments. You must rely entirely on the analytical and management abilities of our Adviser and the oversight of our Board of Directors. If our Adviser or our Board of Directors makes inadvisable investment or management decisions, our operations could be materially adversely impacted.

We may have conflicts of interest with our Adviser and other affiliates, which could result in investment decisions that are not in the best interests of our stockholders.

Our Adviser manages our real estate portfolio and locates, evaluates, recommends and negotiates the acquisition of our real estate investments and mortgage loans. At the same time, our Advisory Agreement permits our Adviser to conduct other commercial activities and to provide management and advisory services to other entities, including, but not limited to, Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Investment, and Gladstone Alternative, each of which is affiliated with us. Each of our executive officers, other than Mr. Parrish, is also an executive officer of Gladstone Commercial, which actively makes real estate investments, and Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Investment, and Gladstone Alternative, which actively make loans to and invest in small- and medium-sized companies. As a result, we may, from time to time, have conflicts of interest with our Adviser in its management of our business and that of Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Investment, Gladstone Capital, and Gladstone Alternative, which may arise primarily from the involvement of our Adviser, Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Alternative, and their affiliates in other activities that may conflict with our business. Examples of these potential conflicts include:

- our Adviser may realize substantial compensation on account of its activities on our behalf and may be motivated to approve acquisitions solely on the basis of
  increasing its compensation from us;
- our agreements with our Adviser are not arm's-length agreements, which could result in terms in those agreements that are less favorable than we could obtain from independent third parties;
- · we may experience competition with our affiliates for potential financing transactions; and
- our Adviser and other affiliates, such as Gladstone Commercial, Gladstone Capital, Gladstone Investment, and Gladstone Alternative, could compete for the time and services of our officers and directors and reduce the amount of time they are able to devote to management of our business.

These and other conflicts of interest between us and our Adviser could have a material adverse effect on the operation of our business and the selection or management of our real estate investments.

Our financial condition and results of operations will depend on our Adviser's ability to effectively manage our future growth.

Our ability to achieve our investment objectives will depend on our ability to sustain continued growth, which will, in turn, depend on our Adviser's ability to find, select and negotiate property purchases and net leases that meet our investment criteria. Accomplishing this result on a cost-effective basis is largely a function of our Adviser's marketing capabilities, management of the investment process, ability to provide competent, attentive and efficient services and our access to financing sources on acceptable terms. As we grow, our Adviser may be required to hire, train, supervise and manage new employees. Our Adviser's failure to effectively manage our future growth could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our Adviser is not obligated to provide a waiver of the incentive fee, which could negatively impact our earnings and our ability to maintain our current level of, or increase, distributions to our stockholders.

The Advisory Agreement contemplates a quarterly incentive fee based on our funds from operation ("FFO"). Our Adviser has the ability to issue a full or partial waiver of the incentive fee for current and future periods; however, our Adviser is not required to issue any waiver. Any waiver issued by our Adviser is an unconditional and irrevocable waiver. If our Adviser does not issue this waiver in future quarters, it could negatively impact our earnings and may compromise our ability to maintain our current level of, or increase, distributions to our stockholders.

We may be obligated to pay our Adviser quarterly incentive compensation even if we incur a net loss during a particular quarter.

The Advisory Agreement entitles our Adviser to incentive compensation based on our FFO, which rewards our Adviser if our quarterly pre-incentive fee FFO exceeds 1.75% (7.0% annualized) of our total adjusted common equity. Our pre-incentive fee FFO for a particular quarter for incentive compensation purposes excludes the effect of any unrealized gains, losses, or other

items during that quarter that do not affect realized net income, even if these adjustments result in a net loss on our statement of operations for that quarter. Thus, we may be required to pay our Adviser incentive compensation for a fiscal quarter even if we incur a net loss for that quarter as determined in accordance with U.S. generally-accepted accounting principles ("GAAP").

# Risks Associated With Ownership of Our Common Stock and OP Units and Our Tax Status

Certain provisions contained in our charter and bylaws and under Maryland law may prohibit or restrict attempts by our stockholders to change our management and hinder efforts to effect a change of control of us, and the market price of our common stock may be lower as a result.

There are provisions in our charter and bylaws that may make it difficult for a third party to acquire, or attempt to acquire, control of our company, even if a change in control was considered favorable by you and other stockholders. For example:

- Our articles of incorporation prohibit ownership of more than 3.3% of the outstanding shares of our capital stock by one person, except for certain qualified institutional investors, which are limited to holding 9.8% of our common stock. As of December 31, 2024, David Gladstone, our chairman, chief executive officer, and president, and pursuant to an exception approved by our Board of Directors and in compliance with our charter, owned, directly or indirectly, including through certain foundations and trusts, approximately 7.0% of our common stock, and the Gladstone Future Trust, for the benefit of Mr. Gladstone's children, owned approximately 1.9% of our common stock. The ownership restriction may discourage a change of control and may deter individuals or entities from making tender offers for our capital stock, which offers might otherwise be financially attractive to our stockholders or which might cause a change in our management.
- Our Board of Directors is divided into three classes, with the term of the directors in each class expiring every third year. At each annual meeting of stockholders, the successors to the class of directors whose term expires at such meeting will be elected to hold office for a term expiring at the annual meeting of stockholders held in the third year following the year of their election. After election, a director may only be removed by our stockholders for cause. Election of directors for staggered terms with limited rights to remove directors makes it more difficult for a hostile bidder to acquire control of us. The existence of this provision may negatively impact the price of our securities and may discourage third-party bids to acquire our securities. This provision may reduce any premiums paid to stockholders in a change in control transaction.
- The Control Share Acquisition Act provides that "control shares" of a Maryland corporation acquired in a "control share acquisition" have no voting rights except to the extent approved by the corporation's disinterested stockholders by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Shares of stock owned by interested stockholders, that is, by the acquirer, by officers or by directors who are employees of the corporation, are excluded from shares entitled to vote on the matter. "Control shares" are voting shares of stock that would entitle the acquirer to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of three increasing ranges of voting power. The Control Share Acquisition does not apply (a) to shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the corporation is a party to the transaction or (b) to acquisitions approved or exempted by the charter or bylaws of the corporation. Our bylaws contain a provision exempting from the Control Share Acquisition Act any and all acquisitions of our common stock by David Gladstone or any of his affiliates. This statute could have the effect of discouraging offers from third parties to acquire us and increasing the difficulty of successfully completing this type of offer by anyone other than Mr. Gladstone or any of his affiliates.
  - Certain provisions of Maryland law applicable to us prohibit business combinations with:
    - any person who beneficially owns 10% or more of the voting power of our common stock, referred to as an "interested stockholder;"
    - o an affiliate of ours who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was an interested stockholder; or
    - o an affiliate of an interested stockholder.

These prohibitions last for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder became an interested stockholder. Thereafter, any business combination with the interested stockholder must be recommended by our Board and approved by the affirmative vote of at least 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of our outstanding shares of common stock and two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of our common stock other than shares held by the interested stockholder. These requirements could have the effect of inhibiting a change in control even if a change in control were in our stockholders' interest. These provisions of Maryland law do not apply, however, to business combinations that are approved or exempted by our Board of Directors prior to the time that someone becomes an interested stockholder.

Our rights and the rights of our stockholders to take action against our directors and officers are limited.

Maryland law provides that a director or officer has no liability in that capacity if he or she performs his or her duties in good faith, in a manner he or she reasonably believes to be advisable and in our best interests and with the care that an ordinarily prudent person in a like position would use under similar circumstances. In addition, our charter (i) eliminates our directors' and officers' liability to us and our stockholders for money damages except for liability resulting from actual receipt of an improper benefit in money, property or services or active and deliberate dishonesty established by a final judgment and that is material to the cause of action and (ii) requires us to indemnify directors and officers for liability resulting from actions taken by them in those capacities to the maximum extent permitted by Maryland law. As a result, our stockholders and we may have more limited rights against our directors and officers than might otherwise exist under common law. In addition, we may be obligated to fund the defense costs incurred by our directors and officers.

We may enter into tax protection agreements in the future in connection with the issuance of OP Units to acquire additional properties, which could limit our ability to sell or otherwise dispose of certain properties.

Our Operating Partnership may enter into tax protection agreements in connection with issuing OP Units to acquire additional properties which could provide that if we dispose of any interest in the protected acquired property prior to a certain time, we will indemnify the other party for its tax liabilities attributable to the built-in gain that exists with respect to such property. Therefore, although it may be in our stockholders' best interests that we sell one of these properties, it may be economically prohibitive for us to do so if we are a party to such a tax protection agreement. While we do not currently have any of these tax protection agreements in place currently, we may enter into such agreements in the future.

Our redemption of OP Units could result in the issuance of a large number of new shares of our common stock and/or force us to expend significant cash, which may limit our funds necessary to make distributions on our common stock.

Following any contractual lock-up provisions, including the one-year mandatory holding period, a non-controlling limited partner of our Operating Partnership may require us to redeem the OP Units it holds. At our election, we may satisfy the redemption through either a cash redemption, the issuance of shares of our common stock on a one-for-one basis, or a combination of the two. However, the limited partners' redemption right may not be exercised if and to the extent that the delivery of the shares upon such exercise would result in any person violating the ownership and transfer restrictions set forth in our charter. If a large number of OP Units were redeemed, it could result in the issuance of a large number of new shares of our common stock, which could dilute our existing stockholders' ownership. Alternatively, if we were to redeem a large number of OP Units for cash, we may be required to expend significant amounts to pay the redemption price, which may limit our funds necessary to make distributions on our common stock. Further, if we do not have sufficient cash on hand at the time the OP Units are tendered for redemption, we may be forced to sell additional shares of our common stock in order to raise cash, which could cause dilution to our existing stockholders and adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

Our charter grants our Board of Directors the right to classify or reclassify any unissued shares of capital stock, increase or decrease the authorized number of shares and establish the preference and rights of any preferred stock without stockholder approval.

Under our charter, we currently have authority to issue shares of both common stock and preferred stock. Our Board of Directors has the authority, without a stockholders' vote, to classify or reclassify any unissued shares of stock, including common stock, into preferred stock (or vice versa), to increase or decrease the authorized number of shares of common stock and preferred stock and to establish the preferences and rights of any preferred stock or other class or series of shares to be issued. Because our Board of Directors has the power to establish the preferences and rights of additional classes or series of stock without a stockholders' vote, our Board of Directors may give the holders of any class or series of stock preferences, powers and rights, including voting rights, senior to the rights of holders of existing stock.

Holders of our currently-designated preferred securities and future holders of any securities ranking senior to our common stock have dividend and/or liquidation rights that are senior to the rights of the holders of our common stock. Additional issuances of securities senior to our common stock may negatively impact the value of our common stock and further restrict the ability of holders of our common stock to receive dividends and/or liquidation rights.

In addition to our outstanding borrowings and common stock, our capital structure also includes our currently-designated preferred securities. In the future, we may attempt to increase our capital resources by completing additional offerings of these preferred securities or other equity securities or by issuing debt securities. In the event of a liquidation, lenders with respect to any outstanding borrowings, holders of any debt securities, and holders of any preferred stock issuances (including our currently-designated preferred securities and any other preferred stock with parity ranking we may issue in the future) would receive a distribution of our available assets in full prior to the holders of our common stock. Because our decision to issue securities in any future offering will depend on market conditions and other factors beyond our control, we cannot predict or estimate the amount, timing or nature of our future offerings. Holders of our common stock are not entitled to preemptive rights or other protection against dilutions. As additional acquisition opportunities arise, we may issue additional shares of common stock or preferred stock, or we may issue OP Units, which are redeemable for cash or, at our option, our common

stock on a one-to-one basis, to raise the capital necessary to finance these acquisitions, thus potentially further diluting stockholders' equity. As such, our common stockholders bear the risk of our future offerings reducing the per-share trading price of our common stock and diluting their interest in us. Further, holders of our currently-designated preferred securities rank senior in priority of dividend payments, which may restrict our ability to declare and pay dividends to our common stockholders at the current rate, or at all.

We may not have sufficient earnings and profits to pay distributions on our currently-designated preferred securities or common stock to be treated as dividends.

The distributions payable by us on our currently-designated preferred securities or common stock may exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits, as calculated for U.S. federal income tax purposes, at the time of payment. If that were to occur, it would result in the amount of distributions that exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits being treated first as a return of capital to the extent of the holder's adjusted tax basis in the respective security and then, to the extent of any excess over such adjusted tax basis, as capital gain.

We may not be able to maintain our qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, which would subject us to federal income tax on our taxable income at regular corporate rates, thereby reducing the amount of funds available for paying distributions to stockholders.

Our ability to maintain our qualification as a REIT depends on our ability to satisfy requirements set forth in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), concerning, among other things, the ownership of our outstanding common stock, the nature of our assets, the sources of our income and the amount of our distributions to our stockholders. The REIT qualification requirements are extremely complex, and interpretations of the federal income tax laws governing qualification as a REIT are limited. Accordingly, we cannot be certain that we will be successful in continuing to operate so as to qualify as a REIT. At any time, new laws, interpretations or court decisions may change the federal tax laws relating to, or the federal income tax consequences of, qualification as a REIT. It is possible that future economic, market, legal, tax or other considerations may cause our Board of Directors to revoke our REIT election, which it may do without stockholder approval.

If we lose our REIT status or if it was revoked, we would face serious tax consequences that would substantially reduce the funds available for distribution to our stockholders because:

- we would not be allowed a deduction for distributions to stockholders in computing our taxable income;
- we would be subject to federal income tax at regular corporate rates and might need to borrow money or sell assets to pay any such tax;
- we also could be subject to increased state and local taxes and, for taxable years ended on or before December 31, 2017, the federal alternative minimum tax; and
- unless we are entitled to relief under statutory provisions, we would be disqualified from taxation as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year during which we ceased to qualify.

If we fail to maintain our qualification as a REIT, domestic stockholders will be subject to tax as "qualified dividends" to the extent of our current and accumulated earnings and profits. The maximum U.S. federal income tax rate on such "qualified dividends" is 20%. If we fail to maintain our qualification as a REIT, we would not be required to make distributions to stockholders, and any distributions to stockholders that are U.S. corporations might be eligible for the dividends received deduction.

As a result of all these factors, our failure to maintain our qualification as a REIT could impair our ability to expand our business and raise capital and could adversely affect the value of our capital stock.

Complying with REIT requirements may cause us to forgo or liquidate otherwise attractive investments.

To maintain our qualification as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, we must continually satisfy various tests regarding the sources of our income, the nature and diversification of our assets, the amounts we distribute to our stockholders and the ownership of our stock. In order to meet these tests, we may be required to forgo investments we might otherwise make.

In particular, we must ensure that at the end of each calendar quarter at least 75% of the value of our assets consists of cash, cash items, government securities and qualified REIT real estate assets. The remainder of our investment in securities other than government securities, securities of a TRS, and qualified real estate assets generally cannot include more than 10% of the outstanding voting securities of any one issuer or more than 10% of the total value of the outstanding securities of any one issuer. In addition, in general, no more than 5% of the value of our assets other than government securities, securities of TRSs, and qualified real estate assets can consist of the securities of any one issuer, and no more than 20% (or 25% for taxable years ended on or before December 31, 2017) of the value of our total assets can be represented by securities of one or more TRSs.

If we fail to comply with these requirements, we must correct the failure within 30 days after the end of the calendar quarter or qualify for certain statutory relief provisions to avoid losing our REIT qualification and suffering adverse tax consequences. As a result, we may be required to dispose of otherwise attractive investments to satisfy REIT requirements. These actions could have the effect of reducing our income and amounts available for distribution to our stockholders.

Failure to make required distributions, both prior to and following our REIT election, would jeopardize our REIT status, which could require us to pay taxes and negatively impact our cash available for future distribution.

To maintain our qualification as a REIT, each year we must distribute to our stockholders at least 90% of our taxable income, other than any net capital gains. To the extent that we satisfy the distribution requirement but distribute less than 100% of our taxable income, we will be subject to federal corporate income tax on our undistributed income. In addition, we will incur a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the amount, if any, by which our distributions in any year are less than the sum of:

- · 85% of our ordinary income for that year;
- · 95% of our capital gain net income for that year; and
- 100% of our undistributed taxable income from prior years.

We intend to pay out our income to our stockholders in a manner intended to satisfy the distribution requirement applicable to REITs and to avoid corporate income tax and the 4% excise tax. Differences in timing between the recognition of income and the related cash receipts or the effect of required debt amortization payments could require us to borrow money or sell assets to pay out enough of our taxable income to satisfy the distribution requirement and to avoid corporate income tax and the 4% excise tax in a particular year.

Dividends payable by REITs do not qualify for the reduced tax rates available for some dividends.

The maximum federal income tax rate applicable to individuals with respect to income from "qualified dividends" is 20%. Dividends payable by REITs, however, generally are not eligible for the reduced rates. More favorable rates applicable to regular corporate qualified dividends may cause investors who are taxed at individual rates to perceive investments in REITs to be relatively less attractive than investments in the stocks of non-REIT corporations that pay dividends.

If we fail to meet stock ownership diversification requirements, we would fail to maintain our qualification as a REIT, which could require us to pay taxes and negatively impact our cash available for future distribution.

To maintain our qualification as a REIT, no more than 50% of the value of our outstanding stock may be owned, directly or indirectly, by five or fewer individuals during the last half of a taxable year, beginning with the second year after our election to be treated as a REIT. To facilitate compliance with this requirement, our charter prohibits any individual from owning more than 3.3% in value of our outstanding stock. Pursuant to an exception from this limit contained in our charter, as of December 31, 2024, David Gladstone owned, directly or indirectly, including through certain trusts, aggregate beneficial ownership of approximately 8.3% of our outstanding common stock. In addition, the David and Lorna Gladstone Foundation, a private charitable foundation, owned approximately 0.6% of our outstanding common stock. Our Board of Directors may also reduce the 3.3% ownership limitation if it determines that doing so is necessary for us to maintain our qualification for REIT treatment. However, such a reduction would not be effective for any stockholder who beneficially owns more than the reduced ownership limit. We believe that we have satisfied the ownership diversification requirements, including with respect to our taxable year ended December 31, 2024. However, if, at any point in time, we are unable to comply with the ownership diversification requirements, we could fail to maintain our qualification as a REIT, which could require us to pay taxes and negatively impact our cash available for future distribution.

We will not seek to obtain a ruling from the Internal Revenue Service (the "IRS") that we qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes.

We have not requested, and do not expect to request, a ruling from the IRS that we qualify as a REIT. An IRS determination that we do not qualify as a REIT would deprive our stockholders of the tax benefits of our REIT status only if the IRS determination is upheld in court or otherwise becomes final. To the extent that we challenge an IRS determination that we do not qualify as a REIT, we may incur legal expenses that would reduce our funds available for distribution to stockholders.

The IRS may treat sale-leaseback transactions as loans, which could jeopardize our REIT status.

The IRS may take the position that transactions in which we acquire a property and lease it back to the seller do not qualify as leases for federal income tax purposes but are, instead, financing arrangements or loans. If a sale-leaseback transaction were so re-characterized, we might fail to satisfy the asset or income tests required for REIT qualification and consequently could lose our REIT status. Alternatively, the amount of our REIT taxable income could be recalculated, which could cause us to fail the distribution test for REIT qualification.

Investments in our common stock may not be suitable for pension or profit-sharing trusts, Keogh Plans or individual retirement accounts ("IRAs").

If you are investing the assets of a pension, profit sharing, 401(k), Keogh or other retirement plan, IRA or benefit plan in us, you should consider:

- · whether your investment is consistent with the applicable provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act ("ERISA"), or the Code;
- · whether your investment will produce unrelated business taxable income to the benefit plan; and
- your need to value the assets of the benefit plan annually.

We do not believe that under current ERISA law and regulations that our assets would be treated as "plan assets" for purposes of ERISA. However, if our assets were considered to be plan assets, our assets would be subject to ERISA and/or Section 4975 of the Code, and some of the transactions we have entered into with our Adviser and its affiliates could be considered "prohibited transactions" which could cause us, our Adviser and its affiliates to be subject to liabilities and excise taxes. In addition, our officers and directors, our Adviser and its affiliates could be deemed to be fiduciaries under ERISA and subject to other conditions, restrictions and prohibitions under Part 4 of Title I of ERISA. Even if our assets are not considered to be plan assets, a prohibited transaction could occur if we or any of our affiliates is a fiduciary within the meaning of ERISA with respect to a purchase by a benefit plan.

If our Operating Partnership fails to maintain its status as a partnership for federal income tax purposes, its income may be subject to taxation.

We intend to maintain the status of the Operating Partnership as a partnership for federal income tax purposes. However, if the IRS were to successfully challenge the status of the Operating Partnership as a partnership, it would be taxable as a corporation. In such event, this would reduce the amount of distributions that the Operating Partnership could make to us. This would also result in our losing REIT status and becoming subject to a corporate level tax on our own income. This would substantially reduce our cash available to pay distributions and the return on your investment. In addition, if any of the entities through which the Operating Partnership owns its properties, in whole or in part, loses its characterization as a disregarded entity or a partnership for federal income tax purposes, it would be subject to taxation as a corporation, thereby reducing distributions to the Operating Partnership. Such a re-characterization of an underlying property owner could also threaten our ability to maintain REIT status.

Our ownership of, and relationship with, TRSs will be limited, and our failure to comply with the limits would jeopardize our REIT status and could result in the application of a 100% excise tax.

We have elected to treat Gladstone Land Advisers, Inc. ("Land Advisers"), a wholly-owned subsidiary of ours, as a TRS. We may also form other TRSs as part of our overall business strategy. A TRS may earn income that would not be qualifying income if earned directly by the parent REIT. Both the subsidiary and the REIT must jointly elect to treat the subsidiary as a TRS. A corporation of which a TRS directly or indirectly owns more than 35% of the voting power or value of the stock will automatically be treated as a TRS. Overall, no more than 20% of the value of a REIT's assets may consist of stock or securities of one or more TRSs. A TRS will pay federal, state, and local income tax at regular corporate rates on any income that it earns. In addition, the TRS rules limit the deductibility of interest paid or accrued by a TRS to its parent REIT to ensure that the TRS is subject to an appropriate level of corporate taxation. The rules also impose a 100% excise tax on certain transactions between a TRS and its parent REIT that are not conducted on an arm's-length basis.

Our TRSs will pay federal, state, and local income tax on their taxable income, and their after-tax net income will be available for distribution to us but is not required to be distributed to us. We anticipate that the aggregate value of any TRS stock and securities owned by us will be less than 20% of the value of our total assets, including the TRS stock and securities. We will evaluate all of our transactions with TRSs to ensure that they are entered into on arm's-length terms to avoid incurring the 100% excise tax. There can be no assurance, however, that we will be able to comply with the 20% limitation or to avoid application of the 100% excise tax.

Legislative or regulatory income tax changes related to REITs could materially and adversely affect us.

The U.S. federal income tax laws and regulations governing REITs and their stockholders, as well as the administrative interpretations of those laws and regulations, are constantly under review and may be changed at any time, possibly with retroactive effect. No assurance can be given as to whether, when, or in what form the U.S. federal income tax laws applicable to us and our stockholders may be enacted. Changes to the U.S. federal income tax laws and interpretations of U.S. federal tax laws could adversely affect an investment in our common stock.

# Risks Relating to the Market for our Common Stock, Series B Preferred Stock, Series C Preferred Stock, Series D Term Preferred Stock, and Series E Preferred Stock

Future issuances and sales of shares of our common stock, our currently-designated preferred securities, future series of preferred securities, or the perception that such issuances will occur, may have adverse effects on the trading prices of our shares.

We cannot predict the effect, if any, of future issuances and sales of our common stock, our currently-designated preferred securities, possible future series of preferred securities, or the availability of shares for future sales on the market price of our publicly-traded common stock and preferred securities. Sales of substantial amounts of our common stock (including shares of our common stock issuable upon the conversion of OP Units that we may issue from time to time) or our currently-designated preferred securities, or the perception that these sales could occur, may adversely affect prevailing market prices for our publicly-traded common stock and preferred securities.

An increase in market interest rates may have an adverse effect on the market price of our common stock.

One of the factors that investors may consider in deciding whether to buy or sell our common stock is our distribution yield, which is our distribution rate as a percentage of our share price, relative to market interest rates. If market interest rates increase, prospective investors may desire a higher distribution yield on our common stock or may seek securities paying higher dividends or interest. The market price of our common stock likely will be based primarily on the earnings that we derive from rental income with respect to our properties and our related distributions to stockholders, and not from the underlying appraised value of the properties themselves. As a result, interest rate fluctuations and capital market conditions are likely to affect the market price of our common stock, and such effects could be significant. For instance, if interest rates rise without an increase in our distribution rate, the market price of our common stock could decrease because potential investors may require a higher distribution yield on our common stock as market rates on interest-bearing securities, such as bonds, rise.

Shares of our currently-designated preferred securities are subordinated to existing and future debt, and your interests could be diluted by the issuance of additional preferred stock or by other transactions.

Payment of accrued dividends on our currently-designated preferred securities will be subordinated to all of our existing and future debt and will be structurally subordinate to the obligations of our subsidiaries. In addition, we may issue additional shares of another class or series of preferred stock ranking on parity with our currently-designated preferred securities with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up. None of the provisions relating to our currently-designated preferred securities relate to or limit our indebtedness or afford the holders of these securities protection in the event of a highly-leveraged or other transaction, including a merger or the sale, lease, or conveyance of all or substantially all our assets or business, that might adversely affect the holders of our currently-designated preferred securities, other than in connection with a Change of Control Triggering Event (as defined by the Certificate of Designations). These factors may affect the trading price of our publicly-traded preferred securities.

We operate as a holding company dependent upon the assets and operations of our subsidiaries, and because of our structure, we may not be able to generate the funds necessary to make distributions on our currently-designated preferred securities.

We generally operate as a holding company that conducts its businesses primarily through the Operating Partnership, which, in turn, is a holding company conducting its business through its subsidiaries. These subsidiaries conduct all of our operations and are our only sources of income. Accordingly, we are dependent on cash flows and payments of funds to us by our subsidiaries as distributions, loans, advances, leases, or other payments from our subsidiaries to generate the funds necessary to make distributions or dividends on our securities. Our subsidiaries' ability to pay such distributions and/or make such loans, advances, leases, or other payments may be restricted by, among other things, applicable laws and regulations, current and future debt agreements, and management agreements into which our subsidiaries may enter, which may impair our ability to make cash payments on our securities, including our currently-designated preferred securities. In addition, such agreements may prohibit or limit the ability of our subsidiaries to transfer any of their property or assets to us, any of our other subsidiaries, or to third parties. Our future indebtedness or our subsidiaries' future indebtedness may also include restrictions with similar effects.

In addition, because we are a holding company, stockholders' claims will be structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities and obligations (whether or not for borrowed money) of the Operating Partnership and its subsidiaries. Therefore, in the event of our bankruptcy, liquidation, or reorganization, claims of holders of our currently-designated preferred securities will be satisfied only after all of our and the Operating Partnership's and its subsidiaries' liabilities and obligations have been paid in full.

We intend to apply for quotation on Nasdaq for the Series E Preferred Stock in the future; however, there is currently no public market for this security. Even after listing, if achieved, a liquid secondary trading market may not develop, and the features of the Series E Preferred Stock may not provide holders of such shares with favorable liquidity options.

There is currently no public market for the Series E Preferred Stock. We intend to apply to list the Series E Preferred Stock on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange or to include these shares for quotation on a national securities market sometime within 12 months following the Series E Preferred Stock offering's termination date. Until shares of the Series E Preferred Stock are listed on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, if ever, holders of such shares may be unable to sell them at all or, if they are able to, only at substantial discounts from the liquidation preference. Even if the Series E Preferred Stock is listed on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange within one calendar year of the respective offerings' termination date, as anticipated, there is a risk that such shares may be thinly traded, and the market for such shares may be relatively illiquid compared to the market for other types of securities, with the spread between the bid and ask prices considerably greater than the spreads of other securities with comparable terms and features. Additionally, our charter contains restrictions on the ownership and transfer of our securities, including the Series E Preferred Stock, and these restrictions may inhibit your ability to sell the Series E Preferred Stock promptly, or at all. Also, since the Series E Preferred Stock has a stated maturity date, holders may be forced to hold the Series E Preferred Stock and receive stated dividends on the shares when, as, and if authorized by our Board of Directors and declared by us with no assurance as to ever receiving the liquidation preference.

We will be required to terminate the Series E Offering (as defined elsewhere in this Form 10-K) if our common stock and our publicly-traded, currently-designated preferred securities are all no longer listed on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange.

The Series E Preferred Stock is a "covered security" and therefore is not subject to registration under the state securities, or "Blue Sky," regulations in the various states in which it may be sold due to its seniority to our common stock, which is listed on Nasdaq. In the event that our common stock and our publicly-traded, currently-designated preferred securities are all no longer listed on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, we will be required to register this offering in any state in which we offer shares of the Series E Preferred Stock. This would require the termination of this offering and could result in our raising an amount of gross proceeds that is substantially less than the amount of the gross proceeds we expect to raise if the maximum amount of the Series E Offering is sold. This would reduce our ability to make additional investments and limit the further diversification of our portfolio.

Our currently-designated preferred securities all bear a risk of redemption by us.

We may voluntarily redeem some or all of the Series B Preferred Stock or Series C Preferred Stock. During the year ended December 31, 2024, we voluntarily redeemed 115,176 shares of our Series B Preferred Stock for a total gross cost of approximately \$2.4 million and voluntarily redeemed 201,646 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock for a total gross cost of approximately \$4.2 million. In addition, we may voluntarily redeem some or all of the Series E Preferred Stock on or after the first anniversary of the offering's termination date. Before January 31, 2026, we may, at our option, redeem the Series D Term Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time. Any such redemptions may occur at a time that is unfavorable to stockholders. We may have an incentive to redeem any of our series of preferred stock voluntarily if market conditions allow us to issue common stock, other preferred stock, or debt securities at a dividend or interest rate that is lower than the dividend rate on such series of preferred stock.

ITEM 1B. UNRESOLVED STAFF COMMENTS

None.

ITEM 1C. CYBERSECURITY

# Risk Management and Strategy

We have implemented ongoing processes that are designed to continually identify, assess, manage, monitor, and mitigate the dynamic and evolving material risks to us from cybersecurity threats. Our Adviser's and Administrator's resource management, information technology ("IT"), and compliance departments work in conjunction with an independent third-party information technology service provider ("ISP") engaged by our Adviser to manage our information technology strategy. The ISP regularly performs cyber assessments and assists us in maintaining our cyber and information security programs. The ISP proposes recommendations for improvements to our Adviser's Head of Resource Management, Director of IT, and Chief Compliance Officer ("CCO"), which are then considered by other officers and employees of our Adviser and Administrator

working on our behalf before improvements are implemented to our information technology strategy, cybersecurity, and incident response policies, processes, and procedures.

In addition, regular ongoing cybersecurity threat risk assessments, which also cover third-party business applications, are performed throughout the year and reported to our officers and Board of Directors by our CCO no less than quarterly. Cybersecurity risks are assessed in general as a part of the overall enterprise risk management for us, but also specifically between the ISP and our Adviser and Administrator in monitoring and determining not only the risks but also assessing corresponding processes and procedures to mitigate those risks appropriately. Third-party business applications are also incorporated into these risk assessments.

As an international service provider, our ISP constantly monitors information technology risk and cybersecurity threats globally. When risks are detected, the Director of IT, Head of Resource Management, and CCO consult with the ISP to assess if the risk is a cybersecurity threat to our information technology systems or data. If a risk to our information systems or data is identified, we then, through our Adviser and Administrator, work in conjunction with the ISP to implement recommended processes, improvements, or safeguards to our systems or processes to address the risks as needed. Relevant examples of such efforts include but are not limited to:

- implementation of industry-leading Cloud solutions and business applications which possess integrated cybersecurity safeguards:
- anti-malware, antivirus, and threat detection software:
- ransomware containment and isolation software;
- enhanced password requirements and multifactor authentication requirements;
- endpoint encryption;
- intrusion detection and response system conduct file integrity monitoring;
- email archiving, firewalls, and quarantine capabilities;
- mobile device management of business applications;
- · frequent systems backups with recovery capabilities; and
- regular vulnerability scans and penetration testing.

Contractually, we require the ISP to annually provide us with a third-party report on its systems and on the suitability of the design and operating effectiveness of its controls relevant to information and cyber security. In addition to the ongoing dialogue and technology interaction between the Director of IT, our Adviser and Administrator, and the ISP, any significant findings in these reports are shared with us, including our Board of Directors and other officers, to enhance ongoing monitoring and assessment of our information technology and cybersecurity risk management.

While our ISP works to create a hardened information technology systems environment, our Adviser and Administrator also regularly trains employees working on our behalf on the evolving threats and educates them on cybersecurity risks to provide an additional protection barrier through end-user knowledge. Whether it is communicating information about the latest cybersecurity threats, assessing employees' awareness through mock fraud exercises, social engineering and phishing campaigns, or providing access to a library of educational material about past and newly-evolving cybersecurity attacks, our Adviser and Administrator work in concert with the ISP on our behalf to keep employees servicing us informed so as to provide an additional protection barrier through end-user knowledge.

Notwithstanding our risk management and strategy described above, we may not be successful in preventing or mitigating a cybersecurity incident that could have a material adverse effect on us. We are not currently aware of any known cybersecurity risks that may materially impact our operations, though we may not be able to determine the likelihood of such risks. See Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors—Risks Relating to Our Business and Operations—Cybersecurity risks and cyber incidents may adversely affect our business by causing a disruption to our operations or the operations of businesses in which we invest, a compromise or corruption of our confidential information, and/or damage to our business relationships, all of which could negatively impact our business, financial condition, and operating results," for a discussion of risks related to cybersecurity and cyber incidents.

# Governance

Our Board of Directors is actively engaged in overseeing our cybersecurity and information security program. Our Board of Directors receives regular reports during board meetings from our CCO on our and our Adviser's and Administrator's efforts concerning information security and addressing information technology and cybersecurity risks no less than quarterly and regularly receives updates from third parties on various business risks, which include cybersecurity matters. The reports are distributed to our Board of Directors, and our CCO engages in detailed discussions with the independent board members during the independent members' session. The reports cover all potentially material cybersecurity threats facing us, as well as key

risks and mitigation efforts undertaken by us and our Adviser and Administrator. As significant threats or events are identified by management or the ISP between regular reporting periods, our CCO will inform our Board of Directors immediately and keep it informed as to the developments of assessing the risks, mitigating efforts, and potential disclosure. Appropriate members of management and third-party providers will be involved as deemed necessary based on the potential impact.

Management personnel most involved with assessing and managing the cybersecurity risks and program with our ISP include ourHead of Resources Management, who is also a member of our Board of Directors, and our CCO. Our Head of Resources Management has more than 30 years of overall experience and more than 20 years directly assessing and managing our cyber information technology and human resources systems and the associated security concerns. Our CCO has more than 30 years of overall experience as a CPA, with more than 15 years managing information technology systems and databases, and 15-plus years supporting our Adviser's and Administrator's resource management department. This includes identifying, assessing, mitigating, and monitoring cyber information security risks. Our Director of IT has over 20 years of experience in IT, with a focus in the implementation of information security projects to enhance organizations' resilience against emerging threats, and has collaborated closely with security vendors and partners to contain and address cybersecurity incidents. These managers, as well as other management personnel, attend various professional continuing education programs that include cybersecurity matters. Certain members of our Board of Directors have, or previously held, positions with other companies, including other public companies, that involved managing risks associated with their cyber and information technology systems. Our Board of Directors regularly receives updates from third parties on various business risks, which include cybersecurity matters.

# ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

All of our properties are wholly-owned on a fee-simple basis, except where noted. The following table provides certain summary information about the 157 farms we owned as of December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands, except for footnotes):

Location	No. of Farms	Total Acres	Farm Acres	Acre-feet of Water Assets	Net Cost Basis <sup>(1)</sup>	Encumbrances(2)
California <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup>	63	34,845	32,321	55,387	\$ 840,374	\$ 372,780
Florida <sup>(6)</sup>	25	18,720	13,891	_	166,471	76,917
Washington	6	2,520	2,004	_	56,171	15,196
Arizona <sup>(7)</sup>	6	6,320	5,333	_	49,840	11,939
Colorado	12	32,773	25,577	_	45,579	13,849
Nebraska <sup>(6)</sup>	9	7,782	7,050	_	29,898	9,912
Oregon <sup>(8)</sup>	6	898	736	_	28,991	10,873
Michigan	12	1,245	778	_	15,204	8,663
Texas	1	3,667	2,219	_	8,026	_
Maryland	6	987	863	_	7,948	4,218
South Carolina	3	597	447	_	3,452	2,100
Georgia	2	230	175	_	2,222	1,600
North Carolina	2	310	295	_	2,076	_
New Jersey	3	116	101	_	2,059	1,185
Delaware	1	180	140	_	1,280	677
Totals	157	111,190	91,930	55,387	\$ 1,259,591	\$ 529,909

- (1) Consists of the initial acquisition price (including the costs allocated to both tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed), plus subsequent improvements and other capitalized costs associated with the properties, and adjusted for accumulated depreciation and amortization. Specifically, includes Total real estate, net and Lease intangibles, net; plus Real estate and related assets held for sale, net; plus long-term water assets, net above-market lease values, and net investments in special-purpose LLCs included in Other assets, net; and less net below-market lease values and other deferred revenue included in Other liabilities, net; each as shown on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- 2) Excludes approximately \$2.4 million of debt issuance costs related to notes and bonds payable, included in Notes and bonds payable, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (3) Includes ownership in a special-purpose LLC that owns a pipeline conveying water to certain of our properties. As of December 31, 2024, this investment had a net carrying value of approximately \$962,000 and is included within Other assets, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (4) Includes eight acres in which we own a leasehold interest via a ground lease with a private individual that expires in December 2040 and five acres in which we own a leasehold interest via a ground sublease with a California municipality that expires in December 2041. As of December 31, 2024, these two ground leases had a net cost basis of approximately \$651,000 and are included in Lease intangibles, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (5) Includes 48,309 acre-feet of water stored with Semitropic Water Storage District, located in Kern County, California, and 7,078 surplus water credits in our account with Westlands Water District, located in Fresno County, California. See Note 3, "Real Estate and Intangible Assets—Investments in Water Assets," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for additional information.
- (6) Includes certain properties classified as held for sale; see Note 3, "Real Estate and Intangible Assets—Real Estate Held for Sale," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for additional information.

- (7) Includes two farms consisting of 1,368 total acres and 1,221 farm acres in which we own leasehold interests via two ground leases with the State of Arizona that expire in February 2025 and February 2032, respectively. As of December 31, 2024, these ground leases had an aggregate net cost basis of approximately \$42,000 and are included in Lease intangibles, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (8) Includes ownership in a special-purpose LLC that owns certain irrigation infrastructure that provides water to two of our farms. As of December 31, 2024, this investment had a net carrying value of approximately \$4.7 million and is included within Other assets, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

# ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

In the ordinary course of business incidental to our business, we may be involved in various legal proceedings from time to time which we may not consider material. We are not currently subject to any material legal proceedings, nor, to our knowledge, are any material legal proceedings threatened against us.

# ITEM 4. MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

#### PART II

# ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY, RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS, AND ISSUER PURCHASES OF EQUITY SECURITIES

#### Market Information

The principal market for our common stock is the Nasdaq Global Market under the symbol "LAND."

#### **Distribution Information**

Since our IPO on January 29, 2013, we have never missed a payment of a scheduled distribution on our common stock, which are declared quarterly and paid monthly. Our Board of Directors regularly evaluates our per-share distribution payments as it monitors the capital markets and the impact that the economy has on the Company. The decision as to whether to authorize and pay distributions on shares of our common stock in the future, as well as the timing, amount, and composition thereof, will be at the sole and absolute discretion of our Board of Directors in light of conditions then existing, including our earnings, taxable income, FFO, adjusted FFO, financial condition, liquidity, capital requirements, debt maturities, the availability of capital, contractual prohibitions or other restrictions, legal requirements (including applicable requirements that we must satisfy to qualify and to maintain our qualification to be taxed as a REIT), and general overall economic conditions and other factors. While the statements above concerning our distribution policy represent our current expectations, any actual distribution payable will be determined by our Board of Directors based upon the circumstances at the time of declaration and the actual number of common shares then outstanding, and any common distribution payable may vary from such expected amounts.

For federal income tax purposes, distributions to our stockholders generally consist of ordinary income, capital gains, nontaxable return of capital, or a combination of those items. Distributions that exceed our current and accumulated earnings and profits (calculated for tax purposes) constitute a non-taxable return of capital rather than a dividend and will not be taxable to the extent of the stockholder's basis in its shares of our stock, which basis will be reduced by an amount equal to such non-taxable distribution. To the extent a distribution exceeds the stockholder's share of both our current and accumulated earnings and profits and the stockholder's basis in its shares of our stock, that distribution will be treated as a gain from the sale or exchange of that stockholder's shares of our stock. Every year, we notify stockholders of the taxability of distributions paid to stockholders during the preceding year.

#### **Stockholder Information**

As of February 10, 2025:

- there were 18 registered holders of record and 57,408 beneficial owners of our common stock; and
- other than those owned by the Company, there were no holders of record or beneficial owners of our OP Units. After a mandatory one-year holding period, our OP Units are redeemable at the option of the holder for cash or, at our election, shares of our common stock on a one-for-one basis.

# **OP Unit Redemptions**

Since January 1, 2024, through the date of this filing, no OP Units were tendered for redemption. There are currently no OP Units outstanding other than those owned by the Company.

# Sale of Unregistered Securities

We did not sell any unregistered shares of stock during the three months or year ended December 31, 2024.

# **Issuer Purchaser of Equity Securities**

On May 17, 2024, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program authorizing us to repurchase up to \$20.0 million of our Series B Preferred Stock and up to \$35.0 million of our Series C Preferred Stock (collectively, the "Repurchase Program"). The Board's authorization of the Repurchase Program may be suspended or discontinued at any time, does not obligate us to acquire any particular amount of securities, and expires on May 17, 2025. Under the Repurchase Program, repurchases are intended to be implemented through open market transactions on U.S. exchanges and/or in privately-negotiated transactions facilitated by a third-party broker acting as agent for us in accordance with applicable securities laws.

Any repurchases will be made during applicable trading window periods or pursuant to applicable Rule 10b5-1 trading plans. We currently have \$17.6 million of Series B Preferred Stock remaining and \$30.8 million of Series C Preferred Stock remaining that may be repurchased under the Repurchase Program.

The following table summarizes repurchase activity under the Repurchase Program during the year ended December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts):

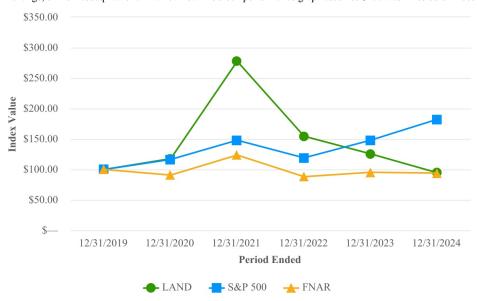
For the year ended December 31, 2024
115,176
\$2,429
\$21.09
\$133
201,646
\$4,201
\$20.83
\$372

(1) Inclusive of broker commissions.

We did not purchase any class of our equity securities registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act during the three months or year ended December 31, 2023.

# Stock Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative stockholder return (assuming reinvestment of distributions) of our common stock with that of the Standard and Poor's 500 Index ("S&P 500") and the FTSE NAREIT All REIT Index ("FNAR"), which is a market capitalization-weighted index that includes all REITs that are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, or the Nasdaq National Market List. The stock performance graph assumes \$100 was invested on December 31, 2019.



<sup>(2)</sup> The gain on the repurchase of cumulative redeemable preferred stock is included within Gain (loss) on extinguishment of cumulative redeemable preferred stock, net on our accompanying Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

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Index	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
LAND	\$ 100.00	\$ 117.37	\$ 277.29	\$ 154.12	\$ 125.61	\$ 94.21
S&P 500	100.00	116.26	147.52	118.84	147.64	182.05
FNAR	100.00	90.26	123.57	88.08	94.89	93.73

## ITEM 6. RESERVED

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

#### ITEM 7.

The following analysis of our financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with our financial statements and the notes thereto contained elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

#### **OVERVIEW**

#### General

We are an externally-managed, agricultural REIT that is engaged in the business of owning and leasing farmland. We are not generally a grower of crops, nor do we typically farm the properties we own, though we may, on a temporary basis, do so in the future on select properties in certain situations. If we choose to operate any farms we own, we anticipate doing so via a management agreement with a third-party operator and/or through a TRS. We currently own 150 farms comprised of 103,001 acres across 15 states in the U.S. We also own several farm-related facilities, such as cooling facilities, packinghouses, processing facilities, and various storage facilities.

We conduct substantially all of our activities through, and all of our properties are held, directly or indirectly, by the Operating Partnership. Gladstone Land Corporation controls the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership and currently owns, directly or indirectly, 100.0% of the OP Units. In addition, we have elected for Land Advisers, a wholly-owned subsidiary of ours, to be treated as a TRS.

Our Adviser manages our real estate portfolio pursuant to an advisory agreement, and our Administrator provides administrative services to us pursuant to an administration agreement. Our Adviser and our Administrator collectively employ all of our personnel and pay directly their salaries, benefits, and general expenses.

As of February 19, 2025:

- we owned 150 farms comprised of 103,001 total acres across 15 states in the U.S.;
- our occupancy rate (based on farmable acreage and including direct-operated farms) was 95.9%, and our farms were leased to 87 different, unrelated third-party tenants growing over 60 different types of crops;
- · the weighted-average remaining lease term across our agricultural real estate holdings was 5.2 years; and
- the weighted-average term to maturity of our notes and bonds payable was 7.6 years, and over 99.9% of our borrowings bore interest at fixed rates; on a weighted-average basis, the remaining fixed-price term of our borrowings was 3.6 years, with an expected weighted-average effective interest rate (after interest patronage, as described below) of 3.35% over that term.

# **Business Environment**

# Impact of Inflation and Interest Rates

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, the consumer price index ("CPI") grew at an annual rate of 2.9% through December 31, 2024, as overall inflation continued to decline from its peak in the summer of 2022, when it reached the highest level in over 40 years. Food price increases have also slowed but have generally kept pace with inflation until recently, as the overall food segment rose at an annual rate of 2.5% through December 31, 2024. However, despite the recent slowdown, prices remain elevated, with overall food prices increasing by 16.2% over the past three years, outpacing overall CPI of 13.2% over the same period. While farm operators have faced rising input costs, we believe these increases will be somewhat offset if food prices continue to match or exceed the inflation rate.

After keeping rates steady since July 2023, the Federal Reserve began cutting interest rates for the first time in four years in September 2024, lowering its benchmark funds rate by 100 basis points in the fourth quarter of 2024. However, U.S. Treasury yields surged following the September 2024 meeting, driven by stronger-than-expected macroeconomic data, persistent inflation, and a reduction in projected interest rate cuts for 2025 by 50%. While there is general optimism about the economy's trajectory, geopolitical concerns, such as tariffs and the potential for a trade war with key U.S. trading partners, add uncertainty. As a result, the benchmark 10-year U.S. Treasury yield has remained volatile, most recently settling around 4.5%. This has kept interest rates elevated, limiting our ability to finance new acquisitions under favorable terms.

Over 99.9% of our borrowings are currently at fixed rates, and on a weighted-average basis, these rates are fixed at an effective interest rate of 3.35% for another 3.6 years. As such, with respect to our current borrowings, we have experienced minimal impact from the recent increases in interest rates, and we believe we are well-protected against the potential of continued high interest rates or any further interest rate increases.

#### California Water Outlook

The 2024-2025 water year has been following a typical "La Niña" weather pattern, bringing wetter conditions to Northern California and drier conditions in the southern part of the state. Northern California has seen heavy rain and snow from multiple atmospheric storms, while much of Southern California is either already in or trending toward drought conditions. However, after consecutive above-average or wet years, and due to heavy precipitation experienced in the north, reservoir levels across the state remain above historical averages. As a result, we currently expect adequate surface water supplies for our farms, pending final water allocation announcements. Wet conditions often create situations where water purveyors and users have surplus water supplies that can be acquired at lower prices; thus we continue to look for opportunities to purchase water at attractive rates to supplement our long-term water supply.

With the ongoing implementation of the Sustainable Groundwater Management Act ("SGMA"), farmland operators statewide continue to face groundwater restrictions. These limitations have led to the implementation of supplemental water projects that enable farmland owners and operators to capture or import surplus surface water. We continue to actively evaluate new projects and programs for 2025 that we believe will help mitigate the negative impacts of SGMA-driven pumping curtailments, including initiatives that support floodwater capture and storage, fallowing programs, and infrastructure development to enhance water management.

#### Factors Impacting Agricultural Land Values in our Regions of Focus

#### Western U.S.

Land values in the western U.S. continue to face significant pressure from the ongoing high interest rate environment and lower crop prices, particularly in almonds, wine grapes, and apples. Both the almond and wine grape industries have experienced large amounts of acres being removed, and the increased cost of capital is preventing much of that acreage from being replanted at this time. Among other factors, this has contributed to a rise in almond prices, though they remain below the peak levels experienced a few years ago. Pistachios continue to fare much better and are experiencing stronger profitability, despite an increase in bearing acreage of pistachios. Meanwhile, with water being more plentiful in recent years, row crop acreage had expanded, putting downward price pressure on many row crops. As such, we anticipate a reduction in the amount of acreage dedicated to row crops in 2025.

Large tracts of land are becoming available in California's Central Valley; however, while smaller parcels are selling rather quickly, larger holdings are sitting on the market longer. The implementation of groundwater plans to comply with SGMA continues to significantly impact land values. Properties with limited water access are seeing prices drop to levels not seen in decades, whereas land with reliable water resources continues to command high prices, a trend expected to continue for the next several years. In Coastal California, land remains in short supply, keeping values stable. Meanwhile, land values in the Pacific Northwest have remained relatively stable despite challenges in the wine grape and apple industries.

# Southeastern U.S.

Values of farmland in the Southeast, particularly those growing fruits and vegetables, continue to rise at a steady pace, driven in part by sustained population growth and migration to the region. Our land holdings in Florida have benefited significantly from increased residential development, solar projects, and interest from large-scale farmland investors, all contributing to upward pressure on farmland values. Overall, farmland rents have remained stable, with slight variations depending on crop type.

Despite challenges from hurricanes and rising labor costs, the strawberry industry remains strong, supported by steadily growing retail demand, which has led to increasing rental rates on our farms. Similarly, vegetable ground has continued to appreciate in value, despite some downward pressure on crop prices due to imports. Meanwhile, the Florida citrus industry continues to struggle with persistent challenges, including citrus greening disease, severe weather, and economic pressures. In response, farmers are increasingly adopting alternative methods, such as growing citrus under protective screens, to mitigate the

effects of disease. Local officials and industry leaders are also pursuing funding for further research to fight the disease, but, as of yet, no long-term solution has proven to be effective.

#### **Portfolio Diversification**

Our farmland portfolio currently consists of 150 farms leased to 87 different, unrelated third-party tenants who grow over 60 different types of crops on our farms. Our investment focus is in farmland suitable for growing either fresh produce annual row crops (e.g., certain berries and vegetables) or certain permanent crops (e.g., almonds, blueberries, pistachios, and wine grapes), with an ancillary focus on farmland growing certain commodity crops (e.g., beans and corn).

The following table summarizes the geographic locations (by state) of our farms owned as of and during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 (dollars in thousands):

As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2024					As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2023				As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2022								
State	No. of Farms	Total Acres	% of Total Acres	Lease Revenue	% of Total Lease Revenue	No. of Farms	Total Acres	% of Total Acres	F	Lease Revenue	% of Total Lease Revenue	No. of Farms	Total Acres	% of Total Acres	F	Lease Revenue	% of Total Lease Revenue
California <sup>(1)</sup>	63	34,845	31.3%	\$ 58,055	68.5%	63	34,844	30.1%	\$	59,143	65.5%	63	34,844	30.1%	\$	61,118	68.5%
Florida(2)	25	18,720	16.8%	12,055	14.2%	26	22,468	19.4%		15,076	16.7%	26	22,606	19.5%		14,537	16.3%
Washington	6	2,520	2.3%	4,291	5.1%	6	2,520	2.2%		4,651	5.1%	6	2,529	2.2%		3,401	3.8%
Colorado	12	32,773	29.5%	2,645	3.1%	12	32,773	28.3%		2,564	2.8%	12	32,773	28.3%		2,153	2.4%
Arizona	6	6,320	5.7%	2,275	2.7%	6	6,320	5.5%		2,263	2.5%	6	6,320	5.5%		2,100	2.4%
Oregon	6	898	0.8%	1,965	2.3%	6	898	0.8%		2,181	2.4%	6	898	0.8%		1,710	1.9%
Michigan	12	1,245	1.1%	1,021	1.2%	23	1,892	1.6%		966	1.1%	23	1,892	1.6%		786	0.9%
Nebraska(2)	9	7,782	7.0%	892	1.1%	9	7,782	6.7%		1,778	2.0%	9	7,782	6.7%		1,712	1.9%
Texas	1	3,667	3.3%	468	0.5%	1	3,667	3.2%		450	0.5%	1	3,667	3.2%		450	0.5%
Maryland	6	987	0.9%	466	0.5%	6	987	0.9%		461	0.5%	6	987	0.8%		453	0.5%
South Carolina	3	597	0.5%	244	0.3%	3	597	0.5%		244	0.3%	3	597	0.5%		244	0.3%
Georgia	2	230	0.2%	224	0.3%	2	230	0.2%		224	0.3%	2	230	0.2%		224	0.3%
New Jersey	3	116	0.1%	134	0.2%	3	116	0.1%		129	0.1%	3	116	0.1%		129	0.2%
Delaware	1	180	0.2%	76	0.1%	1	180	0.2%		75	0.1%	1	180	0.2%		74	%
North Carolina	2	310	0.3%	(48)	(0.1)%	2	310	0.3%		114	0.1%	2	310	0.3%		145	0.1%
TOTALS	157	111,190	100.0%	\$ 84,763	100.0%	169	115,584	100.0%	\$	90,319	100.0%	169	115,731	100.0%	\$	89,236	100.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> According to the California Chapter of the American Society of Farm Managers and Rural Appraisers, there are eight distinct growing regions within California; our farms are spread across six of these growing regions.

#### Leases

# General

Most of our leases are on a triple-net basis, an arrangement under which, in addition to rent, the tenant is required to directly pay the related taxes, insurance costs, maintenance, and other operating costs. Our leases generally have original terms ranging from 3 to 10 years for farms growing row crops and 7 to 15 years for farms growing permanent crops (in each case, often with options to extend the lease further). Rent is generally payable to us in advance on either an annual, semi-annual, or quarterly basis, with such rent typically subject to periodic escalation clauses provided for within the lease. Currently, 95 of our farms are leased on a pure, triple-net basis, 46 farms are leased on a partial-net basis (with us, as landlord, responsible for all or a portion of the related property taxes), 3 farms are leased on a single-net basis (with us, as landlord, responsible for the related property taxes, as well as certain maintenance, repairs, and insurance costs), 1 farm is direct-operated, and 5 farms are vacant. Additionally, 27 of our farms are leased under agreements that include a variable rent component, called "participation rents," that are based on the gross revenues earned on the respective farms (though such leases often include a guarantee of a minimum amount of rental income).

# Lease Expirations

Agricultural leases are often shorter term in nature (relative to leases of other types of real estate assets), so in any given year, we may have multiple leases up for extension or renewal. The following table summarizes the lease expirations by year for the farms owned and with leases in place as of December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands):

<sup>(2)</sup> Includes farms that were sold subsequent to December 31, 2024. See below, under "-Recent Developments-Portfolio Activity-Existing Properties-Property Sales," for information on these sales.

Year	Number of Expiring Leases <sup>(1)</sup>	Expiring / Expired Leased Acreage	% of Total Acreage	Year E	Revenue for the nded December 31, 2024	% of Total Lease Revenue
2025	14	16,961	15.2%	\$	14,750	17.4%
2026	7	10,196	9.2%		4,617	5.4%
2027	9	8,497	7.6%		11,488	13.5%
2028	13	4,868	4.4%		4,796	5.7%
2029	7	1,973	1.8%		3,036	3.6%
Thereafter	42	56,101	50.5%		40,851	48.2%
Other <sup>(2)</sup>	11	31	%		498	0.6%
Terminated/expired leases and sold properties <sup>(3)</sup>	0	12,563	11.3%		4,727	5.6%
Totals	103	111,190	100.0%	\$	84,763	100.0%

- (1) Certain lease agreements encompass multiple farms.
- (2) Primarily consists of ancillary leases (e.g., renewable energy leases; oil, gas, and mineral leases; telecommunications leases; etc.) with varying expirations on certain of our farms.
- (3) Includes lease revenues of approximately \$3.1 million from 9 farms on which the respective leases expired and which are currently either direct-operated or vacant; \$0 from 12 farms sold during the year ended December 31, 2024; and approximately \$1.6 million from 7 farms sold subsequent to December 31, 2024.

We currently have three agricultural leases scheduled to expire within the next six months that, in the aggregate, made up approximately 1.5% of the total lease revenues we recorded during the year ended December 31, 2024. We are currently exploring a variety of options with certain of these properties, including negotiating lease terms with existing and prospective new tenants (potentially through an adjusted lease structure whereby we would decrease the fixed base rent amounts in exchange for increasing the participation rent component), discussing sale options with prospective buyers, and considering operating the properties ourselves via third-party management agreements. Regarding all vacancies and upcoming lease expirations, there can be no assurance that we will be able to renew the existing leases or execute new leases at rental rates favorable to us, if at all, or be able to find replacement tenants, if necessary.

# **Recent Developments**

# Portfolio Activity—Existing Properties

Property Sales

In January 2024, we completed the sale of a 3,748-acre farm in Florida for approximately \$65.7 million. Including closing costs, we recognized a net gain on the sale of approximately \$10.4 million.

In December 2024, we completed the sale of 11 farms (consisting of 647 gross acres of farmland) in Michigan for approximately \$5.0 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2024, we recognized an impairment charge of approximately \$2.1 million related to these farms and, upon completing the sale of these farms in December 2024, recognized an additional aggregate net loss (inclusive of closing costs) of approximately \$432,000.

In January 2025, we completed the sale of a 5,630-acre farm in Florida for approximately \$52.5 million. Including closing costs, we recognized a net gain on the sale of approximately \$14.2 million.

In February 2025, we completed the sale of two farms in Nebraska totaling 2,559 gross acres for an aggregate sales price of \$12.0 million. Including closing costs, we recognized an aggregate net gain on these sales of approximately \$1.6 million.

Leasing Activity

The following table summarizes certain leasing activity that has occurred on our existing properties since January 1, 2024, through the date of this filing (dollars in thousands, except for footnotes):

					PRIOR LEASES			NEV	V LEASES(1)	
Farm Locations	Number of Leases	Total Farm Acres	Annu Straig	otal Ialized Sht-line nt <sup>(2)</sup>	# of Leases with Participation Rents	Lease Structures (# of NNN / NN / N) <sup>(3)</sup>	Total nnualized raight-line Rent <sup>(2)</sup>	Wtd. Avg. Term (Years)	# of Leases with Participation Rents	Lease Structures (# of NNN / NN / N) <sup>(3)</sup>
CA, CO, DE, FL, MD, MI, OR, TX, & WA	24	13,256	\$	12,424	2	15 / 4 / 0	\$ 12,291	5.3	3	16 / 8 / 0

<sup>(1)</sup> In connection with certain of these leases, we committed to provide cash allowances or capital for certain operations and improvements on these farms, which are excluded from the figures above. See Note 3, "Real Estate and Intangible Assets—Intangible Assets and Liabilities," and Note 7,

- "Commitments and Contingencies—Operating Obligations," within the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for additional information on these and other commitments.

  Based on the minimum cash rental payments guaranteed under the applicable leases (presented on an annualized basis), as required under GAAP, and excludes contingent rental payments, such as participation rents. In executing certain lease renewals, particularly those on certain western permanent crop farms, we reduced or eliminated the base rent component or, in certain cases, provided the tenants with a cash lease incentive, in exchange for significantly increasing the participation rent component, the results of which will not be known until the second half of 2025 or later.
- (3) "NNN" refers to leases under triple-net lease arrangements, "NN" refers to leases under partial-net lease arrangements, and "N" refers to leases under single-net lease arrangements, in each case, as described above under "Leases—General." Certain leases executed during 2024 were on acreage that was previously vacant.

#### Vacant, Direct-operated, and Non-accrual Properties

During various portions of the year ended December 31, 2024, we had 26 farms that were either vacant, direct-operated through third-party management agreements, or on which lease revenues were recognized on a cash basis (due to credit issues with certain tenants leading us to determine that full collectability of the remaining rental payments under the respective leases was not probable). For the year ended December 31, 2024, we recorded lease revenue from these farms of approximately \$3.4 million (including approximately \$109,000 of participation rents), as compared to approximately \$4.9 million (including approximately \$694,000 of participation rents) during the prior year.

During and since the year ended December 31, 2024, we have entered into new lease agreements on certain of these farms and sold others. As such, currently, five farms remain vacant, one farm is direct-operated, and six farms (leased to three different tenants) are on non-accrual status. For the vacant and direct-operated farms, we are exploring both leasing and sale options and are in discussions with both potential tenants and buyers; however, there can be no guarantee that we will be able to secure agreements at favorable terms, or at all.

Regarding the farms currently on non-accrual status, we continue to work with each of the tenants to resolve the outstanding rent amounts and will seek to reach agreements on the remaining payments where possible. Such agreement, if one can be reached, may include placing the tenant on a payment plan, deferring a portion of the rent owed to us, or agreeing to terminate the lease. In the event of a termination, we estimate that we would be able to find a new tenant to lease these properties at market rental rates within 1 to 12 months.

# Water Asset Acquisitions

During the year ended December 31, 2024, through multiple transactions in four different water districts in California, we secured 8,987 net acre-feet of water assets for a total cash cost of approximately \$2.1 million, or approximately \$236 per net acre-foot, and recognized approximately \$453,000 of non-cash revenue as a result of being granted certain water credits in exchange for transferring and storing surplus water on behalf of a local water district. See Note 3, "Real Estate and Intangible Assets—Investments in Water Assets," within the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for further detail on these water transactions.

In addition, during the three months ended September 30, 2024, we purchased a total of 2,260 gross acre-feet of water from Byron-Bethany Irrigation District ("BBID"), a multi-county water district located in Contra Costa County, California, for the 2024 water year for a total purchase price (excluding commissions and other closing costs) of approximately \$883,000, or approximately \$391 per gross acre-foot. This water was purchased pursuant to a water transfer agreement we entered into with BBID in October 2023, whereby we may elect to purchase up to 15,000 acre-feet of water per water year during years in which BBID has a surplus supply of water through February 28, 2031. Thus far, we have recognized 1,600 acre-feet of water in our account with the local water district; the remaining water is expected to be recognized in our account within the next six months, net of standard losses, as may be applicable.

We currently own a total of 55,387 acre-feet of long-term water assets, and our investments in these long-term water assets have an aggregate carrying value of approximately \$36.9 million.

#### Natural Disasters

In February 2024, certain parts of California, particularly the southern part of the state, experienced a "one-in-one-thousand year" rainfall event, as atmospheric river storms caused widespread flooding and mudslides in multiple areas. Certain of our farms suffered minor damage as a result of the storms, but no farms were materially impacted.

In September and October 2024, Hurricanes Helene and Milton caused widespread destruction across many states in the Southeastern U.S., including areas where several of our farms are located. As a result of Hurricane Helene in September 2024, one of our farms in Georgia suffered damage to certain permanent plantings on the farm, and we estimated the carrying value of such plantings to be approximately \$275,000. As such, during the year ended December 31, 2024, we wrote down the carrying value of these plantings and also recorded a corresponding property and casualty loss, included within Property and casualty loss, net on our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Certain of our other farms in the region suffered minor damage as a result of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, but no other farms were materially impacted.

In January 2025, a series of wildfires caused widespread destruction in certain areas of southern California. The fires were exacerbated by drought conditions and strong Santa Ana winds, among other factors. None of our farms were impacted by these wildfires.

#### Financing Activity

Debt Activity

# Loan Repayments

From January 1, 2024, through the date of this filing, we repaid approximately \$53.0 million of loans, the majority of which were either maturing or scheduled for a price reset. On a weighted-average basis, these borrowings bore interest at a stated rate of 4.31% and an effective interest rate (after interest patronage, where applicable) of 3.69%.

#### Farm Credit Notes Payable—Interest Patronage

From time to time since September 2014, we, through certain subsidiaries of our Operating Partnership, have entered into various loan agreements (collectively, the "Farm Credit Notes Payable") with 13 different Farm Credit associations (collectively, "Farm Credit"). During the three months ended March 31, 2024, we recorded interest patronage of approximately \$1.9 million related to interest accrued on the Farm Credit Notes Payable during the year ended December 31, 2023, and during the three months ended September 30, 2023, we received approximately \$111,000 of interest patronage, as certain Farm Credit associations paid a portion of the 2023 interest patronage (which relates to interest accrued during 2023 but is typically paid during the first half of 2024) early. In total, 2023 interest patronage resulted in a 22.0% reduction (approximately 101 basis points) to the interest rates on such borrowings. For further discussion on interest patronage, refer to Note 4, "Borrowings—Farm Credit Notes Payable—Interest Patronage," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements.

Equity Activity

# Series E Preferred Stock

On November 9, 2022, we filed a prospectus supplement with the SEC for a continuous public offering of up to 8,000,000 shares of our Series E Preferred Stock on a "reasonable best efforts" basis through Gladstone Securities at an offering price of \$25.00 per share (the "Series E Offering"). See Note 6, "Related-Party Transactions—Gladstone Securities—Dealer-Manager Agreements," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the commissions and fees to be paid to Gladstone Securities in connection with the Series E Offering.

The following table summarizes the sales of our Series E Preferred Stock that occurred from January 1, 2024, through the date of this filing (dollars in thousands):

Number of Shares Sold	Weigh Offering	ited-average Price Per Share	Gro	oss Proceeds	Ne	t Proceeds(1)
16,595	\$	24.98	\$	414	\$	373

<sup>(1)</sup> Net of underwriting discounts and selling commissions and dealer-manager fees borne by us. Aggregate selling commissions and dealer-manager fees paid to Gladstone Securities as a result of these sales was approximately \$41,000.

The Series E Offering will terminate on the date (the "Series E Termination Date") that is the earlier of (i) December 31, 2025 (unless terminated or extended by our Board of Directors) and (ii) the date on which all 8,000,000 shares of Series E Preferred Stock offering in the Series E Offering are sold. There is currently no public market for shares of Series E Preferred Stock. We intend to apply to list the Series E Preferred Stock on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange within one calendar year after the Series E Termination Date; however, there can be no assurance that a listing will be achieved in such timeframe, or at all.

# Common Stock—At-the-Market Program

We have entered into equity distribution agreements (commonly referred to as "at-the-market agreements") with Virtu Americas LLC and Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. (each a "Sales Agent"), that, as amended, currently permit us to issue and sell, from time to time and through the Sales Agents, shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$500.0 million (the "ATM Program").

The following table summarizes the activity under the ATM Program from January 1, 2024, through the date of this filing (dollars in thousands):

Number of Shares Sold	Off	ering Price er Share	Gr	oss Proceeds	N	et Proceeds(1)
346,216	\$	13.52	\$	4,680	\$	4,633

(1) Net of underwriter commissions.

#### Repurchase Program

On May 17, 2024, our Board of Directors approved the Repurchase Program to repurchase up to \$20.0 million of the Series B Preferred Stock and up to \$35.0 million of the Series C Preferred Stock. The Board's authorization of the Repurchase Program may be suspended or discontinued at any time, does not obligate us to acquire any particular amount of securities, and expires on May 17, 2025. Under the Repurchase Program, repurchases are intended to be implemented through open market transactions on U.S. exchanges and/or in privately-negotiated transactions facilitated by a third-party broker acting as agent for us in accordance with applicable securities laws. Any repurchases will be made during applicable trading window periods or pursuant to applicable Rule 10b5-1 trading plans.

The following table summarizes repurchase activity under the Repurchase Program from January 1, 2024, through the date of this filing (dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts):

Series B Preferred Stock:	
Number of shares repurchased	115,176
Gross repurchase price <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 2,429
Weighted-average repurchase price per share	\$ 21.09
Gain on repurchase <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 133
Series C Preferred Stock:	
Number of shares repurchased	201,646
Gross repurchase price <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 4,201
Weighted-average repurchase price per share	\$ 20.83
Gain on repurchase <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 372

<sup>(1)</sup> Inclusive of broker commissions.

#### Our Adviser and Administrator

We are externally managed pursuant to contractual arrangements with our Adviser and our Administrator (both affiliates of ours), which collectively employ all of our personnel and pay their salaries, benefits, and general expenses directly. The current Advisory Agreement and the current Administration Agreement were each approved unanimously by our board of directors, including, specifically, our independent directors.

A summary of certain compensation terms within the Advisory Agreement and a summary of the Administration Agreement is below.

#### Advisory Agreement

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, our Adviser is compensated in the form of a base management fee and, each as applicable, an incentive fee, a capital gains fee, and a termination fee. Our Adviser does not charge acquisition or disposition fees when we acquire or dispose of properties, as is common in other externally-managed REITs. The base management and incentive fees are described below. For information on the capital gains and termination fees, refer to Note 6, "Related-Party Transactions—Our Adviser and Administrator—Advisory Agreement," within the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements.

# Base Management Fee

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, a base management fee is paid quarterly in arrears and is calculated at an annual rate of 0.60% (0.15% per quarter) of the prior calendar quarter's "Gross Tangible Real Estate," defined as the gross cost of tangible real estate owned by us (including land and land improvements, permanent plantings, irrigation and drainage systems, farm-related facilities, and other tangible site improvements), prior to any accumulated depreciation, and as shown on our balance sheet or the notes thereto for the applicable quarter.

# Incentive Fee

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, an incentive fee is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears if the Pre-Incentive Fee FFO for a particular quarter exceeds a hurdle rate of 1.75% (7.0% annualized) of the prior calendar quarter's Total Adjusted Common Equity.

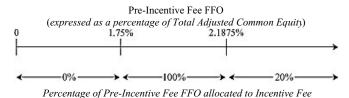
The gain on the repurchase of cumulative redeemable preferred stock is included within Gain (loss) on extinguishment of cumulative redeemable preferred stock, net on our accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

For purposes of this calculation, Pre-Incentive Fee FFO is defined in the Advisory Agreement as FFO (also as defined in the Advisory Agreement) accrued by the Company during the current calendar quarter (prior to any incentive fee calculation for the current calendar quarter), less any dividends paid on preferred stock securities that were not treated as a liability for GAAP purposes. In addition, Total Adjusted Common Equity is defined as common stockholders' equity plus non-controlling common interests in our Operating Partnership, if any (each as reported on our balance sheet), adjusted to exclude unrealized gains and losses and certain other one-time events and non-cash items.

We pay our Adviser an incentive fee with respect to our Pre-Incentive Fee FFO quarterly, as follows:

- no Incentive Fee in any calendar quarter in which our Pre-Incentive Fee FFO does not exceed the hurdle rate of 1.75% (7.0% annualized);
- 100% of the amount of our Pre-Incentive Fee FFO with respect to that portion of such Pre-Incentive Fee FFO, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but is less than 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized); and
- 20% of the amount of our Pre-Incentive Fee FFO, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized).

# Quarterly Incentive Fee Based on Pre-Incentive Fee FFO



#### Administration Agreement

Pursuant to the Administration Agreement, we pay for our allocable portion of the Administrator's expenses incurred while performing its obligations to us, including, but not limited to, rent and the salaries and benefits expenses of our Administrator's employees, including our chief financial officer, treasurer, chief compliance officer, general counsel and secretary (who also serves as our Administrator's president, general counsel, and secretary), and their respective staffs. Our allocable portion of the Administrator's expenses is generally derived by multiplying our Administrator's total expenses by the approximate percentage of time the Administrator's employees perform services for us in relation to their time spent performing services for all companies serviced by our Administrator under similar contractual agreements.

#### Critical Accounting Policies

The preparation of our financial statements in accordance with GAAP requires management to make judgments that are subjective in nature to make certain estimates and assumptions. Application of these accounting policies involves the exercise of judgment regarding the use of assumptions as to future uncertainties, and, as a result, actual results could materially differ from these estimates. A summary of all of our significant accounting policies are provided in Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements, located elsewhere in this Form 10-K, and a summary of our critical accounting policies is below. We consider these policies to be critical because they involve estimates and assumptions that require complex, subjective or significant judgments in their application and that materially affect our results of operations. There were no material changes in our critical accounting policies during the year ended December 31, 2024.

# Purchase Price Allocation

When we acquire real estate, we allocate the purchase price to: (i) the tangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed, consisting primarily of land, improvements (including irrigation and drainage systems), permanent plantings, and farm-related facilities and, if applicable, (ii) any identifiable intangible assets and liabilities, which primarily consist of the values of above- and below-market leases, in-place lease values, lease origination costs, and tenant relationships, based in each case on their fair values.

Certain of our acquisitions involve sale-leaseback transactions with newly-originated leases, and other of our acquisitions involve the acquisition of farmland that is already being operated as rental property, in which case we will typically assume the lease in place at the time of acquisition. We generally consider both types of acquisitions to be asset acquisitions under ASC 360, "Property Plant and Equipment," which requires us to capitalize the transaction costs incurred in connection with the acquisition. ASC 360 further requires that the purchase price of real estate be allocated to (i) the tangible assets acquired and

liabilities assumed, and, if applicable, (ii) any identifiable intangible assets and liabilities, by valuing the property as if it was vacant, based on management's determination of the relative fair values of such assets and liabilities as of the date of acquisition.

For a more detailed discussion on this accounting policy, see Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—Real Estate and Lease Intangibles," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements.

## Real Estate Impairment Evaluation

We account for the impairment of our real estate assets in accordance with ASC 360, which requires us to periodically review the carrying value of each property to determine whether indicators of impairment exist or if depreciation periods should be modified. If circumstances support the possibility of impairment, we prepare a projection of the total undiscounted future cash flows of the specific property and compare them to the net book value of the property to determine whether the carrying value of the property is recoverable. If impairment is indicated, the carrying value of the property is written down to its estimated fair value based on our best estimate of the property's discounted future cash flows using certain market-derived terms. Any material changes to the estimates and assumptions used in this analysis could have a significant impact on our results of operations, as the changes would impact our determination of whether impairment is deemed to have occurred and the amount of impairment loss that we would recognize.

For a more detailed discussion on this accounting policy, see Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—Real Estate Impairment Evaluation," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements.

#### Recently-Issued Accounting Pronouncements

See Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—Recently-Issued Accounting Pronouncements," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for a description of recently-issued accounting pronouncements.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

For the purposes of the following discussions on certain operating revenues and expenses with regard to the comparison between the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023:

- Same-property basis represents farms owned as of December 31, 2022, which were not vacant at any point during either period presented and full collectability of future rental payments under the respective leases was deemed probable during the entirety of both periods;
- Properties acquired or disposed of are farms that were either acquired or disposed of at any point subsequent to December 31, 2022. From January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2024, we did not acquire any new farms and disposed of all or a portion of five properties (consisting of 15 farms); and
- Vacant, direct-operated, or non-accrual properties are:
  - Farms that were vacant (either wholly or partially) at any point during either period presented;
  - Farms that were direct-operated at any point during either period presented; and
  - Farms with leases where revenue was recognized on a cash basis during either period presented (rather than a straight-line basis) due to full collectability of future rental payments under the respective leases being deemed not to be probable as a result of tenant credit issues.

From January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, we had 16 farms which were either vacant, direct-operated, or placed on non-accrual during all or a portion of either period.

A comparison of results of components comprising our operating income for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 is below (dollars in thousands):

	Fo	r the Years End			
		2024	2023	\$ Change	% Change
Operating revenues:					
Lease revenue:					
Fixed lease payments	\$	73,952	\$ 83,695	\$ (9,743)	(11.6)%
Variable lease payments – participation rents		9,401	5,890	3,511	59.6%
Variable lease payments – tenant reimbursements and other		1,410	734	676	92.1%
Total lease revenue		84,763	90,319	(5,556)	(6.2)%
Other operating revenue		453	79	374	473.4%
Total operating revenues		85,216	90,398	(5,182)	(5.7)%
perating expenses:					
Depreciation and amortization		35,055	37,161	(2,106)	(5.7)%
Property operating expenses		5,334	4,201	1,133	27.0%
Base management and incentive fees, net of incentive fee waiver		8,370	10,374	(2,004)	(19.3)%
Administration fee		2,452	2,255	197	8.7%
General and administrative expenses		2,625	2,924	(299)	(10.2)%
Impairment charge		2,106		2,106	NM
Total operating expenses		55,942	56,915	(973)	(1.7)%
Operating income	\$	29,274	\$ 33,483	\$ (4,209)	(12.6)%

 $NM = Not \ Meaningful$ 

# **Operating Revenues**

Lease Revenue

The following table provides a summary of our lease revenue during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands):

		For the Years Ended December 31,							
		2024	2023		\$ Change	% Change			
Same-property basis:									
Fixed lease payments	\$	69,715	\$ 75,077	\$	(5,362)	(7.1)%			
Participation rents		8,877	5,029		3,848	76.5%			
Total – Same-property basis	' <u>-</u>	78,592	80,106		(1,514)	(1.9)%			
Properties acquired or disposed of:									
Fixed lease payments		32	2,934		(2,902)	(98.9)%			
Total – Properties acquired or disposed of	<u></u>	32	2,934		(2,902)	(98.9)%			
Vacant, direct-operated, or non-accrual properties:									
Fixed lease payments		4,205	5,684		(1,479)	(26.0)%			
Participation rents		524	861		(337)	(39.1)%			
Total – Vacant, direct-operated, or non-accrual properties		4,729	6,545		(1,816)	(27.7)%			
Tenant reimbursements and other <sup>(1)</sup>		1,410	734		676	92.1%			
Total Lease revenue	\$	84,763	\$ 90,319	\$	(5,556)	(6.2)%			

Tenant reimbursements generally represent tenant-reimbursed property operating expenses on certain of our farms, including property taxes, insurance premiums, and other property-related expenses. Similar amounts were also recorded as property operating expenses during the respective periods.

# Same-property Basis - 2024 compared to 2023

Lease revenue from fixed lease payments decreased primarily due to the execution of certain lease agreements in 2024, pursuant to which we agreed to reduce the fixed base rent amounts in exchange for increasing the participation rent components in the leases, the majority of which will be realized in the second half of 2025. This decrease was partially offset by additional rents earned on capital improvements completed on certain of our farms.

The increase in participation rents was mainly driven by higher production yields (i.e., pounds per acre) on certain almond and pistachio farms (partly due to the alternate-bearing nature of these tree crops), partially offset by lower prices for both crops during the 2023-2024 marketing period.

# Other - 2024 compared to 2023

Lease revenue from properties acquired or disposed of decreased primarily due to the sale of a 3,748-acre farm in Florida in January 2024.

Fixed lease payments from vacant, direct-operated, or non-accrual properties decreased primarily due to revenue from certain of our leases being recognized on a cash basis during a portion of the year ended December 31, 2024 (rather than a straight-line basis), due to the full collectability of future rental payments under the respective leases being deemed not to be probable as a result of tenant credit issues. In addition, certain of our farms were direct-operated (on a temporary basis via management agreements with unrelated third-parties) or vacant for portions of each of the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The decrease in lease revenue from vacant, direct-operated, or non-accrual properties was partially offset by the accelerated recognition of certain deferred rent asset balances attributable to the shortening of the expected lease terms associated with leases on three of our farms. No revenue has been recognized as a result of operations at farms that were direct-operated during any period presented.

The fluctuation in tenant reimbursement and other revenue is primarily driven by payments made by certain tenants on our behalf (pursuant to the lease agreements) to unconsolidated entities of ours that convey water to the respective properties. As such, the timing of tenant reimbursement revenue fluctuates as payments are made by our tenants. Amounts recorded during the current year include increased reimbursements from certain tenants for costs to delivery water to their farms via a pipeline owned by an unconsolidated entity of ours.

# Other Operating Revenue

Other operating revenue consists of non-lease revenue generated as a result of activities performed on certain of our properties. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, we recognized approximately \$453,000 and \$79,000, respectively, of non-cash revenue associated with the transfer and storing of surplus water on behalf of a government municipality using a groundwater recharge facility constructed on one of our farms. See Note 2, "Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—Other Operating Revenue," and Note 3, "Real Estate and Intangible Assets—Investments in Water Assets," within the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion.

# **Operating Expenses**

#### Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense decreased primarily due to the disposition of certain assets, including the sale of a 3,748-acre farm in Florida in the first quarter of 2024 and certain other assets reaching the end of their useful lives. The decrease was partially offset by additional depreciation expense associated with new capital improvements made on certain of our farms.

#### Property Operating Expenses

Property operating expenses consist primarily of real estate taxes, repair and maintenance expense, insurance premiums, and other miscellaneous operating expenses paid for certain of our properties. The following table provides a summary of the property operating expenses recorded during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands):

	For the Years Ended December 31,									
		2024	2023		\$ Change	% Change				
Same-property basis	\$	2,715	\$ 2,50	5 \$	210	8.4%				
Properties acquired or disposed of		425	50	1	(76)	(15.2)%				
Vacant, direct-operated properties, or non-accrual, properties		803	50	8	295	58.1%				
Tenant-reimbursed property operating expenses <sup>(1)</sup>		1,391	68	7	704	102.5%				
Total Property operating expenses	\$	5,334	\$ 4,20	1 \$	1,133	27.0%				

Represents certain operating expenses (property taxes, insurance premiums, and other property-related expenses) paid by us that, per the respective leases, are required to be reimbursed to us by the tenant. Similar amounts are also recorded as lease revenue when earned in accordance with the lease.

# Same-property Basis - 2024 compared to 2023

Property operating expenses increased primarily due to additional property taxes paid by us on behalf of one of our tenants who terminated their lease during the year ended December 31, 2024. This increase was partially offset by a decrease in legal fees

and other costs incurred in connection with protecting water rights on certain farms in California, as well as a decrease in repairs and maintenance expense incurred during the prior year as a result of minor damage at certain farms caused by natural disasters.

# Other – 2024 compared to 2023

Property operating expenses on properties acquired or disposed of decreased due to the sale of one farm in Florida and 11 farms in Michigan during the year ended December 31, 2024.

Property operating expenses attributable to vacant, direct-operated, or non-accrual properties increased primarily due to an increase in legal fees incurred in connection with rent collection, lease termination, or re-leasing efforts on such farms, as well as additional property taxes incurred on certain of those farms, for which the prior tenants were previously responsible.

The fluctuation in tenant-reimbursed property operating expenses are primarily driven by miscellaneous property operating costs incurred by us in connection with our ownership interests in certain unconsolidated entities, for which our tenants are contractually obligated to reimburse us under the terms of the respective leases. Such expenses will fluctuate commensurate with the timing and amount of miscellaneous operating costs incurred by the underlying entities. Amounts recorded during the current year include additional costs to deliver water to certain of our farms via a pipeline owned by an unconsolidated entity of ours, which costs were reimbursed to us by our tenants.

#### Related-Party Fees

The following table provides the calculations of the base management and incentive fees due to our Advisor pursuant to the Advisory Agreement for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands; for further discussion on certain defined terms used below, refer to Note 6, "Related-Party Transactions," within the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements):

	Quarters Ended									
		March 31		June 30		September 30		December 31		Year to Date
FY 2024 Fee Calculations:						-				
Base Management Fee:										
Gross Tangible Real Estate <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	1,437,812	\$	1,384,228	\$	1,380,264		\$1,378,060		
Quarterly rate		0.150 %		0.150 %		0.150 %		0.150 %		
Base management fee <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	2,157	\$	2,076	\$	2,070	\$	2,067	\$	8,370
Incentive Fee:										
Total Adjusted Common Equity <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	344,128	\$	346,578	\$	334,913	\$	324,105		
First hurdle quarterly rate		1.750 %		1.750 %		1.750 %		1.750 %		
First hurdle threshold	\$	6,022	\$	6,065	\$	5,861	\$	5,672		
Second hurdle quarterly rate		2.1875 %		2.1875 %		2.1875 %		2.1875 %		
Second hurdle threshold	\$	7,528	\$	7,581	\$	7,326	\$	7,090		
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Pre-Incentive Fee FFO <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	5,988	\$	4,974	\$	5,970	\$	3,955		
100% of Pre-Incentive Fee FFO in excess of first hurdle threshold, up to seco hurdle threshold	nd \$	_	\$	_	\$	109	\$	_		
20% of Pre-Incentive Fee FFO in excess of second hurdle threshold										
Total Incentive fee <sup>(3)</sup>	\$		\$		\$	109	\$		\$	109
Incentive fee waiver <sup>(3)</sup>		_		_		(109)		_		(109)
Incentive fee, net	\$		\$		\$		\$		\$	
Total fees due to Adviser, net	\$	2,157	\$	2,076	\$	2,070	\$	2,067	\$	8,370
FY 2023 Fee Calculations:										
Base Management Fee:										
Gross Tangible Real Estate <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	1,432,394	\$	1,431,761	\$	1,433,713	\$	1,437,268		
Quarterly rate		0.150 %		0.150 %		0.150 %		0.150 %		
Base management fee <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	2,149	\$	2,148	\$	2,150	\$		\$	8,603
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Incentive Fee: Total Adjusted Common Equity <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	358,689	\$	362,411	\$	360,339	\$	353,412		
First hurdle quarterly rate	_	1.750 %	_	1.750 %		1.750 %	_	1.750 %		
First hurdle threshold	\$	6,277	\$	6,342	\$	6,306	\$	6,185		
Second hurdle quarterly rate		2.1875 %		2.1875 %		2.1875 %		2.1875 %		
Second hurdle threshold	\$	7,846	\$	7,928	\$	7,882	\$	7,731		
Pre-Incentive Fee FFO <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	5,303	\$	4,400	\$	7,095	\$	7,167		
100% of Pre-Incentive Fee FFO in excess of first hurdle threshold, up to secon hurdle threshold	nd \$		\$	_	\$	789	\$	982		
20% of Pre-Incentive Fee FFO in excess of second hurdle threshold	Ψ	_	Ψ	_	Ψ		Ψ	—		
Total Incentive fee <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	_	\$	_	\$	789	\$		\$	1,771
Total fees due to Adviser, net	\$	2,149	\$	2,148	\$	2,939	\$	3,138	\$	10,374
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- (1) As defined in the Advisory Agreement.
- (2) As of the end of the respective prior quarters.
- (3) Reflected as a line item on our accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

The base management fee decreased due to the disposition of certain assets since December 31, 2022, largely driven by the sale of a 3,748-acre farm in Florida in the first quarter of 2024.

Our Adviser earned incentive fees during each of the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 due to our Pre-Incentive Fee FFO (as defined in the Advisory Agreement) exceeding the required hurdle rate of the applicable equity base during the third quarter of 2024 and during each of the third and fourth quarters of 2023. However, during the third quarter of 2024, our Adviser granted us a non-contractual, unconditional, and irrevocable waiver to be applied against the entire incentive fee earned during the quarter.

The administration fee paid to our Administrator increased primarily due to us using a higher overall share of our Administrator's resources in relation to those used by other funds and affiliated companies serviced by our Administrator.

#### Other Operating Expenses

General and administrative expenses consist primarily of professional fees, director fees, stockholder-related expenses, overhead insurance, acquisition-related costs for investments no longer being pursued, and other miscellaneous expenses. General and administrative expenses decreased during the current year, primarily due to a decrease in professional fees and acquisition-related costs for investments no longer being pursued, as well as additional expenses incurred in the prior year related to amending our MetLife facility and listing the Series C Preferred Stock on Nasdaq.

During the three months ended September 30, 2024, we recognized an aggregate impairment charge of approximately \$2.1 million on portions of four properties (encompassing a total of 11 farms) located in Michigan due to the estimated fair values being lower than the respective carrying values.

# A comparison of results of other components contributing to net loss attributable to common stockholders for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 is below (dollars in thousands):

	For the Years Ended December 31,					
	2024		2023		\$ Change	% Change
Operating income	\$	29,274	\$ 33,48	33	\$ (4,209)	(12.6)%
Other income (expense):						
Other income		3,378	3,63	3	(255)	(7.0)%
Interest expense		(21,885)	(23,66	55)	1,780	(7.5)%
Dividends declared on cumulative term preferred stock		(3,019)	(3,01	9)	_	%
Gain on dispositions of real estate assets, net		5,886	5,20	8	678	13.0%
Property and casualty loss, net		(284)	(1,01	6)	732	(72.0)%
Loss from investments in unconsolidated entities		(60)	(5	9)	(1)	1.7%
Total other expense, net		(15,984)	(18,91	8)	2,934	(15.5)%
Net income		13,290	14,50	55	(1,275)	(8.8)%
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests		_			<u> </u>	NM
Net income attributable to the Company		13,290	14,50	55	(1,275)	(8.8)%
Aggregate dividends declared on and gain (loss) recognized on extinguishment of cumulative redeemable preferred stock, net		(23,745)	(24,41	7)	672	(2.8)%
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$	(10,455)	\$ (9,85	2)	\$ (603)	6.1%

NM = Not Meaningful

# Other Income (Expense)

Other income generally consists of interest patronage received from Farm Credit (as defined in Note 4, *Borrowings*," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements) and interest earned on short-term investments. Other income decreased primarily due to less interest patronage received from Farm Credit (primarily due to decreased borrowings from Farm Credit), partially offset by an increase in additional interest earned on short-term investments due to higher interest rates.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024 we recorded approximately \$1.9 million of interest patronage from Farm Credit related to interest accrued during 2023, as compared to approximately \$2.3 million of interest patronage recorded during the prior-year period that related to interest accrued during 2022. In addition, during the three months ended September 30, 2023,

we received approximately \$111,000 of interest patronage related to interest accrued during 2023, as certain Farm Credit associations paid a portion of 2023 interest patronage (which would typically be paid during the first half of 2024) early. In total, 2023 interest patronage resulted in a 22.0% reduction (approximately 101 basis points) to the interest rate of such borrowings.

Interest expense decreased, primarily due to a decrease in overall borrowings. The weighted-average principal balance of our aggregate borrowings (excluding our cumulative term preferred stock) outstanding for the year ended December 31, 2024, was approximately \$545.4 million, as compared to approximately \$595.8 million for the prior year. Excluding interest patronage received on certain of our Farm Credit borrowings and the impact of debt issuance costs, the weighted average interest rate charged on our aggregate borrowings was 3.82% and 3.79% for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, we recorded a net capital gain, driven by the sale of a 3,748-acre farm in Florida for approximately \$65.7 million, which, after accounting for closing costs, resulted in a net gain of approximately \$10.4 million. During the year ended December 31, 2023, we recorded a net capital gain, driven by the sale of a 138-acre parcel of unfarmed land in Florida for \$9.6 million, which, after accounting for closing costs, resulted in a net gain of approximately \$6.4 million. Each of these gains were partially offset by net losses recorded during each year related to the removal of some permanent plantings and the disposal of certain irrigation and other improvements on certain of our farms.

The net property and casualty losses related to net expenses incurred and insurance recoveries received for certain improvements that were damaged due to natural disasters. The property and casualty loss recorded during year ended December 31, 2024, was primarily due to damage caused by Hurricane Helene to certain permanent plants on one of our farms in Georgia. The property and casualty loss recorded during the year ended December 31, 2024, was the result of the heavy rainfall that occurred in California in early 2023 and the resulting flooding, which damaged certain structures located on one of our farms in the Central Valley.

The aggregate dividends paid on our cumulative redeemable preferred stock decreased due to shares of the Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock that were repurchased during the year ended December 31, 2024.

#### Comparison of Results of Operations for the Years Ended December 31, 2023 and 2022

A comparison of our operating results for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 was included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, beginning on page 44 under Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Position and Results of Operations," which was filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, on February 20, 2024.

#### LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

#### Overview

Our current short- and long-term sources of funds include cash and cash equivalents, cash flows from operations, borrowings (including the undrawn commitments available under our credit facility with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife")), and issuances of additional equity securities. Our current available liquidity is approximately \$193.3 million, consisting of approximately \$47.6 million in cash on hand and, based on the current level of collateral pledged, approximately \$145.7 million of availability under our credit facility with MetLife (subject to compliance with covenants) and other undrawn lines of credits, notes, or bonds. In addition, we currently have certain properties valued at a total of approximately \$147.8 million that are unencumbered and eligible to be pledged as collateral.

Over 99.9% of our borrowings are currently at fixed rates, and on a weighted-average basis, these rates are fixed at an effective interest rate of 3.35% for another 3.6 years. In addition, the weighted-average remaining term of our notes and bonds payable is approximately 7.6 years. As such, with respect to our current borrowings, we have experienced minimal impact from increased interest rates in recent years, and we believe we are well-protected against a prolonged high rate environment. We are in compliance with all of our debt covenants under our respective credit facilities and borrowings, and we believe we currently have adequate liquidity to cover all near- and long-term debt obligations and operating expenses.

# **Future Capital Needs**

Our short- and long-term liquidity requirements consist primarily of making principal and interest payments on outstanding borrowings; funding our general operating costs; making dividend payments on our currently-designated preferred securities; making distributions to stockholders (including non-controlling OP Unitholders, if any) to maintain our qualification as a REIT; and, as capital is available or as desired, funding capital improvements and, in certain situations, growing costs on existing

farms, repurchases of preferred shares of preferred stock under our Repurchase Program, and new farmland and farm-related acquisitions consistent with our investment strategy.

In the near term, we believe that our current and short-term cash resources will be sufficient to service our debt, fund our current operating costs, pay dividends on our currently-designated preferred securities, and fund our distributions to common stockholders (including non-controlling OP Unitholders). We expect to meet our long-term liquidity requirements through various sources of capital, including capacity under current lines of credits, long-term mortgage indebtedness and bond issuances, future equity issuances (including, but not limited to, shares of our Series E Preferred Stock, OP Units through our Operating Partnership as consideration for future acquisitions, and shares of common stock through our ATM Program), and other secured and unsecured borrowings.

We intend to use a significant portion of any current and future available liquidity to purchase additional farms and farm-related assets as opportunities arise. We continue to actively seek and evaluate acquisitions of additional farms and farm-related assets that satisfy our investment criteria, and we have several properties that are in various stages of our due diligence process. However, all potential acquisitions will be subject to our due diligence investigation of such properties, and there can be no assurance that we will be successful in identifying or acquiring any properties in the future.

#### **Operating Commitments and Obligations**

See Note 7, "Commitments and Contingencies," in the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements for additional discussion around certain operating and ground lease obligations.

#### Cash Flow Resources

The following table summarizes total net cash flows for operating, investing, and financing activities for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands):

	Fo	r the Years En	ded D	ecember 31,			
		2024	24 2023			\$ Change	% Change
Net change in cash from:							
Operating activities	\$	29,548	\$	40,081	\$	(10,533)	(26.3)%
Investing activities		63,308		(3,768)		67,076	1,780.1%
Financing activities		(93,152)		(78,883)		(14,269)	18.1%
Net change in Cash and cash equivalents	\$	(296)	\$	(42,570)	\$	42,274	99.3%

#### **Operating Activities**

The majority of cash from operating activities is generated from the rental payments we receive from our tenants, which is first used to fund our property-level operating expenses, with any excess cash being primarily used for principal and interest payments on our borrowings, management fees to our Adviser, administrative fees to our Administrator, and other corporate-level expenses. Cash provided by operating activities decreased largely due to a decrease in fixed lease cash payments received, primarily due to the disposition of a large farm in Florida in January 2024, as well as reduced fixed lease payments largely attributable to the execution of certain lease agreements in 2024, pursuant to which we agreed to reduce the fixed base rent amounts or, in certain instances, provide certain cash allowances to tenants in exchange for increasing the participation rent components in the leases, the results of which will not be known until the second half of 2025 or later. This decrease was partially offset by an increase in cash payments received for participation rents and decreases in related-party fees and interest payments made.

# Investing Activities

The change in cash from investing activities was primarily due to proceeds received from the sales of a 3,748-acre farm in Florida for approximately \$65.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2024, which resulted in a net gain of approximately \$10.4 million, and a decrease in the amount of cash paid for capital improvements on existing farms during the current year.

# Financing Activities

The change in cash from financing activities was primarily due to a decrease in aggregate net proceeds received from preferred and common equity offerings of approximately \$15.5 million and an increase in aggregate preferred stock repurchases of approximately \$5.4 million, partially offset by a decrease in aggregate net borrowings of approximately \$5.8 million.

# **Debt Capital**

#### MetLife Facility

As amended, our credit facility with MetLife currently consists of \$75.0 million of revolving equity lines of credit and an aggregate of \$175.0 million of term notes (the "MetLife Facility"). We currently have \$200,000 outstanding under the lines of credit and approximately \$36.3 million outstanding on the term notes. While \$213.5 million of the full commitment amount under the MetLife Facility remains undrawn, based on the current level of collateral pledged, we currently have approximately \$110.0 million of availability under the MetLife Facility. The revolving equity lines of credit mature on December 15, 2033, and the draw period for both term notes expires on December 31, 2026, after which MetLife has no obligation to disburse any additional undrawn funds under the term notes.

#### Farmer Mac Facility

As amended, our agreement with Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation ("Farmer Mac") currently provides for bond issuances up to an aggregate amount of \$225.0 million (the "Farmer Mac Facility") by December 31, 2026, after which Farmer Mac has no obligation to purchase additional bonds under this facility. To date, we have issued aggregate bonds of approximately \$100.1 million under the Farmer Mac Facility.

#### Farm Credit and Other Lenders

Since September 2014, we have closed on multiple loans with various different Farm Credit associations (for additional information on these associations, see Note 4, "Borrowings," within the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements). We also have borrowing relationships with several other agricultural lenders and are continuously reaching out to other lenders to establish prospective new relationships. As such, we expect to enter into additional borrowing agreements with existing and new lenders in connection with certain potential new acquisitions in the future.

#### **Equity Capital**

The following table provides information on equity sales that have occurred since January 1, 2024 (dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts):

Type of Issuance	Number of Shares Sold	Weighted-av Offering P Per Sha	rice	Gross Proceeds	Net Proceeds(1)
Series E Preferred Stock	16,595	\$	24.98	\$ 414	\$ 373
Common Stock – ATM Program	346,216		13.52	4,680	4,633

<sup>(1)</sup> Net of selling commissions and dealer-manager fees or underwriting discounts and commissions (in each case, as applicable).

Our 2023 Registration Statement (as defined in Note 8, "Equity—Registration Statement," within the accompanying notes to our consolidated financial statements) permits us to issue up to an aggregate of \$1.5 billion in securities, consisting of common stock, preferred stock, warrants, debt securities, depository shares, subscription rights, and units, including through separate, concurrent offerings of two or more of such securities. To date, we have issued approximately \$4.4 million of Series E Preferred Stock, and \$6.8 million of common stock under the 2023 Registration Statement.

In addition, we have the ability to, and expect to in the future, issue additional OP Units to third parties as consideration in future property acquisitions.

# Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As of December 31, 2024, we did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements.

# NON-GAAP FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Funds from Operations, Core Funds from Operations, and Adjusted Funds from Operations

The National Association of Real Estate Investment Trusts ("NAREIT") developed funds from operations ("FFO") as a relative non-GAAP supplemental measure of operating performance of an equity REIT to recognize that income-producing real estate historically has not depreciated on the same basis as determined under GAAP. FFO, as defined by NAREIT, is net income (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding gains or losses from sales of property and impairment losses on property, plus depreciation and amortization of real estate assets, and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. We further present core FFO ("CFFO") and adjusted FFO ("AFFO") as additional non-GAAP financial measures of our operational

performance, as we believe both CFFO and AFFO improve comparability on a period-over-period basis and are more useful supplemental metrics for investors to use in assessing our operational performance on a more sustainable basis than FFO. We believe that these additional performance metrics, along with the most directly-comparable GAAP measure, provide investors with helpful insight regarding how management measures our ongoing performance, as each of CFFO and AFFO (and their respective pershare amounts) are used by management and our Board of Directors, as appropriate, in assessing overall performance, as well as in certain decision-making analysis, including, but not limited to, the timing of acquisitions and potential equity raises (and the type of securities to offer in any such equity raises), the determination of any fee credits, and declarations of distributions on our common stock. The non-GAAP financial measures presented herein have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for an analysis of our results calculated in accordance with GAAP. We believe that net income is the most directly-comparable GAAP measure to each of FFO, CFFO, and AFFO.

Specifically, we believe that FFO is helpful to investors in better understanding our operating performance, primarily because its calculation excludes depreciation and amortization expense on real estate assets, as we believe that GAAP historical cost depreciation of real estate assets is generally not correlated with changes in the value of those assets, particularly with farmland real estate, the value of which does not diminish in a predictable manner over time, as historical cost depreciation implies. Further, we believe that CFFO and AFFO are helpful in understanding our operating performance in that it removes certain items that, by their nature, are not comparable on a period-over-period basis and therefore tend to obscure actual operating performance. In addition, we believe that providing CFFO and AFFO as additional performance metrics allows investors to gauge our overall performance in a manner that is more similar to how our performance is measured by management (including their respective per-share amounts), as well as by analysts and the overall investment community.

We calculate CFFO by adjusting FFO for the following items:

- Acquisition- and disposition-related expenses. Acquisition- and disposition-related expenses (including due diligence costs on acquisitions not consummated and certain auditing and accounting fees incurred that were directly related to completed acquisitions or dispositions) are incurred for investment purposes and do not correlate with the ongoing operations of our existing portfolio. Further, certain auditing and accounting fees incurred vary depending on the number and complexity of acquisitions or dispositions completed during the period. Due to the inconsistency in which these costs are incurred and how they have historically been treated for accounting purposes, we believe the exclusion of these expenses improves comparability of our operating results on a period-to-period basis.
- Other adjustments. We will adjust for certain non-recurring charges and receipts and will explain such adjustments accordingly. We believe the exclusion of these amounts improves comparability of our operating results on a period-to-period basis and will apply consistent definitions of CFFO for all prior-year periods presented to provide consistency and better comparability.

Further, we calculate AFFO by adjusting CFFO for the following items:

- Rent adjustments. This adjustment removes the effects of straight-lining rental income, as well as the amortization related to above-market lease values and certain non-cash lease incentives and accretion related to below-market lease values, certain other deferred revenue, and tenant improvements, resulting in rental income reflected on a modified accrual cash basis. In addition to these adjustments, we also modify the calculation of cash rents within our definition of AFFO to provide greater consistency and comparability due to the period-to-period volatility in which cash rents are received. To coincide with our tenants' harvest seasons, our leases typically provide for cash rents to be paid at various points throughout the lease year, usually annually or semi-annually. As a result, cash rents received during a particular period may not necessarily be comparable to other periods or represent the cash rents indicative of a given lease year. Therefore, we further adjust AFFO to normalize the cash rent received pertaining to a lease year over that respective lease year on a straight-line basis, resulting in cash rent being recognized ratably over the period in which the cash rent is earned. During the three months ended December 31, 2023, we adjusted our definition of AFFO to exclude from this adjustment the removal of lease incentives that were a result of previous cash disbursements made by us to or on behalf of our tenants. The results of all periods presented, including those of the prior year, have been adjusted in the table below to conform with this new definition.
- Amortization of debt issuance costs. The amortization of costs incurred to obtain financing is excluded from AFFO, as it is a non-cash expense item that is not directly related to the operating performance of our properties.
- Other adjustments. We will adjust for certain non-cash charges and receipts and will explain such adjustments accordingly. We believe the exclusion of such non-cash amounts improves comparability of our operating results on a period-to-period basis and will apply consistent definitions of AFFO for all prior-year periods presented to provide consistency and better comparability.

We believe the foregoing adjustments aid our investors' understanding of our ongoing operational performance.

FFO, CFFO, and AFFO do not represent cash flows from operating activities in accordance with GAAP, which, unlike FFO, CFFO, and AFFO, generally reflects all cash effects of transactions and other events in the determination of net income, and should not be considered an alternative to net income as an indication of our performance or to cash flows from operations as a measure of liquidity or ability to make distributions. Comparisons of FFO, CFFO, and AFFO, using the NAREIT definition for FFO and the definitions above for CFFO and AFFO, to similarly-titled measures for other REITs may not necessarily be meaningful due to possible differences in the definitions used by such REITs.

Diluted funds from operations ("Diluted FFO"), diluted core funds from operations ("Diluted CFFO"), and diluted adjusted funds from operations ("Diluted AFFO") per share are FFO, CFFO, and AFFO, respectively, divided by the weighted-average number of total shares (including shares of our common stock and OP Units held by non-controlling limited partners) outstanding on a fully-diluted basis during a period. We believe that diluted earnings per share is the most directly-comparable GAAP measure to each of Diluted FFO, CFFO, and AFFO per share. Because many REITs provide Diluted FFO, CFFO, and AFFO per share information to the investment community, we believe these are useful supplemental measures when comparing us to other REITs.

We believe that FFO, CFFO, and AFFO and Diluted FFO, CFFO, and AFFO per share are useful to investors because they provide investors with a further context for evaluating our FFO, CFFO, and AFFO results in the same manner that investors use net income and EPS in evaluating net income.

The following table provides a reconciliation of our FFO, CFFO, and AFFO for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 to the most directly-comparable GAAP measure, net income, and a computation of diluted FFO, CFFO, and AFFO per share, using the weighted-average number of total shares (including shares of our common stock and OP Units held by non-controlling OP Unitholders) outstanding during the respective periods (dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts):

	For the Years Ended December 31					ι,
		2024		2023		2022
Net income	\$	13,290	\$	14,565	\$	4,716
Less: Aggregate dividends declared on and gains on or charges related to extinguishment of cumulative redeemable preferred stock <sup>(1)</sup>		(23,745)		(24,417)		(19,718)
Net loss attributable to common stockholders and non-controlling OP Unitholders		(10,455)		(9,852)		(15,002)
Plus: Real estate and intangible depreciation and amortization		35,055		37,161		35,366
(Less) plus: (Gains) losses on dispositions of real estate assets, net		(5,886)		(5,208)		3,760
Plus: Impairment charges		2,106		_		_
Adjustments for unconsolidated entities (2)		67		92		57
FFO available to common stockholders and non-controlling OP Unitholders		20,887		22,193		24,181
Plus: Acquisition- and disposition-related expenses, net		5		149		438
Plus: Other nonrecurring charges, net <sup>(3)</sup>		349		1,418		1,023
CFFO available to common stockholders and non-controlling OP Unitholders		21,241		23,760		25,642
Net rent adjustments		(3,356)		(4,519)		(3,371)
Plus: Amortization of debt issuance costs		990		1,065		1,085
(Less) plus: Other non-cash (receipts) charges, net <sup>(4)</sup>		(2,154)		17		907
AFFO available to common stockholders and non-controlling OP Unitholders	\$	16,721	\$	20,323	\$	24,263
Weighted-average shares of common stock outstanding		35,909,956		35,733,742		34,563,460
Weighted-average common non-controlling OP Units outstanding		_		_		61,714
Weighted-average shares of common shares outstanding, fully diluted	-	35,909,956		35,733,742		34,625,174
Diluted FFO per weighted-average common share	\$	0.58	\$	0.62	\$	0.70
Diluted CFFO per weighted-average common share	\$	0.59	\$	0.66	\$	0.74
Diluted AFFO per weighted-average common share	\$	0.47	\$	0.57	\$	0.70
Distributions declared per total common share	\$	0.56	\$	0.55	\$	0.55

Includes (i) cash dividends paid on our cumulative redeemable preferred stock, (ii) the value of additional shares of Series C Preferred Stock issued pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan (the "DRIP"), and (iii) the net gain (loss) recognized as a result of shares of cumulative redeemable preferred stock that were redeemed during the respective periods.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents our pro-rata share of depreciation expense recorded in unconsolidated entities during the respective periods.

<sup>(3)</sup> Consists primarily of (i) net property and casualty losses (recoveries) recorded and the cost of related repairs expensed as a result of the damage caused to certain improvements by natural disasters on certain of our farms, (ii) costs related to the amendment, termination, and listing of shares from the Series C Offering that were expensed, (iii) the write-off of certain unallocated costs related to a prior universal shelf registration statement, and (iv) costs incurred to implement our share repurchase program.

(4) Consists of (i) the amount of dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock paid via issuing new shares (pursuant to the DRIP), (ii) the net (gain) loss recognized as a result of shares of cumulative redeemable preferred stock that were redeemed, which were non-cash (gains) charges, (iii) our remaining pro-rata share of (income) loss recorded from investments in unconsolidated entities, and (iv) less non-cash income recorded as a result of additional water assets received as consideration in certain transactions.

#### Net Asset Value

Real estate companies are required to record real estate using the historical cost basis of the real estate, adjusted for accumulated depreciation and amortization, and, as a result, the carrying value of the real estate does not typically change as the fair value of the assets change. Thus, one challenge is determining the fair value of the real estate in order to allow stockholders to see the value of the real estate increase or decrease over time, which we believe is useful to our investors.

#### Determination of Fair Value

Our Board of Directors reviews and approves the valuations of our properties pursuant to a valuation policy approved by the Board of Directors (the "Valuation Policy"). Such review and approval occurs in three phases: (i) prior to its quarterly meetings, the Board of Directors receives written valuation recommendations and supporting materials that are provided by professionals of the Adviser and Administrator, with oversight and direction from the chief valuation officer, who is also employed by the Administrator (collectively, the "Valuation Team"); (ii) the valuation committee of the Board of Directors (the "Valuation Committee"), which is comprised entirely of independent directors, meets to review the valuation recommendations and supporting materials; and (iii) after the Valuation Committee is meeting, it and the chief valuation officer present the Valuation Committee's findings to the entire Board of Directors so that the full Board of Directors may review and approve the fair values of our properties in accordance with the Valuation Policy. Further, on a quarterly basis, the Board of Directors reviews the Valuation Policy to determine if changes to the policy are advisable and also reviews whether the Valuation Team has applied the Valuation Policy consistently.

Per the Valuation Policy, our valuations are generally derived based on the following:

- For properties acquired within 12 months prior to the date of valuation, the purchase price of the property will generally be used as the current fair value unless overriding factors apply. In situations where OP Units are issued as partial or whole consideration in connection with the acquisition of a property, the fair value of the property will generally be the lower of: (i) the agreed-upon purchase price between the seller and the buyer (as shown in the purchase and sale agreement or contribution agreement and using the agreed-upon pricing of the OP Units, if applicable), or (ii) the value as determined by an independent, third-party appraiser.
- For real estate we acquired more than one year prior to the date of valuation, we determine the fair value either by relying on estimates provided by independent, third-party appraisers or through an internal valuation process. In addition, if significant capital improvements take place on a property, we will typically have those properties reappraised upon completion of the project by an independent, third-party appraiser. In any case, we intend to have each property valued by an independent, third-party appraiser via a full appraisal at least once every three years, with interim values generally being determined by either: (i) a restricted appraisal (a "desk appraisal") performed by an independent, third-party appraiser, or (ii) our internal valuation process.

Various methodologies were used, both by the appraisers and in our internal valuations, to determine the fair value of our real estate, including the sales comparison, income capitalization (or a discounted cash flow analysis), and cost approaches of valuation. In performing their analyses, the appraisers typically (i) conducted site visits to the properties (where full appraisals were performed), (ii) discussed each property with our Adviser and reviewed property-level information, including, but not limited to, property operating data, prior appraisals (as available), existing lease agreements, farm acreage, location, access to water and water rights, potential for future development, and other property-level information, and (iii) reviewed information from a variety of sources about regional market conditions applicable to each of our properties, including, but not limited to, recent sale prices of comparable farmland, market rents for similar farmland, estimated marketing and exposure time, market capitalization rates, and the current economic environment, among others. In performing our internal valuations, we will consider the most recent appraisal available and use similar methodologies in determining an updated fair value. We will also obtain updated market data related to the property, such as updated sales and market rent comparisons and market capitalization rates, and perform an updated assessment of the tenants' credit risk profiles, among others. Sources of this data may come from market inputs from recent acquisitions of our own portfolio of real estate, recent appraisals of properties we own that are similar in nature and in the same region (as applicable) as the property being valued, market conditions and trends we observe in our due diligence process, and conversations with appraisers, brokers, and farmers.

A breakdown of the methodologies used to value our properties and the aggregate value as of December 31, 2024, determined by each method is shown in the table below (dollars in thousands, except in footnotes):

Valuation Method	Number of Farms	Total Acres	Farm Acres	Acre-feet of Water			Current Fair Value		% of Total Fair Value
Purchase Price	_			7,078	\$	1,406	\$	1,406	0.1%
Sales Price	7	8,189	5,713	_		46,426		64,500	4.6%
Internal Valuation	3	6,189	4,730	_		19,750		36,000	2.6%
Third-party Appraisal <sup>(2)</sup>	147	96,812	81,487	48,309		1,192,009		1,303,444	92.7%
Total	157	111,190	91,930	55,387	\$	1,259,591	\$	1,405,350	100.0%

<sup>(1)</sup> Consists of the initial acquisition price (including the costs allocated to both tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed), plus subsequent improvements and other capitalized costs paid for by us that were associated with the properties, and adjusted for accumulated depreciation and amortization.

Some of the significant assumptions used by appraisers and the Valuation Team in valuing our portfolio as of December 31, 2024, include land values per farmable acre, market rental rates per farmable acre and the resulting net operating income ("NOI") at the property level, and capitalization rates, among others. These assumptions were applied on a farm-by-farm basis and were selected based on several factors, including comparable land sales, surveys of both existing and current market rates, discussions with other brokers and farmers, soil quality, size, location, and other factors deemed appropriate. A summary of these significant assumptions as of December 31, 2024, is provided in the following table:

	Appraisal Ass	sumptions	Internal Valuatio	n Assumptions
	Range (Low - High)	Weighted Average	Range (Low - High)	Weighted Average
Land Value (per farmable acre)	\$708 - \$128,519	\$34,923	\$5,918 - \$5,918	\$5,918
Market NOI (per farmable acre)	\$188 - \$3,979	\$1,968	N/A	N/A
Market Capitalization Rate	3.30% - 6.20%	4.42%	N/A	N/A

Note: Figures in the table above apply only to the farmland portion of our portfolio and exclude assumptions made related to water, farm-related facilities (e.g., cooling facilities), and other structures on our properties (e.g., residential housing).

Our Valuation Team reviews the appraisals, including the significant assumptions and inputs used in determining the appraised values, and considers any developments that may have occurred since the time the appraisals were performed. Developments considered that may have an impact on the fair value of our real estate include, but are not limited to, changes in tenant credit profiles, changes in lease terms (such as expirations and notices of non-renewals or to vacate), and potential asset sales (particularly those at prices different from the appraised values of our properties).

Management believes that the purchase prices of the farms acquired during the previous 12 months and the most recent appraisals available for the farms acquired prior to the previous 12 months fairly represent the current market values of the properties as of December 31, 2024, and, accordingly, did not make any adjustment to these values.

A quarterly rollforward of the change in our portfolio value for the three months ended December 31, 2024, from the prior value basis as of September 30, 2024, is provided in the table below (dollars in thousands):

Total portfolio fair value as of September 30, 2024	\$	1,462,362
Plus: Water asset acquisitions during the three months ended December 31, 2024		118
Less: Farm sales during the three months ended December 31, 2024		(5,740)
Change in value of farms during the three months ended December 31, 2024:		
Farms and water assets valued based on sales price	\$ 2,350	
Farms and water assets valued via third-party appraisals	(53,740)	
Net change in value of farms and water assets during the three months ended December 31, 2024		(51,390)
Total portfolio fair value as of December 31, 2024	\$	1,405,350

Management also determined fair values of all of its long-term borrowings and preferred stock. Using a discounted cash flow analysis, management determined that the fair value of all long-term encumbrances on our properties as of December 31, 2024, was approximately \$486.3 million, as compared to a carrying value (excluding unamortized related debt issuance costs) of approximately \$526.3 million. The fair values of our Series B Preferred Stock, Series C Preferred Stock, and Series D Term Preferred Stock were determined using the closing stock prices as of December 31, 2024, of \$20.90 per share, \$20.70 per share, and \$24.64 per share, respectively. Finally, pursuant to Financial Industry Regulatory Authority Rule 2310(b)(5), with the assistance of a third-party valuation expert, we determined the estimated value of our Series E Preferred Stock to be \$25.00 per share as of December 31, 2024 (see Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 10-K).

<sup>(2)</sup> Appraisals performed between December 2023 and December 2024.

#### Calculation of Estimated Net Asset Value

Since our IPO in January 2013, we have endeavored to provide our stockholders with an estimate of the fair value of our real estate assets and provide an estimated net asset value ("NAV") per share of common stock on a quarterly basis. In consultation with our Board and external advisers, we have determined that this December 31, 2024, disclosure will be our last voluntary publication of NAV per common share. We have reviewed and analyzed the costs and benefits of this publication and determined that it is no longer in the best interest of the Company or its shareholders to expend the time, costs, and resources necessary to voluntarily calculate and publish a quarterly NAV.

NAV is a non-GAAP, supplemental measure of financial position of an equity REIT and is calculated as total equity, adjusted for the increase or decrease in fair value of our real estate assets and long-term borrowings (including any preferred stock required to be treated as debt for GAAP purposes) relative to their respective cost bases. Further, we calculate NAV per common share by dividing NAV by our total common shares outstanding (consisting of our common stock and OP Units held by non-controlling limited partners).

The fair values presented above and their usage in the calculation of net asset value per share presented below have been prepared by and are the responsibility of management. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP has neither examined, compiled, nor performed any procedures with respect to the fair values or the calculation of net asset value per common share, which utilizes information that is not disclosed within the financial statements, and, accordingly, does not express an opinion or any other form of assurance with respect thereto.

As of December 31, 2024, we estimate the NAV per common share to be \$14.91. A reconciliation of NAV to total equity, which we believe is the most directly-comparable GAAP measure, is provided below (dollars in thousands, except per-share data):

Total equity per balance sheet		\$ 687,182
Fair value adjustment for long-term assets:		
Less: net cost basis of real estate holdings and related assets <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ (1,259,591)	
Plus: estimated fair value of real estate holdings and related assets <sup>(2)</sup>	1,405,350	
Net fair value adjustment for real estate holdings and related assets	 	145,759
Fair value adjustment for long-term liabilities:		
Plus: book value of aggregate long-term indebtedness <sup>(3)</sup>	586,684	
Less: fair value of aggregate long-term indebtedness <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	(545,820)	
Net fair value adjustment for long-term indebtedness	 	40,864
Estimated NAV		\$ 873,805
Less: aggregate fair value of cumulative redeemable preferred stock <sup>(5)</sup>		(334,451)
Estimated NAV available to common stockholders and non-controlling OP Unitholders		\$ 539,354
Total common shares and non-controlling OP Units outstanding		36,184,658
Estimated NAV per common share and OP Unit		\$ 14.91

- (1) Per Net Cost Basis as presented in the table above.
- (2) Per Current Fair Value as presented in the table above.
- (3) Includes the principal balances outstanding of all long-term borrowings (consisting of notes and bonds payable) and the Series D Term Preferred Stock.
- (4) Long-term notes and bonds payable were valued using a discounted cash flow model. The Series D Term Preferred Stock was valued based on its closing stock price as of December 31, 2024.
- (5) The Series B Preferred Stock and Series C Preferred Stock were valued based on their respective closing stock prices as of December 31, 2024, while the Series E Preferred Stock was valued at its liquidation value as discussed above

A quarterly rollforward in the estimated NAV per common share and OP Unit for the three months ended December 31, 2024, is provided below:

Estimated NAV per common share and non-controlling OP Unit as of September 30, 2024	\$	15.57
Less net loss attributable to common stockholders and non-controlling OP Unitholders		(0.15)
Adjustments for net change in valuations:		
Net change in unrealized fair value of farmland portfolio(1)	\$ (1.19)	
Net change in unrealized fair value of long-term indebtedness	0.18	
Net change in unrealized fair value of preferred equity securities	0.61	
Net change in valuations		(0.40)
Less distributions on common stock and non-controlling OP Units		(0.14)
Plus (less) net accretive (dilutive) effect of equity issuances and redemptions, net		0.03
Estimated NAV per common share and non-controlling OP Unit as of December 31, 2024	\$	14.91

The net change in unrealized fair value of our farmland portfolio consists of three components: (i) a decrease of \$1.49 per share due to the net depreciation in value of the farms that were valued during the three months ended December 31, 2024, (ii) an increase of \$0.24 per share due to the decrease in net book value of our real estate holdings as a result of the aggregate depreciation and amortization expense recorded during the three months ended December 31, 2024, and (iii) an increase of \$0.06 per share due to net asset dispositions or capital improvements made on certain farms that either did not impact or have not yet been considered in the determination of the respective farms' estimated fair values.

Comparison of estimated NAV and estimated NAV per common share, using the definitions above, to similarly-titled measures for other REITs may not necessarily be meaningful due to possible differences in the calculation or application of the definition of NAV used by such REITs. In addition, the trading price of our common shares may differ significantly from our most recent estimated NAV per common share calculation. For example, while we estimated our NAV per common share to be \$14.91 as of December 31, 2024, based on the calculation above, the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2024, was \$10.85 per share.

The determination of estimated NAV is subjective and involves a number of assumptions, judgments, and estimates, and minor adjustments to these assumptions, judgments, or estimates may have a material impact on our overall portfolio valuation. In addition, many of the assumptions used are sensitive to market conditions and can change frequently. Changes in the market environment and other events that may occur during our ownership of these properties may cause the values reported above to vary from the actual fair value that may be obtained in the open market. Further, while management believes the values presented reflect current market conditions, the ultimate amount realized on any asset will be based on the timing of such dispositions and the then-current market conditions. There can be no assurance that the ultimate realized value upon disposition of an asset will approximate the estimated fair value above.

# QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

#### ITEM 7A.

Market risk includes risks that arise from changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices, equity prices, and other market changes that affect market-sensitive instruments. The primary market risk that we believe we are and will be exposed to is interest rate risk. Certain of our existing leases contain escalations based on market indices, such as the consumer price index ("CPI"), and while very little of our existing borrowings are subject to variable interest rates, the interest rates on the majority of our fixed-rate borrowings are fixed for a finite period before converting to variable rate. Although we seek to mitigate this risk by including certain provisions in many of our leases, such as escalation clauses or adjusting the rent to prevailing market rents at various intervals, these features do not eliminate this risk.

Currently, over 99.9% of our borrowings are at fixed rates, and on a weighted-average basis, these rates are fixed at an effective interest rate (after interest patronage) of 3.35% for another 3.6 years. As such, with respect to our current borrowings, we believe fluctuations in interest rates would have a minimal impact on our net income. However, interest rate fluctuations may affect the fair value of our fixed-rate borrowings. As of December 31, 2024, the fair value of our fixed-rate borrowings outstanding (excluding our Series D Term Preferred Stock) was approximately \$486.3 million.

The following table summarizes the hypothetical change in fair value of our fixed-rate borrowings at December 31, 2024, if market interest rates had been one or two percentage points lower or higher than those in place as of December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands):

Change in Market Interest Rates	Carrying Value(1)	Difference		
2% decrease	\$ 526,309	\$ 511,544	\$ (14,765)	
1% decrease	526,309	498,658	(27,651)	
No change	526,309	486,314	(39,995)	
1% increase	526,309	474,586	(51,723)	
2% increase	526,309	463,336	(62,973)	

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes the principal balances outstanding of all long-term borrowings (consisting of notes and bonds payable), excluding unamortized debt issuance costs.

In the future, we may be exposed to additional effects of interest rate changes, primarily as a result of additional borrowings used to maintain liquidity and fund expansion of our farmland investment portfolio and operations. Our interest rate risk management objectives are to limit the impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows and to lower overall borrowing costs. To achieve these objectives, we will borrow primarily at fixed rates or, in limited cases, at variable rates with the lowest margins available and, where available, with the ability to convert to fixed rates in the future. We may also enter into derivative financial instruments, such as interest rate swaps and caps, to mitigate the interest rate risk on a related financial instrument. We will not enter into derivative or interest rate transactions for speculative purposes.

In addition to changes in interest rates, the fair value of our farmland portfolio is subject to fluctuations based on changes in local and regional economic conditions and changes in the creditworthiness of our tenants. Materially adverse changes in the fair value of our real estate may affect our ability to refinance our debt, if necessary.

# ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

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# Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

To the Stockholders and Board of Directors of Gladstone Land Corporation:

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Rule 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Our internal control over financial reporting is 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 and include those policies and procedures that pertain to the maintenance of records that in reasonable detail accurately and fairly reflect our transactions and the dispositions of our assets, provide reasonable assurance that our transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that our receipts and expenditures are being made only in accordance with appropriate authorizations; and provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of our assets that could have a material effect on our financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation.

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, we assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control—Integrated Framework (2013)* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations (COSO). Based on our assessment, management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2024.

February 19, 2025

#### Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of Gladstone Land Corporation

#### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Gladstone Land Corporation and its subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income, of equity and of cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, including the related notes and financial statement schedule listed in the accompanying index (collectively referred to as the "consolidated financial statements"). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

# Basis for Opinion

These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's consolidated financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB) and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits of these consolidated financial statements in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

#### Critical Audit Matter

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the consolidated financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that (i) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the consolidated financial statements and (ii) involved our especially challenging, subjective, or complex judgments. The communication of critical audit matters does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

Real Estate Impairment Evaluation - Undiscounted Future Cash Flows

As described in Notes 2 and 3 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company's consolidated total real estate, net balance was \$1.2 billion as of December 31, 2024. During 2024, the Company recognized an impairment charge of \$2.1 million. Management periodically reviews the carrying value of each property to determine whether indicators of impairment exist. If circumstances support the possibility of impairment, management prepares a projection of the total undiscounted future cash flows of the specific property (without interest charges), including net proceeds from disposition, if any, and compares them to the net book value of the property to determine whether the carrying value of the property is recoverable. In preparing the projection of undiscounted future cash flows, management estimates cap rates, rental rates, and property values, as applicable, using information obtained from market data and other comparable sources, such as recent sales data from comparable properties and broker quotes, and applies the undiscounted cash flows to the expected hold period. If impairment is indicated, the carrying value of the property is written down to its estimated fair value based on management's best estimate of the property's discounted future cash flows using market-derived terms, such as cap rates, discount rates, and rental rates applied to the expected hold period.

The principal considerations for our determination that performing procedures relating to the undiscounted future cash flows used in the real estate impairment evaluation is a critical audit matter are (i) the significant judgment by management when developing the projection of the undiscounted future cash flows and (ii) a high degree of auditor judgment, subjectivity, and

effort in performing procedures and evaluating management's significant assumptions related to the rental rates and expected hold periods.

Addressing the matter involved performing procedures and evaluating audit evidence in connection with forming our overall opinion on the consolidated financial statements. These procedures included, among others (i) testing management's process for developing the projection of the undiscounted future cash flows; (ii) evaluating the appropriateness of the undiscounted cash flow model; (iii) testing the completeness and accuracy of underlying data used in the undiscounted cash flow model; and (iv) evaluating the reasonableness of the significant assumptions used by management related to rental rates and expected holding periods. Evaluating management's assumptions related to the rental rates and expected holding periods involved evaluating whether the assumptions used by management were reasonable considering (i) the consistency with external market and industry data and (ii) whether the rental rates assumption was consistent with evidence obtained in other areas of the audit.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Washington, DC February 19, 2025

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2005.

# GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (In thousands, except share and per-share data)

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
ASSETS		
Real estate, at cost	\$ 1,324,632	\$ 1,383,742
Less: accumulated depreciation	(167,782)	(142,212)
Total real estate, net	1,156,850	1,241,530
Lease intangibles, net	3,588	4,782
Real estate and related assets held for sale, net	46,314	53,626
Cash and cash equivalents	18,275	18,571
Other assets, net	87,168	68,815
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,312,195	\$ 1,387,324
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
LIABILITIES:		
Borrowings under lines of credit	\$ 3,600	\$ 200
Notes and bonds payable, net	523,922	573,911
Series D cumulative term preferred stock, net, \$0.001 par value, \$25.00 per share liquidation preference; 3,600,000 shares authorized, 2,415,000 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024, and December 31, 2023	59,930	59,519
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	18,404	10,298
Due to related parties, net	2,972	3,874
Other liabilities, net	16,185	19,909
Total liabilities	625,013	667,711
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)	,	
EQUITY:		
Stockholders' equity:		
Series B cumulative redeemable preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; \$25.00 per share liquidation preference; 6,340,889 shares authorized, 5,840,889 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024; 6,456,065 shares authorized, 5,956,065 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023	6	6
Series C cumulative redeemable preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, \$25.00 per share liquidation preference; 25,700,791 shares authorized, 9,954,863 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024; 25,902,437 shares authorized, 10,156,509 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023	10	10
Series E cumulative redeemable preferred stock, \$0.001 par value, \$25.00 per share liquidation preference; 15,998,400 shares authorized, 252,436 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024; 15,998,400 shares authorized, 235,841 issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023	_	_
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 48,359,920 shares authorized, 36,184,658 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2024; 48,043,098 shares authorized, 35,838,442 shares issued and outstanding as of December 31, 2023	36	36
Additional paid-in capital	854,059	856,206
Distributions in excess of accumulated earnings	(174,561)	(144,011)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	7,632	7,366
Total stockholders' equity	687,182	719,613
Non-controlling interests in Operating Partnership	_	
Total equity	687,182	719,613

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

# GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (In thousands, except share and per-share data)

		2024		2023		2022
OPERATING REVENUES:						
Lease revenue, net	\$	84,763	\$	90,319	\$	89,236
Other operating revenue		453		79		_
Total operating revenues	·	85,216		90,398		89,236
OPERATING EXPENSES:	<u> </u>					
Depreciation and amortization		35,055		37,161		35,366
Property operating expenses		5,334		4,201		2,819
Base management fee		8,370		8,603		8,307
Incentive fee		109		1,771		3,225
Administration fee		2,452		2,255		2,005
General and administrative expenses		2,625		2,924		2,740
Write-off of costs associated with offering of Series C cumulative redeemable preferred stock		_		_		853
Impairment charge		2,106		_		_
Total operating expenses		56,051		56,915		55,315
Incentive fee waiver		(109)		_		_
Total operating expenses, net of credits to fees		55,942		56,915		55,315
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE):						
Other income		3,378		3,633		3,441
Interest expense		(21,885)		(23,665)		(25,738)
Dividends declared on cumulative term preferred stock		(3,019)		(3,019)		(3,019)
Gain (loss) on dispositions of real estate assets, net		5,886		5,208		(3,760)
Property and casualty loss, net		(284)		(1,016)		(56)
Loss from investments in unconsolidated entities		(60)		(59)		(73)
Total other expense, net		(15,984)		(18,918)		(29,205)
NET INCOME		13,290		14,565		4,716
Net income attributable to non-controlling interests						(8)
NET INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY	_	13,290		14,565		4,708
Dividends declared on cumulative redeemable preferred stock		(24,250)		(24,371)		(19,693)
Gain (loss) on extinguishment of cumulative redeemable preferred stock, net		505		(46)		(25)
NET LOSS ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMMON STOCKHOLDERS	<u>\$</u>	(10,455)	S	(9,852)	s	(15,010)
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LOSS PER COMMON SHARE:						
Basic and diluted	\$	(0.20)	e	(0.28)	¢.	(0.42)
WEIGHTED AVERAGE SHARES OF COMMON STOCK OUTSTANDING	<u>\$</u>	(0.29)	<b>D</b>	(0.28)	Ф	(0.43)
Basic and diluted		35,909,956		35,733,742		34,563,460
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NET INCOME:		13,290		14,565		4,716
Change in fair value related to interest rate hedging instruments		266		(1,641)		10,043
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		13,556		12,924		14,759
Comprehensive income attributable to non-controlling interests				,- 2 .		(8)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE COMPANY	\$	13.556	\$	12,924	\$	14,751
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# GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (In thousands, except share data)

	Series B Preferred Stock		Series C Preferred S		Serie Preferre		Common S	tock	Additional	Distributions in Excess of	Accumulated Other	Total	Non-	
	No. of Shares	Par Value	No. of Shares	Par Value	No. of Shares	Par Value	No. of Shares	Par Value	Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Earnings	Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Stockholders' Equity	Controlling Interest	Total Equity
Balance at December 31, 2021	5,956,065	\$ 6	3,493,333	\$ 3		<b>\$</b> —	34,210,013	\$ 34	\$ 668,275	\$ (80,467)	\$ (1,036)	\$ 586,815	\$ 2,251	\$ 589,066
Issuance of Series C Preferred Stock, net	_	_	6,736,615	7	_	_	_	_	152,732		_	152,739	_	152,739
Redemptions of Series C Preferred Stock, net	_	_	(38,595)	_	_	_	_	_	(876)	(25)	_	(901)	_	(901)
Redemptions of OP Units	_	_	_	_	_	_			(3,700)	_	_	(3,700)	(3,970)	(7,670)
Issuance of common stock, net	_	_	_	_	_	_	840,384	1	21,981	_	_	21,982	_	21,982
Net income	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	4,708	_	4,708	8	4,716
Dividends—cumulative redeemable preferred stock	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(19,693)	_	(19,693)	_	(19,693)
Distributions—OP Units and common stock	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(18,893)	_	(18,893)	(27)	(18,920)
Comprehensive income attributable to the Company	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	10,043	10,043	_	10,043
Adjustment to non-controlling interests resulting from changes in ownership of the Operating Partnership	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(1,738)	_	_	(1,738)	1,738	_
Balance at December 31, 2022	5,956,065	\$ 6	10,191,353	\$ 10		<b>\$</b> —	35,050,397	\$ 35	\$ 836,674	\$ (114,370)	\$ 9,007	\$ 731,362	<u>s</u> —	\$ 731,362
Issuance of Series C Preferred Stock, net	_		14,069					_	298		_	298	_	298
Redemptions of Series C Preferred Stock, net	_	_	(48,913)	_	_	_	_	_	(1,110)	(46)	_	(1,156)	_	(1,156)
Issuance of Series E Preferred Stock, net	_	_	_	_	237,441	_	_	_	5,301	_	_	5,301	_	5,301
Redemptions of Series E Preferred Stock, net	_	_	_	_	(1,600)	_	_	_	(36)	_	_	(36)	_	(36)
Issuance of common stock, net	_	_	_	_	_	_	788,045	1	15,079	_	_	15,080	_	15,080
Net income	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	14,565	_	14,565	_	14,565
Dividends—cumulative redeemable preferred stock	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(24,371)	_	(24,371)	_	(24,371)
Distributions—OP Units and common stock	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(19,789)	_	(19,789)	_	(19,789)
Comprehensive income attributable to the Company	_		_		_	_	_	_	_	_	(1,641)	(1,641)	_	(1,641)
Balance at December 31, 2023	5,956,065	\$ 6	10,156,509	\$ 10	235,841	<u>\$ —</u>	35,838,442	\$ 36	\$ 856,206	\$ (144,011)	\$ 7,366	\$ 719,613	<u>s</u> —	\$ 719,613

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

# GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EQUITY (Continued) (In thousands, except share data)

	Series I Preferred S		Series C Preferred S		Series Preferred		Common S	Common Stock Additional		Distributions in Excess of	Accumulated Other	Total	Non-	
	No. of Shares	Par Value	No. of Shares	Par Value	No. of Shares	Par Value	Number of Shares	Par Value	Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Earnings	Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Stockholders' Equity	Controlling Interest	Total Equity
Balance at December 31, 2023	5,956,065	\$ 6	10,156,509	\$ 10	235,841	<b>s</b> —	35,838,442	\$ 36	\$ 856,206	\$ (144,011)	\$ 7,366	\$ 719,613	<u>s</u> —	\$ 719,613
Redemptions of Series B Preferred Stock, net	(115,176)	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(2,562)	133		(2,429)	_	(2,429)
Redemptions of Series C Preferred Stock, net	_	_	(201,646)	_	_	_	_	_	(4,574)	372	_	(4,202)	_	(4,202)
Issuance of Series E Preferred Stock, net	_	_	_	_	16,595	_	_	_	358	_	_	358	_	358
Issuance of common stock, net	_	_	_	_	_	_	346,216	_	4,631	_	_	4,631	_	4,631
Net income	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	13,290	_	13,290	_	13,290
Dividends—cumulative redeemable preferred stock	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(24,250)	_	(24,250)	_	(24,250)
Distributions—OP Units and common stock	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(20,095)	_	(20,095)	_	(20,095)
Comprehensive income attributable to the Company	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	266	266	_	266
Balance at December 31, 2024	5,840,889	\$ 6	9,954,863	\$ 10	252,436	<b>\$</b> —	36,184,658	\$ 36	\$ 854,059	\$ (174,561)	\$ 7,632	\$ 687,182	<b>s</b> —	\$ 687,182

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# GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (In thousands)

	For the	nber 31,	
	2024	2023	2022
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net income	\$ 13,290	\$ 14,565	\$ 4,716
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	35,055	37,161	35,366
Impairment charge	2,106	_	_
Amortization of debt issuance costs	990	1,065	1,085
Amortization of deferred rent assets and liabilities, net	2,055	534	(482)
Amortization of right-of-use assets from operating leases and operating lease liabilities, net	56	92	90
Loss from investments in unconsolidated entities	60	59	73
Bad debt expense	372	149	83
Write-off of unamortized deferred offering costs associated with cumulative redeemable preferred stock (Series C)	_	_	798
(Gain) loss on dispositions of real estate assets, net	(5,886)	(5,208)	3,760
Property and casualty loss, net	284	1,016	56
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Other assets, net	(11,275)	(6,914)	(7,487)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses and Due to related parties, net	(6,101)	(3,400)	5,678
Other liabilities, net	(1,458)	962	52
Net cash provided by operating activities	29,548	40,081	43,788
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Acquisition of new real estate assets	_	_	(62,055)
Capital expenditures on existing real estate assets	(5,197)	(12,805)	(20,126)
Contributions to unconsolidated real estate entities			(2,749)
Proceeds from dispositions of real estate assets, net	68,505	9,037	
Deposits on prospective real estate acquisitions and investments	_	_	(554)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	63,308	(3,768)	(85,484)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	22,211	(=,, ==)	(62,161)
Borrowings from lines of credit	3,400	200	_
Repayments of lines of credit	_	(100)	_
Borrowings from notes and bonds payable	_	_	9,932
Repayments of notes and bonds payable	(50,519)	(53,015)	(51,651)
Payments of financing fees	(50)	(192)	(948)
Proceeds from issuance of preferred and common equity	5,094	21,268	188,106
Offering costs	(104)		(13,751)
Redemptions of cumulative redeemable preferred stock	(6,630)	` ′	(901)
Payments for redemptions of OP Units	_	_	(7,670)
Dividends paid on cumulative redeemable preferred stock	(24,248)	(25,301)	(18,068)
Distributions paid on OP Units		_	(27)
Distributions paid on common stock	(20,095)	(19,789)	(18,893)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(93,152)	(78,883)	86,129
NET (DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	(296)	(42,570)	44,433
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT BEGINNING OF PERIOD	18,571	61,141	16,708
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT END OF PERIOD	\$ 18,275		
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements. GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION

# GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Continued) (In thousands)

SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:			
Interest paid <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 24,396	\$ 26,218	\$ 25,259
NON-CASH INVESTING AND FINANCING INFORMATION:			
Real estate additions included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses and Due to related parties, net	802	441	2,657
Tenant-funded improvements included within Real estate, at cost	_	25	284
Stock offering and OP Unit issuance costs included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses and Due to related			
parties, net	 4	11	108
Financing fees included in Accounts payable and accrued expenses and Due to related parties, net	_	7	42
Dividends paid on Series C Preferred Stock via additional share issuances	 _	320	788

 $<sup>^{\</sup>left(1\right)}$  Includes distributions made on our cumulative term preferred stock

# GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

References to the number of farms/properties, acreage, and primary crops use are unaudited.

#### NOTE 1. BUSINESS AND ORGANIZATION

#### Business

Gladstone Land Corporation ("we," "us," or the "Company") is an agricultural real estate investment trust ("REIT") that was re-incorporated in Maryland on March 24, 2011, having been originally incorporated in California on June 14, 1997. We are primarily in the business of owning and leasing farmland. Subject to certain restrictions and limitations, and pursuant to contractual agreements, our business is managed by Gladstone Management Corporation (the "Adviser"), a Delaware corporation, and administrative services are provided to us by Gladstone Administration, LLC (the "Administrator"), a Delaware limited liability company. Our Adviser and Administrator are both affiliates of ours (see Note 6, "Related-Party Transactions," for additional discussion regarding our Adviser and Administrator).

# Organization

We conduct substantially all of our operations through a subsidiary, Gladstone Land Limited Partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), a Delaware limited partnership. As we currently control the sole general partner of the Operating Partnership and own, directly or indirectly, a majority of the common units of limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership ("OP Units"), the financial position and results of operations of the Operating Partnership are consolidated within our financial statements. As of each of December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, the Company owned approximately 100.0% of the outstanding OP Units (see Note 8, "Equity," for additional discussion regarding OP Units).

Gladstone Land Partners, LLC ("Land Partners"), a Delaware limited liability company and a subsidiary of ours, was organized to engage in any lawful act or activity for which a limited liability company may be organized in Delaware. Land Partners is the general partner of the Operating Partnership and has the power to make and perform all contracts and to engage in all activities necessary in carrying out the purposes of the Company, as well as all other powers available to it as a limited liability company. As we currently own all of the membership interests of Land Partners, the financial position and results of operations of Land Partners are consolidated within our financial statements.

Gladstone Land Advisers, Inc. ("Land Advisers"), a Delaware corporation and a subsidiary of ours, was created to collect any non-qualifying income related to our real estate portfolio and to perform certain small-scale farming business operations. We have elected for Land Advisers to be taxed as a taxable REIT subsidiary ("TRS") of ours. Since we currently own all of the voting securities of Land Advisers, its financial position and results of operations are consolidated within our financial statements. For each of the tax years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, there was no taxable income or loss from Land Advisers, nor did we have any undistributed REIT taxable income.

All further references herein to "we," "us," "our," and the "Company" refer, collectively, to Gladstone Land Corporation and its consolidated subsidiaries, except where indicated otherwise.

# NOTE 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

# Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally-accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting periods. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may materially differ from these estimates.

# Real Estate and Lease Intangibles

Our investments in real estate consist of farmland, improvements made to the farmland (consisting primarily of irrigation and drainage systems and buildings), and permanent plantings acquired in connection with certain land purchases (consisting primarily of almond and pistachio trees, blueberry bushes, and wine vineyards). We record investments in real estate at cost and generally capitalize improvements and replacements when they extend the useful life or improve the efficiency of the asset. We expense costs of routine repairs and maintenance as such costs are incurred. We generally compute depreciation using the

straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated useful life or 50 years for buildings, improvements, and permanent plantings, and the shorter of the estimated useful life or 5 to 20 years for equipment and fixtures.

Certain of our acquisitions involve sale-leaseback transactions with newly-originated leases, and other of our acquisitions involve the acquisition of farmland that was already being operated as rental property, in which case we will typically assume the lease in place at the time of acquisition. Most of our acquisitions, including those with a prior leasing history, are generally treated as asset acquisitions under Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 805, "Business Combinations" ("ASC 805").

ASC 805 requires that the purchase price of real estate be allocated to (i) the tangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed (typically consisting of land, buildings, improvements, permanent plantings, and long-term debt) and, if applicable, (ii) any identifiable intangible assets and liabilities (typically consisting of in-place lease values, lease origination costs, the values of above- and below-market leases, and tenant relationships), based in each case on their fair values. In addition, all acquisition-related costs (other than legal costs incurred directly related to either originating new leases we execute upon acquisition or reviewing in-place leases we assumed upon acquisition) are capitalized and included as part of the fair value allocation of the identifiable tangible and intangible assets acquired or liabilities assumed.

Management's estimates of fair value are made using methods similar to those used by independent appraisers, such as a sales comparison approach, a cost approach, and either an income capitalization approach or discounted cash flow analysis. Factors considered by management in its analysis include an estimate of carrying costs during hypothetical, expected lease-up periods, taking into consideration current market conditions and costs to execute similar leases. We also consider information obtained about each property as a result of our pre-acquisition due diligence, marketing, and leasing activities in estimating the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed. In estimating carrying costs, management also includes lost reimbursement of real estate taxes, insurance, and certain other operating expenses, as well as estimates of lost rental income at market rates during the hypothetical, expected lease-up periods, which typically range from 1 to 24 months, depending on specific local market conditions.

Management also estimates costs to execute similar leases, including leasing commissions, legal fees, and other related expenses, to the extent that such costs are not already incurred in connection with a new lease origination as part of the transaction. While management believes these estimates to be reasonable based on the information available at the time of acquisition, the purchase price allocation may be adjusted if management obtains more information regarding the valuations of the assets acquired or liabilities assumed

We allocate the purchase price to the fair value of the tangible assets and liabilities of an acquired property by valuing the property as if it were vacant. The "as-if-vacant" value is allocated to land, buildings, improvements, and permanent plantings, based on management's determination of the relative fair values of such assets and liabilities as of the date of acquisition.

We record above- and below-market lease values for acquired properties based on the present value (using a discount rate that reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired) of the difference between (i) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place lease agreements, and (ii) management's estimate of fair market lease rates for the corresponding in-place leases, measured over a period equal to the remaining, non-cancelable term of the lease. When determining the non-cancelable term of the lease, we evaluate whether fixed-rate or below-market renewal options, if any, should be included. The fair value of capitalized above-market lease values, included as part of Other assets in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, is amortized as a reduction of rental income on a straight-line basis over the remaining, non-cancelable terms of the respective leases. The fair value of capitalized below-market lease values, included as part of Other liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, is amortized as an increase to rental income on a straight-line basis over the remaining, non-cancelable terms of the respective leases, including that of any fixed-price or below-market renewal options.

The value of the remaining intangible assets acquired, which consists of in-place lease values, lease origination costs, and tenant relationship values, are determined based on management's evaluation of the specific characteristics of each tenant's lease and our overall relationship with that respective tenant. Characteristics to be considered by management in allocating these values include the nature and extent of our existing business relationships with the tenant, prospects for developing additional business with the tenant, the tenant's credit quality, and our expectations of lease renewals (including those existing under the terms of the current lease agreement), among other factors.

The value of in-place leases and certain lease origination costs (if any) are amortized to amortization expense on a straight-line basis over the remaining, non-cancelable terms of the respective leases. The value of tenant relationship intangibles, which is the benefit to us resulting from the likelihood of an existing tenant renewing its lease at the existing property or entering into a lease at a different property we own, is amortized to amortization expense over the remaining lease term and any anticipated renewal periods in the respective leases.

Should a tenant terminate its lease, the unamortized portion of the above intangible assets or liabilities would be charged to the appropriate income or expense account.

Total consideration for acquisitions may include a combination of cash and equity securities, such as OP Units. When OP Units are issued in connection with acquisitions, we determine the fair value of the OP Units issued based on the number of units issued multiplied by the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of acquisition.

# **Real Estate Impairment Evaluation**

We account for the impairment of our real estate assets in accordance with ASC 360, "Property, Plant, and Equipment" ("ASC 360"), which requires us to periodically review the carrying value of each property to determine whether indicators of impairment exist or if depreciation periods should be modified. In determining if impairment exists, we consider such indicators which may include, but are not limited to: deteriorating market conditions; declines in a property's operating performance due to near-term lease maturities or vacancy rates; environmental damage, including due to natural disasters or tenant neglect; legal concerns; and whether our hold period has shortened. If circumstances support the possibility of impairment, we prepare a projection of the total undiscounted future cash flows of the specific property (without interest charges), including net proceeds from disposition, if any, and compare them to the net book value of the property to determine whether the carrying value of the property is recoverable. In preparing the projection of undiscounted future cash flows, we estimate cap rates, rental rates, and property values, as applicable, using information that we obtain from market data and other comparable sources, such as recent sales data from comparable properties and broker quotes, and apply the undiscounted cash flows to our expected holding period. If impairment is indicated, the carrying value of the property is written down to its estimated fair value based on our best estimate of the property's discounted future cash flows using market-derived terms, such as cap rates, discount rates, and rental rates applied to our expected hold period.

Using the methodology discussed above, we evaluated our entire portfolio for any impairment indicators and performed an impairment analysis on select properties that had an indication of impairment. See Note 3, "Real Estate and Lease Intangibles—Impairment," for further discussion.

# **Held-for-Sale Property**

For properties classified as held-for-sale, we cease depreciating and amortizing the property and related intangible assets and value the property at the lower of depreciated and amortized cost or fair value, less costs to dispose. If the sale meets the definition of discontinued operations, we present the related assets, liabilities, and results of operations that have been sold (or that otherwise qualify as held-for-sale) as discontinued operations in all periods. The definition of discontinued operations is met if the disposal of a component or group of components either meets the held-for-sale criteria or is disposed of and also represents a strategic shift that has (or will have) a major effect on our operations and financial results. If classified as such, the components of the property's net income (loss) that are reflected as discontinued operations include operating results, depreciation, amortization, and interest expense.

When properties are considered held-for-sale, but do not qualify as a discontinued operation, we present such assets and liabilities as held for sale on the consolidated balance sheet in all periods that the related assets and liabilities meet the held-for-sale criteria under ASC 360. Components of the held-for-sale property's net income (loss) are recorded within continuing operations on the consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income. See Note 3, "Real Estate and Lease Intangibles—Real Estate Held for Sale," for further discussion.

# **Tenant Improvements**

From time to time, our tenants may pay for improvements on certain of our properties with the ownership of the improvements remaining with us, in which case we will record the cost of such improvements as an asset (tenant-funded improvements, included within Investments in real estate, net), along with a corresponding liability (deferred rent liability, included within Other liabilities, net) on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. When we are determined to be the owner of the tenant-funded improvements, such improvements will be depreciated over the useful life in accordance with our depreciation policy noted above, and the related deferred rent liability will be amortized as an addition to rental income over the remaining term of the existing lease in place. If the tenant is determined to be the owner of a tenant improvement funded by us, such amounts are treated as a lease incentive and amortized as a reduction of rental income over the remaining term of the existing lease in place.

In determining whether the tenant or the Company is the owner of such improvements, several factors will be considered, including, but not limited to: (i) whether the improvement's useful life is greater than the remaining lease term plus any reasonably certain renewal options; (ii) whether the lease allows the tenant to remove the improvements; (iii) whether the improvement is unique to the tenant or useful to subsequent tenants; (iv) whether the improvement adds value to the property or increases the lifespan of the property; and (v) whether the tenant was provided a form of reimbursement or incentive concerning the improvement. The determination of who owns the improvements can be subject to significant judgment.

# Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider cash equivalents to be all short-term, highly-liquid investments that are both readily convertible to cash and have a maturity of three months or less at the time of purchase, except that any such investments purchased with funds held in escrow or similar accounts are classified as restricted cash. Items classified as cash equivalents include money-market deposit accounts. Our cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were held in the custody of one financial institution (which management believes to be financially sound and with minimal credit risk), and our balance at times may exceed federally-insurable limits. We did not have any restricted cash or cash equivalents as of either December 31, 2024 or 2023.

#### **Debt Issuance Costs**

Debt issuance costs consist of costs incurred to obtain debt financing, including legal fees, origination fees, and administrative fees. Costs associated with our long-term borrowings and term preferred stock securities required to be recorded net of the respective debt for GAAP purposes are deferred and amortized over the terms of the respective financings using the straight-line method, which approximates the effective interest method. In the case of our lines of credit, the straight-line method is used due to the revolving nature of the financing instrument. Upon early extinguishment of any borrowings, the unamortized portion of the related deferred financing costs will be immediately charged to expense. In addition, in accordance with ASC 470, "Debt" ("ASC 470"), when a financing arrangement is amended so that the only material change is an increase in the borrowing capacity, the unamortized deferred financing costs from the prior arrangement are amortized over the term of the new arrangement. During the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, we recorded approximately \$990,000, \$1.1 million, and \$1.1 million, respectively, of total amortization expense related to debt issuance costs.

# **Deferred Offering Costs**

We account for offering costs in accordance with SEC Staff Accounting Bulletin Topic 5.A., which states that incremental offering costs directly attributable to a proposed or actual offering of securities may be deferred and charged against the gross proceeds of such offering. Accordingly, costs incurred related to our ongoing equity offerings are included in Other assets, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets and are ratably applied to the cost of equity as the related securities are issued. If an equity offering is subsequently terminated, the remaining, unallocated portion of the related deferred offering costs are charged to expense in the period such offering is aborted and recorded on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

#### Other Assets and Other Liabilities

Other assets, net generally consists primarily of net deferred rent assets, rents and other accounts receivable, deferred offering costs, prepaid expenses, deferred financing costs associated with our lines of credit, operating lease right-of-use assets, deposits on potential real estate acquisitions, the carrying value of certain farm equipment owned by us and used on our farms, investments in long-term water assets (see "—Investments in Water Assets" below for further discussion), net ownership interests in special-purpose LLCs (see "—Investments in Unconsolidated Entities" below for further discussion), and the fair value of interest rate swaps if market interest rates are above the fixed rate of the respective swap (see Note 4, "Borrowings—Interest Rate Swap Agreements," for further discussion).

Other liabilities, net generally consists primarily of rents received in advance, net deferred rent liabilities, operating lease liabilities, and the fair value of interest rate swaps if market interest rates are below the fixed rate of the respective swap (see Note 4, "Borrowings—Interest Rate Swap Agreements," for further discussion).

# **Investments in Unconsolidated Entities**

We determine if an entity is a variable interest entity ("VIE") in accordance with ASC Topic 810, "Consolidation." For an entity in which we have acquired an interest, the entity will be considered a VIE if either of the following characteristics are met: (i) the entity lacks sufficient equity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support, or (ii) equity holders, as a group, lack the characteristics of a controlling financial interest. We evaluate all significant investments in real estate-related assets to determine if they are VIEs, utilizing judgment and estimates that are inherently subjective.

If an entity is determined to be a VIE, we then determine whether to consolidate the entity as the primary beneficiary. The primary beneficiary has both (i) the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact the VIE's economic performance, and (ii) the obligation to absorb losses of the VIE or the right to receive benefits from the VIE that could potentially be significant to the entity.

See Note 3, "Real Estate and Lease Intangibles-Investments in Unconsolidated Entities" for further discussion.

# **Investments in Water Assets**

From time to time, we have entered into contracts to acquire additional water assets for certain of our farms (see Note 3, Real Estate and Lease Intangibles—Investments in Water Assets"). The water assets acquired may be in the form of either water banked at a government municipality or groundwater pumping credits obtained through groundwater recharge programs established by government municipalities, which recharge is achieved via groundwater recharge facilities we have constructed on certain of our farms. The contracts we have entered into to acquire additional water assets cannot readily be net settled by means outside of the respective contracts; therefore, in accordance with ASC 360, we recognize the investments in long-term water assets at cost, including all costs necessary to procure and transfer the water asset to its intended location. Costs to acquire water assets are initially deferred in a prepaid account until such time that the water assets are recognized by the respective water district, at which time, the costs related to the recognized water assets are reclassed and capitalized as an investment in long-term water assets. Investments in long-term water assets and the related prepaid asset are both included in Other assets, net on our accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. While we may, in the future, sell portions of these water assets to unrelated third parties for a profit, our current intent is to hold these water assets for the long-term for future use on our farms. There is no amount of time by which we must use these water assets.

Each quarter, we will review our investments in long-term water assets for any indicators of impairment in accordance with ASC 360 and perform an impairment analysis if there are any such indicators. In determining if impairment exists, we consider such indicators which may include, but are not limited to, deteriorating market conditions and environmental or regulatory changes. As of December 31, 2024, we concluded that no water assets were impaired.

# **Non-controlling Interests**

Non-controlling limited interests in our Operating Partnership are those OP Units not owned by us. We evaluate whether OP Units held by non-controlling OP Unitholders are subject to redemption features outside of our control. OP Units held by non-controlling OP Unitholders are redeemable at the option of the holder for cash or, at our election, shares of our common stock and thus are reported in the equity section of the Consolidated Balance Sheets but separate from stockholders' equity. The amount reported for such non-controlling interests on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income represent the portion of income (loss) from the Operating Partnership not attributable to us. At the end of each reporting period, we determine the amount of equity (at book value) that is allocable to non-controlling interests based upon the respective ownership interests. To reflect such non-controlling interests' equity interest in the Company, an adjustment is made to non-controlling interests, with a corresponding adjustment to paid-in capital, as reflected on the Consolidated Statements of Equity.

#### Lease Revenue

Lease revenue includes rents that each tenant pays in accordance with the terms of its respective lease, reported evenly over the non-cancelable term of the lease. Most of our leases contain rental increases at specified intervals, which we recognize on a straight-line basis. For leases that are deemed not probable of collection, revenue is recorded as the lesser of (i) the amount that would be recognized on a straight-line basis or (ii) cash that has been received from the tenant (including deferred revenue), with any receivable balances (including deferred rent receivables) charged as a direct write-off against lease revenue in the period of the change in the collectability determination. If the collectability determination for leases for which revenue is being recorded based on cash received from the tenant subsequently changes to being probable, we resume recognizing revenue, including deferred revenue, on a straight-line basis and recognize incremental revenue related to the reinstatement of cumulative deferred rent receivable and deferred revenue balances as if revenue had been recorded on a straight-line basis since the inception of the lease. As of December 31, 2024, four of our leases with three different tenants were recognized on a cash basis due to the full collectability of the remaining rental payments under the respective leases not being deemed probable. Certain other leases provide for additional rental payments that are based on a percentage of the gross crop revenues earned on the farm, which we refer to as participation rents. Such contingent revenue is generally recognized when all contingencies have been resolved and when actual results become known or estimable, enabling us to estimate and/or measure our share of such gross revenues. As a result, depending on the circumstances of each lease, certain participation rents may be recognized by us in the year the crop was harvested, while other participation rents may be recognized in the year following the harvest.

Deferred rent receivable, included in Other assets on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, includes the cumulative difference between rental revenue as recorded on a straight-line basis and cash rents received from the tenants in accordance with the lease terms. In addition, we determine, in our judgment, to what extent the deferred rent receivable applicable to each specific tenant is collectable. We perform a quarterly review of the net deferred rent receivable balance as it relates to straight-line rents and take into consideration the tenant's payment history, the financial condition of the tenant, business conditions of the industry in which the tenant operates, and economic and agricultural conditions in the geographic area in which the property is located. In the event that the collectability of deferred rent with respect to any given tenant is in doubt, we record a direct write-off of the specific rent receivable, with a corresponding adjustment to lease revenue.

Tenant recovery revenue includes payments received from tenants as reimbursements for certain operating expenses, such as property taxes, insurance premiums, and water delivery costs. These expenses and their subsequent reimbursements are

recognized under property operating expenses as incurred and lease revenue as earned, respectively, and are recorded in the same periods. We generally do not record any lease revenue or property operating expenses associated with costs paid directly by our tenants for net-leased properties.

# Other Operating Revenue

Other operating revenue consists of non-lease revenue generated as a result of activities performed on certain of our properties. During the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, we recognized approximately \$453,000 and \$79,000, respectively, of non-cash revenue, in the form of groundwater credits, associated with the transfer and storing of surplus water on behalf of a government municipality using a groundwater recharge facility constructed on one of our farms. The timing of revenue recognition generally occurs once water credits are recognized by the respective water district at the estimated fair value of the resulting water credits. See Note 3, "Real Estate and Intangible Assets—Investments in Water Assets," for further discussion.

# Gain (loss) on Dispositions of Real Estate Assets

We recognize net gains (losses) on dispositions of real estate assets either upon the abandonment of an asset before the end of its useful life or upon the closing of a transaction (be it an outright sale of a property or the sale of a perpetual, right-of-way easement on all or a portion of a property) with the purchaser. When a real estate asset is abandoned prior to the end of its useful life, a loss is recorded in an amount equal to the net book value of the related real estate asset at the time of abandonment. In the case of a sale of a property, a gain (loss) is recorded to the extent that the total consideration received for a property is more (less) than the property's net carrying value, plus any closing costs incurred, at the time of the sale. Gains are recognized using the full accrual method (i.e., when the collectability of the sales price is reasonably assured, we are not obligated to perform additional activities that may be considered significant, the initial investment from the buyer is sufficient, and other profit recognition criteria have been satisfied). Gains on sales of real estate assets may be deferred in whole or in part until the requirements for gain recognition have been met.

# Other Income

We record non-operating and unusual or infrequent income as Other income on our Consolidated Statements of Operations. Other income recorded for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 was primarily from interest patronage received on certain of our long-term borrowings and interest earned on short-term investments.

# **Involuntary Conversions and Property and Casualty Recovery**

We account for involuntary conversions, for example, when a nonmonetary asset, such as property or equipment, is involuntarily converted to a monetary asset, such as insurance proceeds, in accordance with ASC 605, "Revenue Recognition," which requires us to recognize a gain or a loss equal to the difference between the carrying amount of the nonmonetary asset and the amount of monetary assets received. Further, in accordance with ASC 450, "Contingencies," recovery of the loss is considered to be probable, we will recognize a receivable for the amount expected to be covered by insurance proceeds, not to exceed the related loss recognized, unless such amounts have been realized.

#### Income Taxes

We have operated and intend to continue to operate in a manner that will allow us to qualify as a REIT under the Sections 856-860 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"). Beginning with our tax year ended December 31, 2013, we elected to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, and Land Advisers has been treated as a wholly-owned TRS that is subject to federal and state income taxes.

As a REIT, we generally are not subject to federal corporate income taxes on amounts that we distribute to our stockholders (except income from any foreclosure property), provided that, on an annual basis, we distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income (excluding net capital gains) to our stockholders and meet certain other conditions. To the extent that we satisfy the annual distribution requirement but distribute less than 100% of our taxable income (including net capital gains), we will be subject to corporate income tax on our undistributed taxable income. If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, we will be subject to federal income tax on our taxable income at regular corporate rates (including any alternative minimum tax) and may not be able to qualify as a REIT for the four immediately-subsequent taxable years. Even as a REIT, we may be subject to certain state and local income and property taxes and to federal income and excise taxes on undistributed taxable income. In general, however, as long as we qualify as a REIT, no provision for federal income taxes will be necessary, except for taxes on undistributed REIT taxable income and taxes on the income generated by a TRS (such as Land Advisers), if any.

Should we have any taxable income or loss in the future, we will account for any income taxes in accordance with the provisions of ASC 740, "Income Taxes" ("ASC 740"), using the asset and liability method. Under this method, deferred tax

assets and liabilities are recognized based on differences between the financial statement carrying amounts of existing assets and liabilities and their respective income tax basis (including for operating loss, capital loss, and tax credit carryforwards) and are calculated using the enacted tax rates and laws expected to be in effect when such amounts are realized or settled. In addition, we will establish valuation allowances for tax benefits when we believe it is more-likely-than-not (defined as a likelihood of more than 50%) that such assets will not be realized.

We perform an annual review for any uncertain tax positions and, if necessary, will record future tax consequences of uncertain tax positions in the financial statements. An uncertain tax position is defined as a position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return that is not based on clear and unambiguous tax law and which is reflected in measuring current or deferred income tax assets and liabilities for interim or annual periods. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, we had no provisions for uncertain tax positions. The prior three tax years remain open for an audit by the Internal Revenue Service.

#### **Comprehensive Income**

We record the effective portion of changes in the fair value of the interest rate swap agreements that qualify as cash flow hedges to accumulated other comprehensive income. For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, we reconciled Net income attributable to the Company to Comprehensive income attributable to the Company on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

# **Segment Reporting**

In November 2023, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued accounting standard update ("ASU") 2023-07, "Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures," to improve reportable segments' disclosure requirements, primarily through enhanced disclosures about significant segment expenses. The standard requires expanded disclosures regarding significant segments' expense categories and a measure of profit or loss for each reportable segment. The standard requires additional disclosures around significant segment expenses and the identification, title, and position of the company's chief operating decision maker ("CODM"). The pronouncement is effective for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, and interim periods thereafter. The Company adopted ASU 2023-07 as of December 31, 2024.

Our current business strategy includes one operating segment: Real Estate Rental Operations. We generate revenues, earnings, net income, and cash flows through our single segment by collecting rents from our tenants through operating leases, including reimbursements for certain of our property operating costs. We expect to generate earnings growth by increasing rents, maintaining high occupancy rates, and controlling expenses. The primary driver of our revenue growth will be the renewal of existing leases at current market rental rates upon expiration and the acquisition of new properties. We further believe our active portfolio management, combined with the skills of our asset management team, will allow us to maximize net income across our portfolio.

Our CODM is our President and CEO. Our CODM uses net income to make decisions about allocating resources to individual properties and assessing performance. The CODM will sometimes reference other metrics, including net operating income; however, as net income is the measure most consistent with the amounts disclosed in the consolidated financial statements, only net income is disclosed.

# Recently-Issued Accounting Pronouncements

In November 2024, the FASB issued ASU 2024-03, "Income Statement—Reporting Comprehensive Income–Expense Disaggregation Disclosures (Subtopic 220-40): Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses" ("ASU 2024-03"). ASU 2024-03 requires public entities to disaggregate specific types of expenses, including disclosures for depreciation, intangible asset amortization, and selling expenses. The pronouncement is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2026, and interim reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2027. Prospective application is required, and retrospective application or early adoption is permitted. We are currently assessing the impact of the requirements on our consolidated financial statements and disclosures.

# NOTE 3. REAL ESTATE AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

All of our properties are wholly-owned on a fee-simple basis, except where noted. The following table provides certain summary information about the 157 farms we owned as of December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands, except for footnotes):

Location	No. of Farms	Total Acres	Farm Acres	Acre-feet of Water Assets	Net	t Cost Basis(1)	I	Encumbrances <sup>(2)</sup>
California <sup>(3)(4)(5)</sup>	63	34,845	32,321	55,387	\$	840,374	\$	372,780
Florida <sup>(6)</sup>	25	18,720	13,891	_		166,471		76,917
Washington	6	2,520	2,004	_		56,171		15,196
Arizona <sup>(7)</sup>	6	6,320	5,333	_		49,840		11,939
Colorado	12	32,773	25,577	_		45,579		13,849
Nebraska <sup>(6)</sup>	9	7,782	7,050	_		29,898		9,912
Oregon <sup>(8)</sup>	6	898	736	_		28,991		10,873
Michigan	12	1,245	778	_		15,204		8,663
Texas	1	3,667	2,219	_		8,026		_
Maryland	6	987	863	_		7,948		4,218
South Carolina	3	597	447	_		3,452		2,100
Georgia	2	230	175	_		2,222		1,600
North Carolina	2	310	295	_		2,076		_
New Jersey	3	116	101	_		2,059		1,185
Delaware	1	180	140	_		1,280		677
Totals	157	111,190	91,930	55,387	\$	1,259,591	\$	529,909

- Consists of the initial acquisition price (including the costs allocated to both tangible and intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed), plus subsequent improvements and other capitalized costs associated with the properties, and adjusted for accumulated depreciation and amortization. Specifically, includes Total real estate, net and Lease intangibles, net; plus Real estate and related assets held for sale, net; plus long-term water assets, net above-market lease values, net lease incentives, and net investments in special-purpose LLCs included in Other assets, net; and less net below-market lease values and other deferred revenue included in Other liabilities, net; each as shown on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (2) Excludes approximately \$2.4 million of debt issuance costs related to notes and bonds payable, included in Notes and bonds payable, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (3) Includes ownership in a special-purpose LLC that owns a pipeline conveying water to certain of our properties. As of December 31, 2024, this investment had a net carrying value of approximately \$962,000 and is included within Other assets, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheet.
- (4) Includes eight acres in which we own a leasehold interest via a ground lease with a private individual that expires in December 2040 and five acres in which we own a leasehold interest via a ground sublease with a California municipality that expires in December 2041. As of December 31, 2024, these two ground leases had a net cost basis of approximately \$ 651,000 and are included in Lease intangibles, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.
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  Includes 48,309 acre-feet of water stored with Semitropic Water Storage District, located in Kern County, California, and 7,078 surplus water credits in our account with Westlands Water District, located in Fresno County, California. See "—Investments in Water Assets" below for additional information.
- (6) Includes certain properties classified as held for sale; see "—Real Estate Held for Sale" below for additional information.
- (7) Includes two farms consisting of 1,368 total acres and 1,221 farm acres in which we own leasehold interests via two ground leases with the State of Arizona that expire in February 2025 and February 2032, respectively. As of December 31, 2024, these ground leases had an aggregate net cost basis of approximately \$42,000 and are included in Lease intangibles, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.
- (8) Includes ownership in a special-purpose LLC that owns certain irrigation infrastructure that provides water to two of our farms. As of December 31, 2024, this investment had a net carrying value of approximately \$4.7 million and is included within Other assets, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

# Real Estate

The following table sets forth the components of our investments in tangible real estate assets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, excluding real estate held for sale (dollars in thousands):

	Dece	mber 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Real estate:			
Land and land improvements	\$	743,141	\$ 792,277
Permanent plantings		349,761	359,131
Irrigation and drainage systems		169,098	168,545
Farm-related facilities		49,063	50,517
Other site improvements		13,569	13,272
Real estate, at cost		1,324,632	1,383,742
Accumulated depreciation		(167,782)	(142,212)
Real estate, net	\$	1,156,850	\$ 1,241,530

Real estate depreciation expense on these tangible assets was approximately \$34.0 million, \$36.1 million, and \$34.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

# Intangible Assets and Liabilities

The following table summarizes the carrying value of certain lease intangible assets and the related accumulated amortization as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, excluding lease intangible assets related to real estate held for sale (dollars in thousands):

December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
\$ 3,372	\$ 4,295
1,798	2,470
2,280	3,017
117	141
7,567	9,923
(3,979)	(5,141)
\$ 3,588	\$ 4,782
	\$ 3,372 1,798 2,280 117

<sup>(1)</sup> Other consists primarily of acquisition-related costs allocated to miscellaneous lease intangibles.

Total amortization expense related to these lease intangible assets was approximately \$1.1 million, \$1.0 million, and \$1.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

The following table summarizes the carrying values of certain lease intangible assets or liabilities (excluding those related to real estate held for sale) included in Other assets, net or Other liabilities, net, respectively, on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets and the related accumulated amortization or accretion, respectively, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands):

	Decembe	, 2024	Decembe	er 31	r 31, 2023	
Intangible Asset or Liability	Deferred Rent Asset (Liability)		Accumulated (Amortization) Accretion	Deferred Rent Asset (Liability)		Accumulated (Amortization) Accretion
Above-market lease values(1)	\$ 695	\$	(198)	\$ 695	\$	(121)
Below-market lease values <sup>(2)</sup>	(1,371)		561	(1,944)		624
Lease incentives and other deferred revenue, net(3)	14,192		(3,691)	675		(126)
	\$ 13,516	\$	(3,328)	\$ (574)	\$	377

<sup>(1)</sup> Included as part of Other assets, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the related amortization is recorded as a reduction of Lease revenue, net on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, total amortization related to above-market lease values was approximately \$7,000, \$77,000, and \$37,000, respectively; total accretion related to below-market lease values was approximately \$511,000, \$172,000 and \$178,000, respectively; and total net (amortization) accretion related to lease incentives and other deferred revenue, net was approximately \$(2.5) million, \$(629,000), and \$341,000, respectively.

The estimated aggregate amortization expense to be recorded related to in-place lease values, leasing costs, and tenant relationships and the estimated net impact on lease revenue from the amortization of above-market lease values and lease incentives or accretion of above-market lease values and other deferred revenues for each of the five succeeding fiscal years and thereafter is as follows (dollars in thousands):

<sup>(2)</sup> Included as a part of Other liabilities, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the related accretion is recorded as an increase to Lease revenue, net on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

<sup>(3)</sup> Lease incentives are included as part of Other assets, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the related amortization is recorded as a reduction of Lease revenue, net on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Other deferred revenue is primarily attributable to tenant-funded improvements and is included as a part of Other liabilities, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, and the related accretion is recorded as an increase to Lease revenue, net on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

Period		A	Estimated mortization Expense	Incre	stimated Net ease (Decrease) ease Revenue
For the fiscal years ending December 31:	2025	\$	443	\$	(9,490)
	2026		983		(39)
	2027		326		1
	2028		324		(83)
	2029		382		(126)
	Thereafter		1,130		(451)
		\$	3,588	\$	(10,188)

# Acquisitions

We did not acquire any new farms during either of the years ended December 31, 2024 or 2023.

#### **Property Sales**

# 2024 Property Sales

In January 2024, we completed the sale of a3,748-acre farm in Florida for approximately \$65.7 million. Including closing costs, we recognized a net gain on the sale of approximately \$10.4 million.

In December 2024, we completed the sale of 11 farms (consisting of 647 gross acres of farmland) in Michigan for approximately \$5.0 million. During the three months ended September 30, 2024, we recognized an impairment charge of approximately \$2.1 million related to these farms and, upon completing the sale of these farms in December 2024, recognized an aggregate net loss (inclusive of closing costs) of approximately \$432,000.

# 2023 Property Sales

In June 2023, we completed the sale of a 138-acre parcel of unfarmed land in Florida for \$9.6 million. Including closing costs, we recognized a net gain on the sale of approximately \$6.4 million.

# Real Estate Held for Sale

As of December 31, 2024, we had three properties (consisting of seven farms) that were classified as held for sale. As of December 31, 2024, one property (consisting of five farms), located in Florida, had a net cost basis of approximately \$36.3 million, and two properties (consisting of two farms), located in Nebraska, had an aggregate net cost basis of approximately \$10.0 million. Each of these sales was completed subsequent to December 31, 2024; see Note 11, "Subsequent Events—Portfolio Activity—Property Sales," for additional information on these sales.

As of December 31, 2023, we had one property located in Florida that was classified as held for sale. As of December 31, 2023, this property had a net cost basis of approximately \$53.6 million and was sold in January 2024, as noted above.

# Investments in Unconsolidated Entities

In connection with the acquisition of certain farmland located in Fresno County, California, we also acquired an ownership in a related limited liability company (the "Fresno LLC"), the sole purpose of which is to own and maintain a pipeline conveying water to our and other neighboring properties. In addition, in connection with the acquisition of certain farmland located in Umatilla County, Oregon, we also acquired an ownership in a related limited liability company (the "Umatilla LLC"), the sole purpose of which is to own and maintain an irrigation system providing water to our and other neighboring properties.

As of December 31, 2024, our aggregate ownership interest in the Fresno LLC and the Umatilla LLC was50.0% and 20.5%, respectively. As our investments in the Fresno LLC and Umatilla LLC are both deemed to constitute "significant influence," we have accounted for these investments under the equity method.

During the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, we recorded an aggregate loss of approximately \$0,000, \$59,000, and \$73,000, respectively (included in Loss from investments in unconsolidated entities on our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income), which represents our pro-rata share of the aggregate loss recognized by the Fresno LLC and Umatilla LLC. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, our combined ownership interest in the Fresno LLC and Umatilla LLC had an aggregate carrying value of approximately \$5.7 million and \$5.8 million, respectively, and is included within Other assets, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

#### Investments in Water Assets

# Semitropic Water Storage District Banked Water

In connection with the acquisition of certain farmland located in Kern County, California, in 2021, we also acquired three contracts to purchase an aggregate of 45,000 acre-feet of banked water held by Semitropic Water Storage District ("SWSD"), a water storage district located in Kern County, California. Subsequently in 2021, we executed all three contracts to purchase all 45,000 acre-feet of banked water for an aggregate additional cost of approximately \$\mathbb{L}\$.8 million.

In addition, since the initial acquisition, additional contracts to purchase banked water held by SWSD were conveyed to us by one of our tenants as partial consideration for rent payments owed. The following table summarizes the total acre-feet of banked water obtained through exercising these contracts as of December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands):

Period Acquired	Acre-feet of Banked Water Available to Purchase per Contract	Acre-feet of Banked Water Purchased <sup>(1)</sup>	e Attributed Contract <sup>(2)</sup>	to Exercise ontract	otal Carrying Value of Banked Water Purchased
Three months ended December 31, 2023	1,003	1,003	\$ 401	\$ 62	\$ 463
Three months ended March 31, 2024	2,306	2,306	923	141	1,064
Total	3,309	3,309	\$ 1,324	\$ 203	\$ 1,527

- (1) All contracts to purchase additional banked water were exercised in the same quarter in which the respective contract was conveyed to us.
- (2) Represents noncash income received during the respective periods. The straight-line impact of these receipts is included within Lease revenue, net on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

All banked water acquired was recognized at cost, including the subsequent cost to execute the contracts and any administrative fees necessary to transfer the water to our banked water account. As of December 31, 2024, the 48,309 acre-feet of banked water held by SWSD was recognized as a long-term water asset and had an aggregate carrying value of approximately \$35.5 million (included within Other assets, net on our Consolidated Balance Sheets).

#### Westlands Water District Groundwater Credits

In addition, from May 2023 through March 2024, we elected to participate in a groundwater recharge program established by Westlands Water District ("WWD"), a water district located in Fresno County, California. Under the program, WWD paid for surplus surface water to be delivered to individual landowners' properties with district-approved groundwater recharge facilities, also known as "water banks." The landowner was allowed to keep 50% of the net amount of groundwater credits generated under the program (after allowing for certain leave-behind and evaporative losses), and the remaining 50% was used to recharge the aquifer and retained by WWD. Delivery of water under this program was subject to surplus water availability at WWD's discretion. WWD terminated the program for the 2024 water year effective March 5, 2024. Through December 31, 2024, we have recognized 2,660 acre-feet of water credits, which represents 50% of the total net water credits generated and confirmed by WWD under the program as of such date. As of December 31, 2024, these water credits were recognized as a long-term water asset and had an aggregate carrying value of approximately \$753,000 (included within Other assets, net on our Consolidated Balance Sheets). In addition, as a result of being granted these water credits in exchange for transferring and storing this surplus water on behalf of WWD, during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023,we recognized approximately \$453,000 and \$79,000, respectively, of non-cash revenue, which represents the estimated fair value of the water credits obtained during the respective years.

#### Other Groundwater Credits

During 2023 and 2024, we also entered into various other agreements with certain third parties (including local water districts and private individuals) to either buy water directly, buy a portion of other water districts' surface water allocations in future years in which allocations are granted, or to store surface water on others' behalf in one of our groundwater recharge facilities in exchange for a portion of the net groundwater credits produced and recognized by the respective water district. Through December 31, 2024, we have obtained 4,419 acre-feet of water credits as a result of these agreements, which were recognized as a long-term water asset with an aggregate carrying value of approximately \$653,000 (included within Other assets, net on our Consolidated Balance Sheets).

# Total Long-term Water Assets

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, we owned a total of55,387 acre-feet and 46,400 acre-feet, respectively, of long-term water assets, and our investments in these long-term water assets had an aggregate carrying value of approximately \$36.9 million and \$34.6 million, respectively, and are included within Other assets, net on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

We have invested approximately \$1.4 million to construct groundwater recharge facilities on two of our farms, which is included within Real estate, at cost on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. In addition, through December 31, 2024, we have

invested an additional \$3.3 million in the aggregate in connection with certain agreements that are expected to result in additional groundwater credits in the future; however, the amount and timing of these credits, if any, is currently unknown and is dependent upon and subject to the recognition of such credits by the respective water districts, in their sole discretion. Such costs are held in a deferred asset account (also included within Other assets, net on our Consolidated Balance Sheets) until the related net water credits become estimable and are recognized by the respective water district, at which time the costs would be reclassed to investments in long-term water assets.

# **Future Minimum Lease Payments**

We account for all of our leasing arrangements in which we are the lessor as operating leases. The majority of our leases are subject to fixed rental increases, and a small subset of our lease portfolio includes lease payments based on an index, such as the consumer price index ("CPI"). In addition, several of our leases contain participation rent components based on the gross revenues earned on the respective farms. Most of our leases also include tenant renewal options; however, these renewal options are generally based on then-current market rental rates and are therefore typically excluded from the determination of the minimum lease term. The majority of our leases generally do not include tenant termination options.

The following tables summarize the future net lease payments to be received under noncancellable leases as of December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands):

Period		Tenant Lease Revenue <sup>(1)</sup>
For the fiscal years ending December 31,	2025	\$ 55,225
	2026	57,435
	2027	54,170
	2028	45,635
	2029	42,287
	Thereafter	141,060
		\$ 395,812

<sup>(1)</sup> Amounts are net of fixed lease incentive payments owed to tenants under certain lease agreements and excludes contingent rental payments, such as participation rents.

#### **Portfolio Concentrations**

# Credit Risk

As of December 31, 2024, our farms were leased to various different, unrelated third-party tenants, with certain tenants leasing more than one farm. No individual tenant represented greater than 10.0% of the total lease revenue recorded during the year ended December 31, 2024.

#### Geographic Risk

Farms located in California and Florida accounted for approximately \$58.1 million (68.5%) and \$12.1 million (14.2%), respectively, of the total lease revenue recorded during the year ended December 31, 2024. We seek to continue to further diversify geographically, as may be desirable or feasible. If an unexpected natural disaster (such as an earthquake, wildfire, or flood, or hurricane) occurs or climate change impacts the regions where our properties are located, there could be a material adverse effect on our financial performance and ability to continue operations. To date, none of our farms have been materially impacted by natural disasters, including the January 2025 wildfires that occurred in southern California. See "—California Floods" and "—Southeastern U.S. Hurricanes" below for a discussion on damage caused on certain of our farms by the January 2023 floods that occurred in California and by the hurricanes that occurred in the Southeastern U.S. in September and October 2024. Besides California and Florida, no other single state accounted for more than 10.0% of the total rental revenue recorded during the year ended December 31, 2024.

# California Floods

In January 2023, periods of heavy rainfall in California resulted in floods that impacted several areas of the state, including regions where certain of our farms are located. As a result of the flooding, one of our farms in the Central Valley suffered damage to certain structures located on the farm, and we estimated the carrying value of such structures to be approximately \$855,000. As such, during the year ended December 31, 2023, we wrote down the carrying value of these structures and also recorded a corresponding property and casualty loss, included within Property and casualty loss, net on our Consolidated

Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Certain of our other farms in California suffered minor damage as a result of the floods, but no other farms were materially impacted.

In addition, in February 2024, certain parts of California, particularly the southern part of the state, experienced a "one-in-one-thousand year" rainfall event, as atmospheric river storms caused widespread flooding and mudslides in multiple areas. Certain of our farms suffered minor damage as a result of the storms, but no farms were materially impacted.

# Southeastern U.S. Hurricanes

In September and October 2024, Hurricanes Helene and Milton caused widespread destruction across many states in the Southeastern U.S., including areas where several of our farms are located.

As a result of Hurricane Helene in September 2024, one of our farms in Georgia suffered damage to certain permanent plantings on the farm, and we estimated the carrying value of such plantings to be approximately \$275,000. As such, during the year ended December 31, 2024, we wrote down the carrying value of these plantings and also recorded a corresponding property and casualty loss, included within Property and casualty loss, net on our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Certain of our other farms in the region suffered minor damage as a result of Hurricanes Helene and Milton, but no other farms were materially impacted.

#### **Impairment**

We evaluate our entire portfolio each quarter for any impairment indicators and perform an impairment analysis on those select properties and water assets that have an indication of impairment. If this analysis indicates that the carrying value may not be recoverable, an impairment loss is recorded in earnings equal to the amount by which the carrying value exceeds the fair value of the asset. During the three months ended September 30, 2024, as a result of shortening our assumed holding periods for certain farms, we recognized an aggregate impairment charge of approximately \$2.1 million on portions of four properties (encompassing a total of 11 farms) located in Allegan and Van Buren, Michigan, due to the estimated fair values being lower than the respective carrying values. Our estimates of fair value as of September 30, 2024, were determined based on expected sales prices per certain agreements entered into during October 2024. These farms were sold in December 2024 at an additional net loss of approximately \$432,000. We did not record any impairment charges during 2023.

# **NOTE 4. BORROWINGS**

Our borrowings as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 are summarized below (dollars in thousands):

		Carrying	Value as o	of As of December 31, 2024				
	Decei	nber 31, 2024	Decen	nber 31, 2023	Stated Interest Rates <sup>(1)</sup> (Range; Wtd Avg)	Maturity Dates (Range; Wtd Avg)		
Variable-rate revolving lines of credit	\$	3,600	\$	200	6.60%	12/15/2033		
Notes and bonds payable:								
Fixed-rate notes payable	\$	493,363	\$	524,199	2.45%-6.97%; 3.71%	2/14/2025 -7/1/2051; April 2033		
Fixed-rate bonds payable		32,946		52,640	3.13%-4.57%; 3.85%	7/24/2025 - 12/30/2030; Jan 2028		
Total notes and bonds payable		526,309	-	576,839				
Debt issuance costs – notes and bonds payable		(2,387)		(2,928)	N/A	N/A		
Notes and bonds payable, net	\$	523,922	\$	573,911				
Total borrowings, net	\$	527,522	\$	574,111				

<sup>(1)</sup> Where applicable, stated interest rates are before interest patronage (as described below).

As of December 31, 2024, the above borrowings were collateralized by certain of our farms with an aggregate net book value of approximately \$.0 billion. The weighted-average stated interest rate charged on the above borrowings (excluding the impact of debt issuance costs and before any interest patronage, or refunded interest) was 3.82% and 3.79% for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. In addition, 2023 interest patronage from our Farm Credit Notes Payable (as defined below) resulted in a 22.0% reduction (approximately 101 basis points) to the stated interest rates on such borrowings. See below under "—Farm Credit Notes Payables—Interest Patronage" for further discussion on interest patronage.

We generally borrow at a rate of 60% of the value of the underlying agricultural real estate, and, except as noted herein, the amounts borrowed are not generally guaranteed by the Company. Our loan agreements generally contain various affirmative

and negative covenants, including with respect to liens, indebtedness, mergers, and asset sales, and customary events of default. These agreements may also require that we satisfy certain financial covenants at the end of each calendar quarter or year. Some of these financial covenants include, but are not limited to, staying below a maximum leverage ratio and maintaining a minimum net worth value, rental-revenue-to-debt ratio, current ratio, and fixed charge coverage ratio. As of December 31, 2024, we were in compliance with all covenants applicable to the above borrowings.

# MetLife Facility

As amended, our credit facility with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife") consists of \$75.0 million of revolving equity lines of credit (the "MetLife Lines of Credit"), a \$75.0 million long-term note payable (the "2020 MetLife Term Note"), and a \$100.0 million long-term note payable (the "2022 MetLife Term Note," and together with the MetLife Lines of Credit and the 2020 MetLife Term Note, the "MetLife Facility").

The following table summarizes the pertinent terms of the MetLife Facility as of December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands, except for footnotes):

Issuance	ggregate nmitment	Maturity Dates	Principal Outstanding	Interest Rate Terms		ndrawn mitment <sup>(1)</sup>
MetLife Lines of Credit	\$ 75,000	12/15/2033	\$ 3,600	3M SOFR + 2.00%	(2)	\$ 71,400
2020 MetLife Term Note	75,000 <sup>(3)</sup>	1/5/2030	36,900	2.75%, fixed through 1/4/2030	(4)	38,100
2022 MetLife Term Note	100,000 (3)	1/5/2032	_	(4)		100,000
Totals	\$ 250,000		\$ 40,500			\$ 209,500

- Based on the properties that were pledged as collateral under the MetLife Facility, as of December 31, 2024, the maximum additional amount we could draw under the facility was approximately \$ 105.9 million
- (2) The interest rate on the MetLife Lines of Credit is subject to a minimum annualized rate of 2.50%, plus an unused fee ranging from 0.10% to 0.20% on undrawn amounts (based on the balance drawn under each line of credit).
- (3) If the aggregate commitments under the 2020 MetLife Term Note and the 2022 MetLife Term Note are not fully utilized by December 31, 2026, MetLife has no obligation to disburse the additional funds under either note.
- (4) Interest rates on future disbursements under each of the 2020 MetLife Term Note and the 2022 MetLife Term Note will be based on prevailing market rates at the time of such disbursements. In addition, through December 31, 2026, the 2020 MetLife Term Note and the 2022 MetLife Term Note are each subject to an unused fee ranging from 0.10% to 0.20% on undrawn amounts (based on the balance drawn under the respective note).

Under the MetLife Facility, we are generally allowed to borrow up to60% of the aggregate of the lower of cost or the appraised value of the pool of agricultural real estate pledged as collateral. Amounts owed to MetLife under the MetLife Facility are guaranteed by us and each subsidiary of ours that owns a property pledged as collateral pursuant to the loan documents.

# **Farmer Mac Facility**

Through certain subsidiaries of our Operating Partnership, we have entered into a bond purchase agreement (the "Bond Purchase Agreement") with Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation ("Farmer Mac") and Farmer Mac Mortgage Securities Corporation (the "Bond Purchaser") for a secured note purchase facility (the "Farmer Mac Facility"). As amended, the Farmer Mac Facility currently provides for bond issuances through December 31, 2026, up to an aggregate amount of \$225.0 million, and the final maturity date for new bonds issued under the facility will be the date that is ten years from the applicable issuance date. We did not issue any new bonds under the Farmer Mac Facility during either of the years ended December 31, 2024 or 2023.

Pursuant to the Bond Purchase Agreement, bonds issued by us to the Bond Purchaser will be secured by a security interest in loans originated by us (pursuant to a pledge and security agreement), which, in turn, will be collateralized by first liens on agricultural real estate owned by subsidiaries of ours. The bonds issued generally have a maximum aggregate, effective loan-to-value ratio of 60% of the underlying agricultural real estate, after giving effect to certain overcollateralization obligations. As of December 31, 2024, we had approximately \$32.9 million of bonds issued and outstanding under the Farmer Mac Facility.

# Farm Credit Notes Payable

From time to time since September 2014, we, through certain subsidiaries of our Operating Partnership, have entered into various loan agreements (collectively, the "Farm Credit Notes Payable") with various different Farm Credit associations (collectively, "Farm Credit"). We did not enter into any new loan agreements with Farm Credit during either of the years ended December 31, 2024 or 2023.

Certain amounts owed under the Farm Credit Notes Payable, limited to 12 months of principal and interest due under certain of the loans, are guaranteed by us pursuant to the respective loan documents.

#### Interest Patronage

Interest patronage, or refunded interest, on our borrowings from Farm Credit is generally recorded upon receipt and is included within Other income on our Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. Receipt of interest patronage typically occurs in the first half of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the respective interest expense is accrued.

During the three months ended March 31, 2024, we recorded interest patronage of approximately \$1.9 million related to interest accrued on the Farm Credit Notes Payable during the year ended December 31, 2023, and during the three months ended September 30, 2023, we received approximately \$111,000 of interest patronage, as certain Farm Credit associations paid a portion of the 2023 interest patronage (which relates to interest accrued during 2023 but is typically paid during the first half of 2024) early. In total, 2023 interest patronage resulted in a 22.0% reduction (approximately 101 basis points) to the interest rates on such borrowings.

#### **Debt Service - Aggregate Maturities**

Scheduled principal payments of our aggregate notes and bonds payable as of December 31, 2024, for the succeeding years are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Period Period		Scheduled	Principal Payments
For the fiscal years ending December 31:	2025	\$	38,485
	2026		17,607
	2027		50,785
	2028		77,168
	2029		152,626
	Thereafter		189,638 <sup>(1)</sup>
		\$	526,309

<sup>(1)</sup> Subsequent to December 31, 2024, we repaid approximately \$ 19.4 million of notes that were scheduled to mature in 2043 but were set to reprice in 2025.

During the year ended December 31, 2024, we repaid approximately \$3.6 million of notes and bonds that were scheduled to either mature or reprice. On a weighted-average basis, these borrowings bore interest at a fixed, stated rate of 3.69% and an effective interest rate (after interest patronage) of 3.15%.

#### Fair Value

ASC 820, "Fair Value Measurement (Subtopic 820)" ("ASC 820"), provides a definition of fair value that focuses on the exchange (exit) price of an asset or liability in the principal, or most advantageous, market and prioritizes the use of market-based inputs to the valuation. ASC 820-10 establishes a three-level hierarchy for fair value measurements based upon the transparency of inputs to the valuation of an asset or liability as of the measurement date. The three levels are defined as follows:

- <u>Level 1</u>— inputs that are based upon quoted prices (unadjusted) for identical assets or liabilities in active markets;
- <u>Level 2</u>— inputs are based upon quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active or inactive markets or model-based valuation techniques, for which all significant inputs are observable in the market or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities; and
- <u>Level 3</u> inputs are generally unobservable and significant to the fair value measurement. These unobservable inputs are generally supported by little or no market activity and are based upon management's estimates of assumptions that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability.

As of December 31, 2024, the aggregate fair value of our notes and bonds payable was approximately \$86.3 million, as compared to an aggregate carrying value (excluding unamortized related debt issuance costs) of approximately \$526.3 million. The fair value of our long-term notes and bonds payable is valued using Level 3 inputs under the hierarchy established by ASC 820-10 and is determined by a discounted cash flow analysis, using discount rates based on management's estimates of market interest rates on long-term debt with comparable terms. Further, due to the revolving nature and variable interest rates applicable to the MetLife Lines of Credit, their aggregate fair value as of December 31, 2024, is deemed to approximate their aggregate carrying value of \$3.6 million.

# **Interest Rate Swap Agreements**

In order to hedge our exposure to variable interest rates, we have entered into various interest rate swap agreements in connection with certain of our mortgage financings. In accordance with these swap agreements, we will pay our counterparty a

fixed interest rate on a quarterly basis and receive payments from our counterparty equal to the respective stipulated floating rates. We have adopted the fair value measurement provision for these financial instruments, and the aggregate fair value of our interest rate swap agreements is recorded in Other assets, net or Other liabilities, net, as appropriate, on our accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. Generally, in the absence of observable market data, we will estimate the fair value of our interest rate swaps using estimates of certain data points, including estimated remaining life, counterparty credit risk, current market yield, and interest rate spreads of similar securities as of the measurement date. In accordance with the Financial Accounting Standards Board's fair value measurement guidance, we have made an accounting policy election to measure the credit risk of our derivative financial instruments that are subject to master netting agreements on a net basis by counterparty portfolio. As of December 31, 2024, our interest rate swaps were valued using Level 2 inputs.

In addition, we have designated our interest rate swaps as cash flow hedges. For derivatives designated and that qualify as cash flow hedges of interest rate risk, the gain or loss on the derivative is initially recorded in Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets and subsequently reclassified into interest expense in the same period(s) during which the hedged transaction affects. During the next 12 months, we estimate that an additional \$1.7 million will be reclassified as a reduction to interest expense.

We had the following outstanding interest rate derivatives that were designated as cash flow hedges of interest rate risk as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands):

Period	Number of Instruments	Aggregate Notional Amount
As of December 31, 2024	4	\$ 67,067
As of December 31, 2023	4	70,229

The following table presents the fair value of our interest rate swaps and their classification on the Consolidated Balance Sheets asof December 31, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands):

		D	Derivative Asset (Liability) Fair Value				
Derivative Type	Balance Sheet Location		ber 31, 2024	Decemb	er 31, 2023		
Derivatives Designated as Hedging Instruments:							
Interest rate swaps	Other assets, net	\$	7,632	\$	7,366		
Total		\$	7,632	\$	7,366		

The following table presents the amount of income (loss) recognized in comprehensive income within our consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 (dollars in thousands):

	For the Years Ended				
	 December 31, 2024		December 31, 2023		December 31, 2022
Derivative in cash flow hedging relationship:	 				
Interest rate swaps	\$ 266	\$	(1,641)	\$	10,043
Total	\$ 266	\$	(1,641)	\$	10,043

# Credit-risk-related Contingent Features

We have agreements with each of our derivative counterparties that contain a provision where if we default on any of our indebtedness, then we could also be declared in default on our derivative obligations. As of December 31, 2024, we did not have any derivatives in a net liability position, nor have we posted any collateral related to these agreements.

# NOTE 5. MANDATORILY-REDEEMABLE PREFERRED STOCK

Series D Term Preferred Stock

In January 2021, we completed a public offering of 5.00% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series D Term Preferred Stock"), at a public offering price of \$25.00 per share. As a result of this offering (including the underwriters' exercise of their option to purchase additional shares to cover over-allotments), we issued a total of 2,415,000 shares of the Series D Term Preferred Stock for gross proceeds of approximately \$0.4 million and net proceeds, after deducting underwriting discounts and offering expenses borne by us, of approximately \$58.3 million. The Series D Term Preferred Stock is traded under the ticker symbol "LANDM" on Nasdaq.

The shares of the Series D Term Preferred Stock have a mandatory redemption date of January 31, 2026, and are not convertible into our common stock or any other securities. Generally, we were not permitted to redeem shares of the Series D Term Preferred Stock prior to January 31, 2023, except in limited circumstances to preserve our qualification as a REIT. On or

after January 31, 2023, we may redeem the shares at a redemption price of \$5.00 per share, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends up to, but excluding, the date of redemption.

We incurred approximately \$2.1 million in total offering costs related to this issuance, which have been recorded net of the Series D Term Preferred Stock as presented on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets and are being amortized over the mandatory redemption period as a component of interest expense on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income. The Series D Term Preferred Stock is recorded as a liability on our accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets in accordance with ASC 480, "Distinguishing Liabilities from Equity," which states that mandatorily-redeemable financial instruments should be classified as liabilities. In addition, the related dividend payments are treated similarly to interest expense on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

As of December 31, 2024, the fair value of our Series D Term Preferred Stock was approximately \$9.5 million, as compared to the carrying value (exclusive of unamortized offering costs) of approximately \$60.4 million. The fair value of our Series D Term Preferred Stock uses Level 1 inputs under the hierarchy established by ASC 820-10 and is calculated based on the closing per-share price on December 31, 2024, of \$24.64.

For information on the dividends declared by our Board of Directors and paid by us on the Series D Term Preferred Stock during the year ended December 31, 2024, see Note 8, "Equity—Distributions."

# NOTE 6. RELATED-PARTY TRANSACTIONS

#### Our Adviser and Administrator

We are externally managed pursuant to contractual arrangements with our Adviser and our Administrator, which collectively employ all of our personnel and pay their salaries, benefits, and general expenses directly. Both our Adviser and Administrator are affiliates of ours, as their parent company is owned and controlled by David Gladstone, our chairman, chief executive officer, and president. Mr. Gladstone also serves as a director and executive officer of each of our Adviser and Administrator. In addition, Michael LiCalsi, our general counsel and secretary (who also serves as our Administrator's president, general counsel, and secretary) is executive vice president of administration of our Adviser.

We have entered into an investment advisory agreement with our Adviser (the "Advisory Agreement") and an administration agreement with our Administrator (the "Administration Agreement"). Both the Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement were approved unanimously by our Board of Directors, including our independent directors.

Our Board of Directors reviews and considers renewing the agreement with our Adviser each July. During its July 2024 meeting, our Board of Directors reviewed and renewed each of the Advisory Agreement and the Administration Agreement for an additional year, through August 31, 2025.

A summary of the compensation terms for the Advisory Agreement and a summary of the Administration Agreement is below.

# Advisory Agreement

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, our Adviser is compensated in the form of a base management fee and, each as applicable, an incentive fee, a capital gains fee, and a termination fee. Our Adviser does not charge acquisition or disposition fees when we acquire or dispose of properties, as is common in other externally-managed REITs. Each of the base management, incentive, capital gains, and termination fees is described below.

# Base Management Fee

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, a base management fee is paid quarterly and is calculated at an annual rate of 0.60% (0.15% per quarter) of the prior calendar quarter's "Gross Tangible Real Estate," defined as the gross cost of tangible real estate owned by us (including land and land improvements, permanent plantings, irrigation and drainage systems, farm-related facilities, and other tangible site improvements), prior to any accumulated depreciation, and as shown on our balance sheet or the notes thereto for the applicable quarter.

# Incentive Fee

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, an incentive fee is calculated and payable quarterly in arrears if the Pre-Incentive Fee FFO for a particular quarter exceeded a hurdle rate of 1.75% (7.0% annualized) of the prior calendar quarter's Total Adjusted Common Equity.

For purposes of this calculation, Pre-Incentive Fee FFO is defined in the Advisory Agreement as FFO (also as defined in the Advisory Agreement) accrued by the Company during the current calendar quarter (prior to any incentive fee calculation for the current calendar quarter), less any dividends declared on preferred stock securities that were not treated as a liability for GAAP

purposes. In addition, Total Adjusted Common Equity is defined as common stockholders' equity plus non-controlling common interests in the Operating Partnership, if any (each as reported on our balance sheet), adjusted to exclude unrealized gains and losses and certain other one-time events and non-cash items.

Our Adviser receives: (i) no Incentive Fee in any calendar quarter in which the Pre-Incentive Fee FFO does not exceed the hurdle rate; (ii)100% of the Pre-Incentive Fee FFO with respect to that portion of such Pre-Incentive Fee FFO, if any, that exceeds the hurdle rate but was less than 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized); and (iii) 20% of the amount of the Pre-Incentive Fee FFO, if any, that exceeds 2.1875% in any calendar quarter (8.75% annualized).

# Capital Gains Fee

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, a capital gains-based incentive fee is calculated and payable in arrears at the end of each fiscal year (or upon termination of the Advisory Agreement). The capital gains fee shall equal: (i) 15% of the cumulative aggregate realized capital gains minus the cumulative aggregate realized capital losses, minus (ii) any aggregate capital gains fees paid in prior periods. For purposes of this calculation, realized capital gains and losses will be calculated as (x) the sales price of the property, minus (y) any costs to sell the property and the then-current gross value of the property (which includes the property's original acquisition price plus any subsequent, non-reimbursed capital improvements). At the end of each fiscal year, if this figure is negative, no capital gains fee shall be paid.

#### Termination Fee

Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement, in the event of our termination of the agreement with our Adviser for any reason (with 20 days' prior written notice and the vote of at least two-thirds of our independent directors), a termination fee would be payable to the Adviser equal to three times the sum of the average annual base management fee and incentive fee earned by the Adviser during the 24-month period prior to such termination.

#### Administration Agreement

Pursuant to the Administration Agreement, we pay for our allocable portion of the Administrator's expenses incurred while performing its obligations to us, including, but not limited to, rent and the salaries and benefits expenses of our Administrator's employees, including our chief financial officer, treasurer, chief compliance officer, general counsel and secretary (who also serves as our Administrator's president, general counsel, and secretary), and their respective staffs.

As approved by our Board of Directors, our allocable portion of the Administrator's expenses is generally derived by multiplying our Administrator's total expenses by the approximate percentage of time the Administrator's employees perform services for us in relation to their time spent performing services for all companies serviced by our Administrator under similar contractual agreements.

#### **Gladstone Securities**

We have entered into an agreement with Gladstone Securities, LLC ("Gladstone Securities"), for it to act as our non-exclusive agent to assist us with arranging financing for our properties (the "Financing Arrangement Agreement"). Gladstone Securities is a privately-held broker-dealer and a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority and the Securities Investor Protection Corporation. Gladstone Securities is an affiliate of ours, as its parent company is owned and controlled by Mr. Gladstone, who also serves on the board of managers of Gladstone Securities. In addition, Michael LiCalsi, our general counsel and secretary, serves in several capacities for Gladstone Securities, including as its chief legal officer, secretary, a member of its board of managers, and a managing principal.

# Financing Arrangement Agreement

We pay Gladstone Securities a financing fee in connection with the services it provides to us for securing financing on our properties. Depending on the size of the financing obtained, the maximum amount of the financing fee, which will be payable upon closing of the respective financing, will range from 0.5% to 1.0% of the amount of financing obtained. The amount of the financing fee may be reduced or eliminated as determined by us and Gladstone Securities after taking into consideration various factors, including, but not limited to, the involvement of any unrelated third-party brokers and general market conditions.

During the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, we paid financing fees to Gladstone Securities of \$9, \$0, and approximately \$154,000, respectively. Through December 31, 2024, the total amount of financing fees paid to Gladstone Securities represented approximately 0.14% of the total financings secured since the Financing Arrangement Agreement has been in place.

# Dealer-Manager Agreements

We have entered into dealer-manager agreements with Gladstone Securities (collectively, the "Dealer-Manager Agreements"), pursuant to which Gladstone Securities served or serves as our exclusive dealer-manager in connection with the offering of our 6.00% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series C Preferred Stock") and our 5.00% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series E Preferred Stock").

Pursuant to the Dealer-Manager Agreements, Gladstone Securities provided or provides certain sales, promotional, and marketing services to us in connection with the offering of the Series C Preferred Stock and Series E Preferred Stock, and we generally paid or pay Gladstone Securities for the following:

- With regard to the Series C Preferred Stock:
  - selling commissions of up to 6.0% of the gross proceeds from sales in the offering (the "Series C Selling Commissions"), and
  - a dealer-manager fee of 3.0% of the gross proceeds from sales in the offering (the "Series C Dealer-Manager Fee").
- With regard to the Series E Preferred Stock:
  - selling commissions of up to 7.0% of the gross proceeds from sales in the offering (the "Series E Selling Commissions," and together with the Series C Selling Commissions, the "Selling Commissions"), and
  - a dealer-manager fee of 3.0% of the gross proceeds from sales in the offering (the "Series E Dealer-Manager Fee," and together with the Series C Dealer-Manager Fee, the "Dealer-Manager Fees").

No Selling Commissions or Dealer-Manager Fees were paid with respect to shares of the Series C Preferred Stock sold pursuant to the DRIP for the Series C Preferred Stock. Gladstone Securities may, in its sole discretion, remit all or a portion of the Selling Commissions and also reallow all or a portion of the Dealer-Manager Fees to participating broker-dealers and wholesalers in support of the offerings. The terms of each of the Dealer-Manager Agreements were approved by our Board of Directors, including all of our independent directors.

The following tables summarizes the total Selling Commissions and Dealer-Manager Fees paid to Gladstone Securities during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 (dollars in thousands):

For the Years Ended December 31,				
2024 2023		2022		
\$ -	_	<u> </u>	\$	13,471
2	<b>1</b> 1	583		_
\$	11	\$ 583	\$	13,471
	<b>2024</b> \$ -		2024     2023       \$     —       41     583	2024     2023       \$     —       \$     —       41     583

Selling Commissions and Dealer-Manager Fees paid to Gladstone Securities are netted against the gross proceeds received from sales of the respective securities and are included within Additional paid-in capital on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

# **Related Party Fees**

The following table summarizes related-party fees paid or accrued for and reflected in our accompanying consolidated financial statements (dollars in thousands):

		For the Years Ended December 31,					
	_	2024		2023		2022	
Base management fee(1)(2)	\$	8,370	\$	8,603	\$	8,307	
Incentive fee <sup>(1)(2)</sup>		109		1,771		3,225	
Incentive fee waiver <sup>(2)</sup>		(109)	)	_		_	
Total fees to our Adviser	\$	8,370	\$	10,374	\$	11,532	
	_						
Administration fee <sup>(1)(2)</sup>	\$	2,452	\$	2,255	\$	2,005	
	_						
Selling Commissions and Dealer-Manager Fees <sup>(1)(3)</sup>	\$	41	\$	583	\$	13,471	
Financing fees <sup>(1)(4)</sup>		_				154	
Total fees to Gladstone Securities	\$	41	\$	583	\$	13,625	

- (1) Pursuant to the agreements with the respective related-party entities, as discussed above.
- (2) Reflected as a line item on our accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.
- (3) Included within Additional paid-in capital on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(4) Included within Notes and bonds payable, net on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and amortized into Interest expense on the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

# Related-Party Fees Due

Amounts due to related parties on our accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were as follows (dollars in thousands):

	Decei	mber 31, 2024	D	December 31, 2023	
Base management fee	\$	2,067	\$	2,156	
Incentive fee		_		982	
Other, net <sup>(1)</sup>		75		49	
Total due to Adviser		2,142		3,187	
Administration fee		613		546	
Cumulative accrued but unpaid portion of prior Administration Fees <sup>(2)</sup>		217		141	
Total due to Administrator		830		687	
Total due to related parties <sup>(3)</sup>	\$	2,972	\$	3,874	

- (1) Other amounts due to or from our Adviser primarily relate to miscellaneous general and administrative expenses either paid by our Adviser on our behalf or by us on our Adviser's behalf.
- (2) Represents the cumulative accrued but unpaid portion of prior Administration fees that are scheduled to be paid during the three months ending September 30 of each year, which is the quarter following our Administrator's fiscal year end.
- (3) Reflected as a line item on our accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

# NOTE 7. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

# **Operating Obligations**

In connection with the execution of certain lease agreements, we have committed to provide capital improvements on certain of our farms. Below is a summary of certain of those projects for which we have incurred or accrued costs as of December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands):

Farm Locations	Farm Acreage	_	Total mitment	Obligated Completion Date <sup>(1)</sup>	or A	ount Expended Accrued as of mber 31, 2024
Monterey, CA	329	\$	1,100 (2)	Q4 2025	\$	30
St. Lucie, FL	549		230	Q3 2025		185
Ventura, CA	402		1,000 (2)	Q4 2025		518
Franklin & Grant, WA, & Umatilla, OR	1,126		4,203 (2)	Q4 2032		2,903
Wicomico & Caroline, MD, and Sussex, DE	833		155	Q3 2034		49
Charlotte, FL	975		800 (2)	Q3 2034		748

- 1) Our obligation to provide capital to fund these improvements does not extend beyond these respective dates.
- Pursuant to contractual agreements, we will earn additional rent on the cost of these capital improvements as the funds are disbursed by us.

# **Ground Lease Obligations**

In connection with certain farms acquired through leasehold interests, we assumed certain ground lease arrangements under which we are the lessee. These operating ground leases have lease expiration dates ranging from February 2025 through December 2041, and none of these leases contain any extension, renewal, or termination options. At lease commencement, the net present value of the minimum lease payments was determined by discounting the respective future minimum lease payments using a discount rate equivalent to our fully-collateralized borrowing rate ranging from 4.22% to 8.72%.

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, we recorded the following as a result of these operating ground leases (dollars in thousands, except for footnotes):

	Dec	ember 31, 2024	]	December 31, 2023
Operating lease right-of-use assets <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	521	\$	574
Operating lease liabilities <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	498	\$	568
Weighted-average remaining lease term (years)		14.9		15.0
Weighted-average incremental borrowing rate		8.35 %		8.12 %

<sup>(1)</sup> Operating lease right-of-use assets are shown net of prepaid lease payments of approximately \$ 23,000 and \$6,000 as of December 31, 2024, and 2023, respectively, and are included within Other assets, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Future minimum lease payments due under the remaining non-cancelable terms of these leases as of December 31, 2024, are as follows (dollars in thousands):

Period	Future I	Lease Payments(1)
For the fiscal years ending December 31: 2025	\$	62
2026		62
2027		62
2028		62
2029		62
Thereafter		569
Total undiscounted lease payments		879
Less: imputed interest		(381)
Present value of lease payments	\$	498

<sup>(1)</sup> Certain annual lease payments are set at the beginning of each year to then-current market rates (as determined by the lessor). The amounts shown above represent estimated amounts based on the lease rates currently in place.

As a result of these ground leases, we recorded lease expense (included within Property operating expenses on the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Operations and Comprehensive Income) of approximately \$105,000, \$103,000, and \$92,000 during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

# Litigation

In the ordinary course of business incidental to our business, we may be involved in various legal proceedings from time to time which we may not consider material. We are not currently subject to any known material litigation known or, to our knowledge, threatened litigation.

# **NOTE 8. EQUITY**

# Amendment to Articles of Incorporation and Operating Partnership Agreement

On November 9, 2022, we amended our articles of incorporation (i) reclassifying and designating 15,551,347 authorized but unissued shares of our Series C Preferred Stock and 1,185,000 authorized but unissued shares of our Series D Term Preferred Stock as shares of common stock, (ii) setting forth the rights, preferences, and terms of the Series E Preferred Stock, and (iii) reclassifying and designating 16,000,000 shares of our authorized and unissued shares of common stock as shares of Series E Term Preferred Stock. In connection with the authorization of the Series E Preferred Stock, we amended our Operating Partnership agreement to provide for the establishment and issuance of an equal number of 5.00% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Units (the "Series E Preferred OP Units") as are issued shares of the Series E Preferred Stock by the Company. Generally, the Series E Preferred OP Units have preferences, distribution rights, and other provisions substantially equivalent to those of the Series E Preferred Stock.

# Registration Statement

On March 28, 2023, we filed a universal registration statement on Form S-3, as amended (File No. 333-270901), with the SEC (the "2023 Registration Statement") to replace our prior universal registration statement. The 2023 Registration Statement, which was declared effective by the SEC on April 13, 2023, permits us to issue up to an aggregate of \$1.5 billion in securities

<sup>(2)</sup> Included within Other liabilities, net on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

consisting of common stock, preferred stock, warrants, debt securities, depository shares, subscription rights, and units, including through separate, concurrent offerings oftwo or more securities. Through December 31, 2024, we have issued a total of 176,195 shares of Series E Preferred Stock for gross proceeds of approximately \$4.4 million and 470,676 shares of common stock for gross proceeds of approximately \$5.8 million under the 2023 Registration Statement. See Note 11, "Subsequent Events," for equity issuances completed subsequent to December 31, 2024.

# **Equity Issuances**

# Series C Preferred Stock

On April 3, 2020, we filed a prospectus supplement with the SEC for a continuous public offering of our Series C Preferred Stock (the "Series C Offering"). Under the Series C Offering, as amended, we were permitted us to sell up to 10,200,000 shares of our Series C Preferred Stock on a "reasonable best efforts" basis through Gladstone Securities at an offering price of \$25.00 per share (the "Primary Series C Offering") and up to 200,000 additional shares of our Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to our dividend reinvestment plan (the "DRIP") at a price of \$22.75 per share. The Primary Series C Offering terminated on December 31, 2022, with substantially all of the allotted 10,200,000 shares being sold resulting in total gross proceeds, exclusive of redemptions, of approximately \$252.6 million and net proceeds, after deducting commissions, dealer-manager fees, and offering expenses payable by us, of approximately \$230.5 million. The Series C Preferred Stock DRIP was terminated effective March 22, 2023. See Note 6, "Related-Party Transactions—Gladstone Securities—Dealer-Manager Agreements," for a discussion of the commissions and fees paid to Gladstone Securities in connection with the Series C Offering.

We listed the Series C Preferred Stock on Nasdaq under the ticker symbol "LANDP," and trading commenced on June 8, 2023.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, we sold 6,701,987 shares of the Series C Preferred Stock at a weighted average offering price per share of \$\infty\$4.76, resulting in gross proceeds of approximately \$165.9 million and net proceeds, after deducting commissions and dealer-manager fees, of approximately \$152.5 million. Additionally, during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, we issued 14,069 shares and 34,628 shares, respectively, of the Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to the DRIP, and 48,913 shares and 38,595 shares, respectively, of the Series C Preferred Stock were tendered for optional redemption, which we satisfied with aggregate cash payments of approximately \$1.2 million and \$901,000, respectively.

# Series E Preferred Stock

On November 9, 2022, we filed a prospectus supplement with the SEC for a continuous public offering (the "Series E Offering") of up to8,000,000 shares of our Series E Preferred Stock, on a "reasonable best efforts" basis through Gladstone Securities at an offering price of \$25.00 per share. See Note 6, "Related-Party Transactions—Gladstone Securities—Dealer-Manager Agreements," for a discussion of the commissions and fees to be paid to Gladstone Securities in connection with the Series E Offering.

The following table provides information on sales of our Series E Preferred Stock during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 (dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts):

	2024		2023	
Number of shares sold	10	6,595		237,441
Weighted-average offering price per share	\$	24.98	\$	24.96
Gross proceeds	\$	414	\$	5,925
Net proceeds <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	373	\$	5,342

<sup>(1)</sup> Net of Selling Commissions, Dealer-Manager Fees, and underwriting discounts.

Refer to Note 11, "Subsequent Events—Equity Activity—Series E Preferred Stock," for sales of the Series E Preferred Stock completed subsequent to December 31, 2024.

In addition, during the year ended December 31, 2023,1,600 shares of Series E Preferred Stock were tendered for optional redemption, which we satisfied with an aggregate cash payment of approximately \$36,000. No shares of the Series E Preferred Stock were tendered for optional redemption during the year ended December 31, 2024.

The Series E Offering will terminate on the date (the "Series E Termination Date") that is the earlier of (i) December 31, 2025 (unless terminated or extended by its Board of Directors) and (ii) the date on which all 8,000,000 shares of Series E Preferred Stock offering in the Series E Offering are sold. There is currently no public market for shares of Series E Preferred Stock. We intend to apply to list the Series E Preferred Stock on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange within one calendar year of the Series E Termination Date; however, there can be no assurance that a listing will be achieved in such timeframe, or at all.

#### Common Stock

# At-the-Market Program

We have entered into equity distribution agreements (commonly referred to as "at-the-market agreements") with Virtu Americas LLC and Ladenburg Thalmann & Co. Inc. (each a "Sales Agent"), that, as amended, currently permit us to issue and sell, from time to time and through the Sales Agents, shares of our common stock having an aggregate offering price of up to \$500.0 million (the "ATM Program"). The following table provides information on shares of common stock sold under the ATM Program during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 (dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts):

	Years Ended December 31,					
		2024		2023		2022
Number of shares sold		346,216		788,045		840,384
Weighted-average offering price per share	\$	13.52	\$	19.34	\$	26.47
Gross proceeds	\$	4,680	\$	15,240	\$	22,242
Net proceeds <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	4,633	\$	15,087	\$	21,993

<sup>(1)</sup> Net of underwriting commissions.

# Repurchase Program

On May 17, 2024, our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase program authorizing us to repurchase up to \$0.0 million of our 6.00% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series B Preferred Stock") and up to \$35.0 million of our Series C Preferred Stock (collectively, the "Repurchase Program"). The Board's authorization of the Repurchase Program may be suspended or discontinued at any time, does not obligate us to acquire any particular amount of securities, and expires on May 17, 2025. Under the Repurchase Program, repurchases are intended to be implemented through open market transactions on U.S. exchanges and/or in privately-negotiated transactions facilitated by a third-party broker acting as agent for us in accordance with applicable securities laws. Any repurchases will be made during applicable trading window periods or pursuant to applicable Rule 10b5-1 trading plans.

The following table summarizes repurchase activity under the Repurchase Program during the year ended December 31, 2024 (dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts):

		For the year ended December 31, 2024
Series B Preferred Stock:	_	
Number of shares repurchased		115,176
Gross repurchase price <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	2,429
Weighted-average repurchase price per share	\$	21.09
Gain on repurchase <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	133
Series C Preferred Stock:		
Number of shares repurchased		201,646
Gross repurchase price <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	4,201
Weighted-average repurchase price per share	\$	20.83
Gain on repurchase <sup>(2)</sup>	\$	372

<sup>(1)</sup> Inclusive of broker commissions.

# Non-Controlling Interests in Operating Partnership

We consolidate our Operating Partnership, which is a majority-owned partnership. As of each of December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, we owned 100.0%, of the outstanding OP Units, and there were no OP Units held by non-controlling OP Unitholders.

On or after 12 months after becoming a holder of OP Units, each non-controlling OP Unitholder has the right, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the partnership agreement of the Operating Partnership, to require the Operating Partnership to redeem all or a portion of such units in exchange for cash or, at the Company's option, shares of our common stock on a one-for-one basis. The cash redemption per OP Unit would be based on the market price of our common stock at the time of redemption. A limited partner will not be entitled to exercise redemption rights if the delivery of common stock to the redeeming limited partner would breach restrictions on the ownership of common stock imposed under our charter and other limitations thereof.

<sup>(2)</sup> The gain on the repurchase of cumulative redeemable preferred stock is included within Gain (loss) on extinguishment of cumulative redeemable preferred stock, net on our accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

Regardless of the rights described above, the Operating Partnership will not have an obligation to issue cash to a unitholder upon a redemption request if the Company elects to redeem the OP Units for shares of its common stock. When a non-controlling unitholder redeems OP Units and the Company elects to satisfy that redemption through the issuance of common stock, non-controlling interest in the Operating Partnership is reduced and stockholders' equity is increased.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, we redeemed 204,778 OP Units that were previously issued to noncontrolling OP Unitholders with a cash payment of approximately \$7.7 million or \$37.45 per OP Unit.

The Operating Partnership is required to make distributions on each OP Unit in the same amount as those paid on each share of the Company's common stock, with the distributions on the OP Units held by the Company being utilized to make distributions to the Company's common stockholders.

#### Distributions

The per-share distributions to preferred and common stockholders declared by our Board of Directors during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 are reflected in the table below.

	For the Years Ended December 31,				
Issuance	2024	2023	2022		
Series B Preferred Stock	1.500000	1.500000	1.500000		
Series C Preferred Stock	1.500000	1.500000	1.500000		
Series D Term Preferred Stock <sup>(1)</sup>	1.250004	1.250004	1.250004		
Series E Preferred Stock	1.250004	1.250004	_		
Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	0.559500	0.553500	0.546300		

<sup>(1)</sup> Dividends are treated similar to interest expense on the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

For federal income tax characterization purposes, distributions paid to stockholders may be characterized as ordinary income, capital gains, return of capital, or a combination thereof. The characterization of distributions on our preferred and common stock during each of the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 is reflected in the following table:

	Ordinary Income	Long-term Capital Gain	Return of Capital
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024			
Series B Preferred Stock	47.178987 %	23.885993 %	28.935020 %
Series C Preferred Stock	47.178987 %	23.885993 %	28.935020 %
Series D Term Preferred Stock	47.178987 %	23.885993 %	28.935020 %
Series E Preferred Stock	47.178987 %	23.885993 %	28.935020 %
Common Stock	— %	<u> </u>	100.000000 %
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023			
Series B Preferred Stock	30.782342 %	22.611772 %	46.605886 %
Series C Preferred Stock	30.782342 %	22.611772 %	46.605886 %
Series D Term Preferred Stock	30.782342 %	22.611772 %	46.605886 %
Series E Preferred Stock	30.782342 %	22.611772 %	46.605886 %
Common Stock	— %	— %	100.000000 %
For the Year Ended December 31, 2022			
Series B Preferred Stock	34.205000 %	<u> </u>	65.795000 %
Series C Preferred Stock	34.205000 %	<u> </u>	65.795000 %
Series D Term Preferred Stock	34.205000 %	<u> </u>	65.795000 %
Common Stock	— %	<u> </u>	100.000000 %

# NOTE 9. LEASE REVENUES

The following table sets forth the components of our lease revenue for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022 (dollars in thousands, except for footnotes):

<sup>(2)</sup> The same amounts were paid as distributions on each OP Unit held by non-controlling OP Unitholders.

	For the Years Ended December 31,					
	2024	2	2023		2022	
lease payments <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 73,952	\$	83,695	\$	81,423	
ease payments <sup>(2)</sup>	10,811		6,624		7,813	
se revenue, net <sup>(3)</sup>	\$ 84,763	\$	90,319	\$	89,236	

- Fixed lease payments include contractual rents under lease agreements with tenants recognized on a straight-line basis over the respective lease terms and includes the amortization of above-market lease values and lease incentives and the accretion of below-market lease values and other deferred revenue.
- Variable lease payments include participation rents, which are generally based on a percentage of the gross crop revenues earned on the farm, and reimbursements of certain property operating expenses by tenants. Participation rents are generally recognized when all contingencies have been resolved and when actual results become known or estimable, enabling us to estimate and/or measure our share of such gross revenues. During the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, we recorded participation rents of approximately \$9.4 million, \$5.9 million, and \$7.7 million, respectively; reimbursements of certain property operating expenses by tenants of approximately \$1.4 million, \$688,000, and \$110,000, respectively; and late fees of approximately \$20,000, \$46,000, and \$0, respectively.
- (3) Reflected as a line item on our accompanying Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income.

#### NOTE 10. EARNINGS PER SHARE OF COMMON STOCK

The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, computed using the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the respective periods. Earnings figures are presented net of non-controlling interests in the earnings per share calculations. The non-controlling limited partners' outstanding OP Units (which may be redeemed for shares of common stock) have been excluded from the diluted per-share calculation, as there would be no effect on the amounts since the non-controlling OP Unitholders' share of earnings would also be added back to net income or loss.

(Dollars in thousands, except per-share amounts):	For	the Yea	ars Ended Decembe	r 31,	
	2024		2023		2022
Net loss attributable to common stockholders	\$ (10,455)	\$	(9,852)	\$	(15,010)
Weighted average shares of common stock outstanding - basic and diluted	 35,909,956		35,733,742		34,563,460
Loss per common share – basic and diluted	\$ (0.29)	\$	(0.28)	\$	(0.43)

The weighted-average number of OP Units held by non-controlling OP Unitholders was 0, 0, and 61,714 for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively.

# NOTE 11. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

# Portfolio Activity—Property Sales

In January 2025, we completed the sale offive farms in Florida totaling 5,630 gross acres for an aggregate sales price of approximately \$52.5 million. Including closing costs, we recognized a net gain on the sale of approximately \$14.2 million.

In February 2025, we completed the sale of two farms in Nebraska totaling 2,559 gross acres for an aggregate sales price of \$12.0 million. Including closing costs, we recognized an aggregate net gain on these sales of approximately \$1.6 million.

# **Financing Activity**

# Debt Activity—Loan Repayments

Subsequent to December 31, 2024, we repaid approximately \$19.4 million of loans. On a weighted-average basis, these borrowings bore interest at a fixed, stated rate of 5.38% and an effective interest rate (after interest patronage, where applicable) of 4.62%.

# Distributions

On January 14, 2025, our Board of Directors declared the following monthly cash distributions to holders of our preferred and common stock:

Issuance	Record Date	Payment Date	Distrib	oution per Share
Series B Preferred Stock:	January 24, 2025	January 31, 2025	\$	0.125
	February 19, 2025	February 28, 2025		0.125
	March 19, 2025	March 31, 2025		0.125
	Total S	Series B Preferred Stock Distributions:	\$	0.375
Series C Preferred Stock:	January 24, 2025	January 31, 2025	\$	0.125
	February 19, 2025	February 28, 2025		0.125
	March 19, 2025	March 31, 2025		0.125
	Total S	Series C Preferred Stock Distributions:	\$	0.375
Series D Term Preferred Stock:	January 24, 2025	January 31, 2025	\$	0.104167
	February 19, 2025	February 28, 2025		0.104167
	March 19, 2025	March 31, 2025		0.104167
	Total Series	D Term Preferred Stock Distributions:	\$	0.312501
Series E Preferred Stock:	January 27, 2025	February 5, 2025	\$	0.104167
	February 25, 2025	March 5, 2025		0.104167
	March 26, 2025	April 4, 2025		0.104167
	Total S	Series E Preferred Stock Distributions:	\$	0.312501
Common Stock(1):	January 24, 2025	January 31, 2025	\$	0.0467
	February 19, 2025	February 28, 2025		0.0467
	March 19, 2025	March 31, 2025		0.0467
		<b>Total Common Stock Distributions:</b>	\$	0.1401

<sup>(1)</sup> The same amounts paid to common stockholders will be paid as distributions on each OP Unit held by non-controlling OP Unitholders, if any, as of the above record dates.

# GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION SCHEDULE III—REAL ESTATE AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION December 31, 2024 (In Thousands)

				Initial Cost		Subsequent Capitalized Additions			Total C				
Location and Description of Property	Date Acquired	Encumbrances	Land and Land Improvements	Buildings & Improvements	Permanent Plantings	Land Improvements	Buildings & Improvements	Permanent Plantings	Land and Land Improvements	Buildings & Improvements	Permanent Plantings	Total <sup>(1)</sup>	Accumulated Depreciation <sup>(2)</sup>
Santa Cruz County, California: Land & Improvements	6/16/1997	\$ 7,010	\$ 4,350	ş —	s –	<u> </u>	\$ 622	s –	\$ 4,350	\$ 622	ş —	\$ 4,972	\$ (449)
Ventura County, California: Land, Buildings & Improvements	9/15/1998	27,317	9,895	5,256	_	_	378	_	9,895	5,634	_	15,529	(5,209)
Santa Cruz County, California: Land & Improvements	1/3/2011	6,113	8,328		_	453	545	_	8,781	545	_	9,326	(289)
Hillsborough County, Florida: Land, Buildings & Improvements	9/12/2012	_	2,199	1,657	_	14	1,796	_	2,213	3,453	_	5,666	(1,989)
Monterey County, California: Land, Buildings & Improvements	10/21/2013	4,381	7,187	164	_	180	3,064	_	7,367	3,228	_	10,595	(1,271)
Cochise County, Arizona: Land, Buildings & Improvements	12/27/2013	1,387	6,168	572	_	8	5,738	_	6,176	6,310	_	12,486	(2,393)
Santa Cruz County, California: Land, Building & Improvements	6/13/2014	1,344	5,576	207	_	_	27	_	5,576	234	_	5,810	(211)
Ventura County, California: Land, Buildings & Improvements	7/23/2014	978	6,219	505	_	_	85	_	6,219	590	_	6,809	(377)
Kern County, California: Land & Improvements	7/25/2014	1,150	5,841	67	_	_	974	_	5,841	1,041	_	6,882	(619)
Manatee County, Florida: Land, Buildings & Improvements	9/29/2014	_	8,466	5,426	_	_	3,734	_	8,466	9,160	_	17,626	(4,671)
Ventura County, California: Land, Buildings & Improvements	10/29/2014	13,916	23,673	350	_	_	2,318	_	23,673	2,668	_	26,341	(1,235)
Ventura County, California: Land & Improvements	11/4/2014	_	5,860	92	_	_	2	_	5,860	94	_	5,954	(94)
Monterey County, California: Land, Buildings & Improvements	1/5/2015	10,673	15,852	582	_	(156)	1,518	_	15,696	2,100	_	17,796	(1,151)
Manatee County, Florida: Land, Buildings & Improvements	3/10/2015	_	2,403	1,871	_	_	369	_	2,403	2,240	_	4,643	(1,694)
Hendry County, Florida: Land, Buildings & Improvements	6/25/2015	10,356	14,411	789	_	_	_	_	14,411	789	_	15,200	(695)
Rock County, Nebraska: Land, Buildings & Improvements	8/20/2015	_	4,862	613	_	_	32	_	4,862	645	_	5,507	(534)
Holt County, Nebraska: Land, Buildings & Improvements	8/20/2015	_	4,690	786	_	_	76	_	4,690	862	_	5,552	(565)
Kern County, California: Land & Improvements	9/3/2015	14,432	18,893	497	_	688	6,587	1,418	19,581	7,084	1,418	28,083	(3,721)
Cochise County, Arizona: Land, Buildings & Improvements	12/23/2015	_	4,234	1,502	_	142	3,809	_	4,376	5,311	_	9,687	(1,973)
Saguache County, Colorado: Land, Buildings & Improvements	3/3/2016	528	16,756	8,348	_	_	1,486	_	16,756	9,834	_	26,590	(6,862)
Fresno County, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	4/5/2016	6,920	3,623	1,228	11,455	_	2,623	(25)	3,623	3,851	11,430	18,904	(4,742)
Saint Lucie County, Florida: Land, Buildings & Improvements	7/1/2016	_	4,165	971	_	_	_	_	4,165	971	_	5,136	(825)
Baca County, Colorado: Land & Buildings	9/1/2016	3,093	6,167	214	_	_	_	_	6,167	214	_	6,381	(119)
Merced County, Colorado: Land & Improvements	9/14/2016	6,804	12,845	504	_	_	190	_	12,845	694	_	13,539	(334)
Stanislaus County, Colorado: Land & Improvements	9/14/2016	7,371	14,114	45	_	59	463	_	14,173	508	_	14,681	(260)
Fresno County, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	10/13/2016	3,035	2,937	139	3,452	_	9	-	2,937	148	3,452	6,537	(1,499)
Baca County, Colorado: Land & Improvements	12/28/2016	5,979	11,430	278	_	_	_	_	11,430	278	_	11,708	(278)
Yuma County, Arizona Land & Improvements	6/1/2017	10,551	12,390	12,191	_	151	16,810	_	12,541	29,001	_	41,542	(9,562)
Fresno County, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	7/17/2017	_	5,048	777	7,818	3,249	2,522	(1,124)	8,297	3,299	6,694	18,290	(2,649)

Santa Barbara County, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	8/9/2017	_	4,559	577	397	(50)	1,199	(121)	4,509	1,776	276	6,561	(606)
Okeechobee County, Florida: Land & Improvements	8/9/2017	4,318	9,111	953	_	985	1,378	_	10,096	2,331	_	12,427	(1,213)
Walla Walla County, Washington: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	9/8/2017	_	5,286	401	3,739	(23)	_	(3,739)	5,263	401	_	5,664	(313)
Baca County, Colorado Land & Improvements	10/2/2017	_	924	_	_	_	_	_	924	_	_	924	_
Fresno County, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	12/15/2017	2,661	2,016	324	3,626	(1)	23	(3)	2,015	347	3,623	5,985	(2,527)
Kern County, California: Land & Improvements	1/31/2018	1,867	2,733	249	_	(4)	1,529	_	2,729	1,778	_	4,507	(531)
Collier & Hendry, Florida Land & Improvements	7/12/2018	19,376	36,223	344	_	1	_	_	36,224	344	_	36,568	(310)
Kings County, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	9/13/2018	3,856	3,264	284	3,349	5	_	5	3,269	284	3,354	6,907	(930)
Madera, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	11/1/2018	12,095	12,305	1,718	9,015	13	704	(563)	12,318	2,422	8,452	23,192	(1,964)
Hartley County, Texas: Land & Improvements	11/20/2018	_	7,320	1,054	_	3	96	_	7,323	1,150	_	8,473	(447)
Merced County, California: Land	12/6/2018	4,217	8,210	_	_	5	_	_	8,215	_	_	8,215	_
Madera County, California: Land & Improvements	4/9/2019	14,732	8,074	2,696	17,916	_	1,611	_	8,074	4,307	17,916	30,297	(5,579)
Allegran and Van Buren County, Michigan: Land & Improvements	6/4/2019	_	1,634	800	2,694	(1,085)	(366)	(1,656)	549	434	1,038	2,021	(598)
Yolo County, California: Land & Improvements	6/13/2019	4,411	5,939	665	2,648	_	_	_	5,939	665	2,648	9,252	(764)
Monterey County, California: Land & Improvements	7/11/2019	4,698	8,629	254	_	2,220	1,956	_	10,849	2,210	_	13,059	(425)
Martin County, Florida: Land & Improvements	7/22/2019	33,947	51,691	6,595	_	(2,629)	1	_	49,062	6,596	_	55,658	(2,748)
Fresno County, California: Land & Improvements	8/16/2019	36,079	24,772	13,410	31,420	(3)	1,413	10	24,769	14,823	31,430	71,022	(9,644)
Ventura County, California: Land & Improvements	8/28/2019	11,051	20,602	397	_	306	1,760	_	20,908	2,157	_	23,065	(680)
Napa County, California: Land & Improvements	8/29/2019	15,716	27,509	1,646	2,923	3,235	1,263	894	30,744	2,909	3,817	37,470	(1,821)
Hayes County, Nebraska: Land & Improvements	10/7/2019	2,768	4,750	264	_	16	1	_	4,766	265	_	5,031	(231)
Hayes & Hitchcock County, Nebraska: Land & Improvements	10/7/2019	5,217	9,275	431	_	20	1	_	9,295	432	_	9,727	(400)
Phillips County, Colorado: Land & Improvements	1/15/2020	4,249	6,875	660	_	_	7	_	6,875	667	_	7,542	(330)
Kern County, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	6/24/2020	7,611	12,521	1,325	370	_	264	_	12,521	1,589	370	14,480	(411)
Wicomico & Caroline County, Maryland, and Sussex County, Delaware: Land & Improvements	8/31/2020	4.026	6,703	626	_	_	480	_	6,703	1,106	_	7,809	(349)
Fresno County, California: Land & Improvements	9/3/2020	16,723	15,071	4,680	11,921	305	635	_	15,376	5,315	11,921	32,612	(3,477)
Fresno County, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	10/1/2020	16,765	7,128	9,206	15,242	8	920	16	7,136	10,126	15,258	32,520	(4,600)
Ventura County, California: Land & Improvements	12/15/2020	12,450	19,215	1,264	_	48	23	_	19,263	1,287	_	20,550	(458)
Tulare County, California: Land, Improvements & Permanent plantings	12/17/2020	10,207	26,952	6,420	28,152	36	19	37	26,988	6,439	28,189	61,616	(10,564)
Whatcom County, Washington: Land, Improvements, & Permanent plantings	12/24/2020	15,196	8,219	7,228	16,281	18	193	35	8,237	7,421	16,316	31,974	(5,519)
San Joaquin County, California: Land, Improvements, & Permanent plantings	12/24/2020	20,021	12,265	2,142	19,924	6	(996)	10	12,271	1,146	19,934	33,351	(8,123)
San Joaquin County, California: Land, Improvements, & Permanent plantings	3/11/2021	_	_	4,306	_	_	_	_	_	4,306	_	4,306	(1,178)
Tehama County, California Land & Improvements & Horticulture	4/5/2021	21,355	27,747	2,512	6,600	103	34	_	27,850	2,546	6,600	36,996	(2,738)
Kern County, California Land & Improvements & Horticulture	6/4/2021	9,460	21,810	2,514	25,984	65	673	_	21,875	3,187	25,984	51,046	(9,268)

Van Buren County, Michigan: Land & Improvements & Horticulture	6/9/2021	7,403	3,677	4,391	5,233	14	44	70	3,691	4,435	5,303	13,429	(1,334)
Kern County, California Land & Improvements & Horticulture	8/11/2021	13,416	5,690	8,156	16,154	11	46	_	5,701	8,202	16,154	30,057	(5,431)
Yamhill County, Oregon Land & Improvements & Horticulture	8/11/2021	6,037	2,854	2,493	6,972	8	28	_	2,862	2,521	6,972	12,355	(1,993)
St. Lucie County, Florida Land & Improvements & Horticulture	8/18/2021	2,982	2,494	601	2,146	99	135	140	2,593	736	2,286	5,615	(858)
Kern County, California Land & Improvements & Horticulture	12/3/2021	14,604	22,363	2,894	62,744	23	67	_	22,386	2,961	62,744	88,091	(8,123)
Charlotte County, FL Land & Improvements & Horticulture	12/16/2021	4,495	7,275	75	_	1,937	1,395	_	9,212	1,470	_	10,682	(75)
Glenn, California Land & Improvements	6/16/2022	_	16,184	1,298	5,933	34	603	_	16,218	1,901	5,933	24,052	(1,905)
Franklin & Grant, Washington Land & Improvements & Horticulture	7/21/2022	_	11,437	1,607	15,798	50	327	555	11,487	1,934	16,353	29,774	(6,314)
Umatilla, Oregon Land & Improvements & Horticulture	7/21/2022	_	344	564	2,858	14	135	1,167	358	699	4,025	5,082	(379)
Miscellaneous Investments	Various	22,562	39,205	10,403	9,175	(1,100)	6,145	696	38,105	16,548	9,871	64,524	(7,762)
		\$ 529,909 \$	779,437 \$	154,058	\$ 351,939	\$ 9,481	\$ 79,523	\$ (2,178)	\$ 788,918	\$ 233,581	\$ 349,761	\$ 1,372,260	\$ (169,190)

The following table reconciles the change in the balance of real estate during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively (dollars in thousands):

	• •	2024	2023
Balance, beginning of period	\$	1,437,812 \$	1,432,394
Additions:			
Acquisitions during the period		_	_
Improvements		5,607	10,578
Deductions:			
Dispositions during period		(69,053)	(5,160)
Impairments during period		(2,106)	_
Balance, end of period <sup>(1)</sup>	\$	1,372,260 \$	1,437,812

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes approximately \$47.6 million and \$54.1 million of real estate held for sale, at cost, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The following table reconciles the change in the balance of accumulated depreciation during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively (dollars in thousands):

	2024	2023	
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 142,657	\$ 106,96	6
Additions during period	33,894	36,050	0
Dispositions during period	(7,361)	(359	9)
Balance, end of period <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 169,190	\$ 142,65	,7

<sup>(1)</sup> Includes approximately \$1.4 million and \$445,000 of accumulated depreciation related to real estate held for sale as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

The aggregate cost for land, buildings, improvements, and permanent plantings for federal income tax purposes is approximately \$ 1.5 billion.

The Company computes depreciation using the straight-line method over the shorter of the estimated useful life or 50 for buildings, improvements, and permanent plantings, and the shorter of the estimated useful life or 5 to 20 years for equipment and fixtures.

# ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

# ITEM 9A. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

# (a) Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

As of December 31, 2024, our management, including our chief executive officer and chief financial officer, evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on that evaluation, management, including the chief executive officer and chief financial officer, concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2024, in providing a reasonable level of assurance that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in applicable SEC rules and forms, including providing a reasonable level of assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in such reports is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our chief executive officer and our chief financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. However, in evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated can provide only reasonable assurance of necessarily achieving the desired control objectives, and management was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

# (b) Management's Annual Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Refer to "Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting" located in Part II, Item 8 of this Form 10-K.

# (c) Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the quarter or year ended December 31, 2024, that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

# ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

During the three months ended December 31, 2024, no officer or director of the Companyadopted or terminated any "Rule 10b5-1 trading agreement" or any "non-Rule 10b5-1 trading arrangement," as each item is defined in Item 408 of Regulation S-K

ITEM 9C. DISCLOSURE REGARDING FOREIGN JURISDICTIONS THAT PREVENT INSPECTIONS

Not applicable.

#### PART III

We will file a definitive Proxy Statement for our 2025 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "2025 Proxy Statement") with the SEC, pursuant to Regulation 14A, not later than 120 days after December 31, 2024. Accordingly, certain information required by Part III has been omitted under General Instruction G(3) to Form 10-K. Only those sections of the 2025 Proxy Statement that specifically address the items set forth herein are incorporated by reference.

# ITEM 10. DIRECTORS, EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

The information required by Item 10 is hereby incorporated by reference from our 2025 Proxy Statement under the captions *Election of Directors to the Class of 2028*," "Information Regarding the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance," "Compensation Committee Report," "Executive Officers," and the sub-captions "Code of Ethics and Business Conduct" and "Insider Trading Policy."

# ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by Item 11 is hereby incorporated by reference from our 2025 Proxy Statement under the captions Executive Compensation," "Director Compensation" and "Compensation Committee Report" and the sub-caption "Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation."

# ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The information required by Item 12 is hereby incorporated by reference from our 2025 Proxy Statement under the caption Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management."

# ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS AND DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The information required by Item 13 is hereby incorporated by reference from our 2025 Proxy Statement under the captions *Transactions with Related Persons*" and "Information Regarding the Board of Directors and Corporate Governance"

# ITEM 14. PRINCIPAL ACCOUNTANT FEES AND SERVICES

The information required by Item 14 is hereby incorporated by reference from our 2025 Proxy Statement under the sub-captions \*Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm Fees\*\* and "Pre-Approval Policy and Procedures\*\* under the caption "Ratification of Selection of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm\*\*

# PART IV

# ITEM 15. EXHIBITS AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES

# a. DOCUMENTS FILED AS PART OF THIS REPORT

1. The following financial statements are filed herewith:

Report of Management on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2024, and 2023

Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022

Consolidated Statements of Equity for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022

Notes to Financial Statements

# 2. Financial statement schedules

 $Schedule\ III-Real\ Estate\ and\ Accumulated\ Depreciation\ is\ filed\ herewith.$ 

All other schedules are omitted because they are not applicable, or because the required information is included in the financial statements or notes thereto.

# 3. Exhibits

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report or hereby incorporated by reference to exhibits previously filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission:

Exhibit Number	Exhibit Description
3.1	Articles of Incorporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-183965), filed on November 2, 2012.
3.2	Articles of Amendment, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on July 12, 2017.
3.3	Articles Supplementary 6.00% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on May 31, 2018.
3.4	Articles Supplementary for 6.00% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on February 20, 2020.
3.5	Articles Supplementary for 5.00% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on January 14, 2021.
3.6	Articles Supplementary, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.7 to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (File No. 001-35795), filed on May 12, 2021.
3.7	Articles Supplementary, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on November 9, 2022.
3.8	Articles Supplementary for 5.00% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on November 9, 2022.
3.9	Amended and Restated Bylaws, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 3 the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-183965), filed on November 15, 2012.
3.10	First Amendment to Amended and Restated Bylaws, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on October 10, 2023.
4.1	Description of Securities.+
4.2	Form of Common Stock Certificate, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to Pre-Effective Amendment No. 4 to the Registration Statement on Form S-11 (File No. 333-183965), filed on December 27, 2012.
4.3	Form of Certificate for 6.00% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on May 31, 2018.
4.4	Form of Certificate for 6.00% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on February 20, 2020.

Form of Certificate for 5.00% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on January 14, 2021. 4.5 Form of Certificate for 5.00% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Current Report on 4.6 Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on November 9, 202 Form of Indenture, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.11 to the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-270901), filed on March 28, 4.7 Fifth Amended and Restated Investment Advisory Agreement, dated July 13, 2021, by and between Gladstone Land Corporation and Gladstone Management Corporation, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on July 14, 10.1 10.2 Second Amended and Restated Administration Agreement, dated February 1, 2013, by and between Gladstone Land Corporation and Gladstone Administration, LLC, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on February 4, 10.3 First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, dated October 7, 2014, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on October 14, 2014. 10.4 Third Amendment to First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, including Exhibit 2 thereto, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on May 31, 2018. Fourth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, including 10.5 Exhibit SC thereto, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on February 20, 2020. Fifth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, including Exhibit SD thereto, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on January 14, 2021. 10.6 Sixth Amendment to the First Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, including Exhibit 10.7 SE thereto, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on November 9, 202. Amended and Restated AgVantage Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of December 10, 2020, by and among Gladstone Lending Company, LLC, 10.8 as Issuer, Farmer Mac Mortgage Securities Corporation, as Bond Purchaser, and Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, as Guarantor, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 on the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on December 15, 2020 10.9 Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated AgVantage Bond Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 2, 2023, by and among Gladstone Lending Company, LLC, as Issuer, Farmer Mac Mortgage Securities Corporation, as Bond Purchaser, and Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, as Guarantor, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on June 6, 2023. Amended and Restated Pledge and Security Agreement, dated as of December 10, 2020, by and among Gladstone Lending Company, LLC, as 10.10 Grantor, Farmer Mac Mortgage Securities Corporation, as Purchaser, and Federal Agricultural Mortgage Corporation, as Collateral Agent and Bond Guarantor, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 on the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on December 15, 2 Loan Agreement, dated as of February 20, 2020, by and among Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, as borrower, Gladstone Land Corporation, as guarantor, and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, as lender, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.3 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on February 20, 2020. 10.11 10.12 First Amendment to Loan Agreement, dated as of February 3, 2022 by and among Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, as borrower, Gladstone Land Corporation, as guarantor, and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, as lender, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.15 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021 (File No. 001-357954), filed on February 22, 2022 10.13 Second Amendment to Loan Agreement, dated as of December 14, 2023 by and among Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, as borrower, Gladstone Land Corporation, as guarantor, and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, as lender, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.13 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (File No. 001-357954), filed on February 20, 2024 10.14 Third Amendment to Loan Agreement, dated as of November 4, 2024 by and among Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, as borrower, Gladstone Land Corporation, as guarantor, and Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.+ Amended and Restated Subscription Escrow Agreement, dated as of May 31, 2018, by and among Gladstone Land Corporation, Gladstone Land 10.15 Securities, LLC, and UMB Bank, National Association, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on May 31, 2018. 10.16 First Amendment to the Amended and Restated Escrow Agreement, dated as of February 20, 2020, by and between Gladstone Land Corporation and UMB Bank, National Association, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on February 20, 2020.

10.17	Second Amendment to the Escrow Agreement, dated as of November 9, 2022, by and between Gladstone Land Corporation and UMB Bank, National Association, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.2 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on August 24, 2022.
10.18	Amended and Restated Dealer Manager Agreement, dated as of August 24, 2022, by and between Gladstone Land Corporation and Gladstone Securities, LLC, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on August 24, 2022.
10.19	Dealer Manager Agreement, dated as of November 9, 2022, by and between Gladstone Land Corporation and Gladstone Securities, LLC., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 1.1 to the Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 001-35795), filed on November 9, 2022
19	Insider Trading Policy+
21	List of Subsidiaries of Gladstone Land Corporation.+
23	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP.+
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.+
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.+
32.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.++
32.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.++
97.1	Gladstone Land Corporation Compensation Recoupment Policy, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 97.1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023 (File No. 001-357954), filed on February 20, 2024
99.1	Estimated Value Methodology for Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock as of December 31, 2024 +
*	Certain information in this exhibit has been redacted pursuant to Item 601(b)(10) of Regulation S-K and the Company agrees to furnish to the Securities and Exchange Commission a complete copy of the exhibit, including the redacted portions, upon request.
+	Filed herewith.
++	Furnished herewith.
101.INS***	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH***	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL***	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.LAB***	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE***	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document
101.DEF***	XBRL Definition Linkbase
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted in iXBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)
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\*\*\* Attached as Exhibit 101 to this Annual Report on Form 10-K are the following materials, formatted in Inline eXtensible Business Reporting Language (iXBRL): (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of December 31, 2024, and December 31, 2023; (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations and Comprehensive Income for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022; (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Equity for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022; (iv) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022; and (v) the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

# ITEM 16. FORM 10-K SUMMARY

Not applicable.

# SIGNATURES

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

# **Gladstone Land Corporation**

Date: February 19, 2025 By: /s/ Lewis Parrish

Lewis Parrish

Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Treasurer

Date: February 19, 2025 By: /s/ David Gladstone

David Gladstone

Chief Executive Officer, President, and Chairman of the Board of Directors

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

Date: February 19, 2025	By:	/s/ David Gladstone
	_	David Gladstone
		Chief Executive Officer, President, and Chairman of the Board of Directors
		(principal executive officer)
Date: February 19, 2025	By:	/s/ Lewis Parrish
		Lewis Parrish
		Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Treasurer
		(principal financial and accounting officer)
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		Director
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Date: February 19, 2025	By:	/s/ Paula Novara
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Date: February 19, 2025	By:	/s/ Anthony W. Parker
	_	Anthony W. Parker
		Director
Date: February 19, 2025	By:	/s/ Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr.
		Walter H. Wilkinson, Jr.
		Director

# DESCRIPTION OF THE REGISTRANT'S SECURITIES REGISTERED PURSUANT TO SECTION 12 OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Gladstone Land Corporation (which we refer to as "we," "us," or the "Company") has four classes of securities registered under Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"): our common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("common stock"); our 6.00% Series B Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series B Preferred Stock"); our 6.00% Series C Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series C Preferred Stock"); and our 5.00% Series D Cumulative Term Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series D Preferred Stock"). Our 5.00% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Series E Preferred Stock") is not registered under Section 12 of the Exchange Act.

We collectively refer to our Series B Preferred Stock, our Series C Preferred Stock, our Series D Preferred Stock and our Series E Preferred Stock as our "Preferred Stock," where appropriate. Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Annual Report on Form 10-K to which this Description of Securities is an exhibit.

# DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

# General

Our authorized capital stock consists of 100,000,000 shares of capital stock, \$0.001 par value per share, 65,047,357 of which are classified as common stock, 6,340,889 of which are classified as Series B Preferred Stock, 10,198,354 of which are classified as Series C Preferred Stock, 2,415,000 of which are classified as Series D Preferred Stock and 15,998,400 of which are classified as Series E Preferred Stock. Under our charter, our board of directors is authorized to classify and reclassify any unissued shares of capital stock into other classes or series of stock by setting or changing in any one or more respects, from time to time before issuance of such stock, the preferences, conversion or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends or other distributions, qualifications and terms and conditions of redemption of such stock. In addition, our board of directors, with the approval of a majority of the entire board and without any action by our stockholders, may amend our charter from time to time to increase or decrease the aggregate number of shares of stock or the number of shares of stock of any class or series that we have authority to issue.

The following summary description of our capital stock is not necessarily complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to our charter and bylaws, as amended, each of which has been filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, as well as applicable provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Maryland (the "MGCL").

# **Meetings and Special Voting Requirements**

An annual meeting of the stockholders is held each year for the purpose of electing the class of directors whose term is up for election and to conduct other business that may be brought before the stockholders. Special meetings of stockholders may be called upon the request of our chairman, our chief executive officer, our president, a majority of our directors or a majority of our independent directors or by the written request of stockholders of record as of the request date entitled to cast not less than a majority of all votes entitled to be cast at such meeting, provided that the request is in the form and manner specified in our Bylaws. In general, the presence in person or by proxy of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote at the meeting constitutes a quorum. Generally, the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast at a

meeting at which a quorum is present is necessary to take stockholder action, except that a plurality of all votes cast at such a meeting is sufficient to elect any director.

Under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, amend its charter, merge, convert or consolidate with another entity, sell all or substantially all of its assets or engage in a statutory share exchange unless the action is declared advisable by its board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, unless a lesser percentage (but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter) is specified in the corporation's charter. Our charter provides that these actions (other than certain amendments to the provisions of our charter related to the removal of directors and the restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock, and the vote required to amend such provisions, which must be approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the amendment) may be approved by a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

#### **Common Stock**

# Voting Rights

Subject to the provisions of our charter regarding restrictions on the transfer and ownership of our capital stock and except as may otherwise be specified in the terms of any class or series of common stock, each outstanding share of common stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders, including the election of directors, and, except as provided with respect to any other class or series of capital stock, including our Preferred Stock, the holders of the common stock possess the exclusive voting power. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors, which means that the holders of a majority of the outstanding common stock, voting as a single class, can elect all of the directors then standing for election and the holders of the remaining shares are not able to elect any directors.

## Dividends, Liquidations and Other Rights

All shares of common stock offered and sold will be duly authorized, fully paid and nonassessable. Holders of our common stock are entitled to receive dividends when authorized by our board of directors and declared by us out of assets legally available for the payment of dividends. They also are entitled to share ratably in our assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders in the event of our liquidation, dissolution or winding up, after payment of or adequate provision for all of our known debts and liabilities. These rights are subject to the preferential rights of any other class or series of our shares, including our Preferred Stock, and to the provisions of our charter regarding restrictions on transfer of our shares.

Holders of our common stock have no preference, conversion, exchange, sinking fund, redemption or appraisal rights and have no preemptive rights to subscribe for any of our securities. Subject to the restrictions on transfer of shares contained in our charter, all shares of common stock have equal dividend, liquidation and other rights.

### **Certificates**

Generally, we will not issue stock certificates. Shares of common stock will be held in "uncertificated" form, which will eliminate the physical handling and safekeeping responsibilities inherent in owning transferable stock certificates and eliminate the need to return a duly executed stock certificate to the transfer agent to effect a transfer. Transfers can be effected simply by mailing to us a duly executed transfer form. Upon the issuance of shares of common stock, we will send on request to each stockholder a written statement which will

include all information that is required to be written upon stock certificates pursuant to the MGCL.

# Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer and distribution paying agent and registrar for our common stock is Computershare, Inc.

#### Series B Preferred Stock

#### Dividends

Holders of shares of the Series B Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if authorized by our Board of Directors (or a duly authorized committee of the board) and declared by us, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, preferential cumulative cash dividends at the rate of 6.00% per annum of the liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share (equivalent to a fixed annual amount of \$1.50 per share). Holders of the Series B Preferred Stock are not eligible to participate in the Company's dividend reinvestment plan. Dividends on shares of the Series B Preferred Stock will accrue and be paid on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends on outstanding shares of the Series B Preferred Stock will accrue and be cumulative from the end of the most recent dividend period for which dividends have been paid or, if no dividends have been paid, from the date of issuance. Dividends are payable monthly in arrears on such date as our Board of Directors may designate to holders of record as they appear in our stock records at the close of business on the applicable record date. The record date for each dividend will be designated by our Board of Directors and will be a date that is prior to the dividend payment date.

Our Board of Directors will not authorize, and we will not declare, pay or set apart for payment, any dividends on shares of Series B Preferred Stock at any time that the terms and provisions of any of our agreements, including any agreement relating to our indebtedness, prohibits that action or provides that the authorization, declaration, payment or setting apart for payment of those dividends would constitute a breach of or a default under any such agreement, or if such action is restricted or prohibited by law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock will accumulate whether or not (1) restrictions exist in respect thereof, (2) we have earnings, (3) there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends, or (4) our Board of Directors authorizes or we declare such dividends. Accumulated but unpaid dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock will not bear interest, and holders of the Series B Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any distributions in excess of full cumulative dividends described above.

If we do not declare and either pay or set apart for payment the full cumulative dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock and all shares of capital stock that are equal in rank with Series B Preferred Stock (including shares of the Series C Preferred Stock, Series D Preferred Stock and Series E Preferred Stock), the amount which we have declared will be allocated ratably to the Series B Preferred Stock and to each series of shares of capital stock equal in rank so that the amount declared for each share of Series B Preferred Stock and for each share of each series of capital stock equal in rank is proportionate to the accrued and unpaid dividends on those shares.

Except as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph, unless full cumulative dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment is set apart for payment) for all past dividend periods, no dividends (other than in shares of common stock or other shares of capital stock ranking junior to the Series B Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation) will be declared and paid or

declared and set apart for payment nor will any other distribution be declared and made upon our common stock, or any of our other capital stock ranking junior to or equal with the Series B Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation, nor will we redeem, purchase, or otherwise acquire for any consideration (or pay or make any monies available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares) any shares of our common stock, or any other shares of our capital stock ranking junior to or equal with the Series B Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation (except by conversion into or exchange for any of our capital stock ranking junior to the Series B Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation or redemption for the purpose of preserving our qualification as a REIT).

#### Ranking

The Series B Preferred Stock ranks, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution:

- senior to all classes or series of our common stock and any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking junior to the Series B Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- on parity with our Series C Preferred Stock, Series D Preferred Stock and Series E Preferred Stock and any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the Series B Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- junior to any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the Series B Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, none of which exists on the date hereof; and
- junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness.

### Redemption by Stockholders

Optional Redemption Following Death of a Holder

Subject to the restrictions described under "-Stockholder Redemption Option," and the terms and procedures described below under "-Redemption Procedures," commencing on the date of original issuance and terminating upon the listing of the Series B Preferred Stock on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, shares of Series B Preferred Stock held by a natural person upon his or her death will be redeemed at the written request of the holder's estate for a cash payment of \$25.00 per share of Series B Preferred Stock on the Death Redemption Date, which is the tenth calendar day following delivery of such holder's estate's request to redeem shares of the Series B Preferred Stock, or if such tenth calendar day is not a business day, on the next succeeding business day.

Stockholder Redemption Option

Subject to the restrictions described herein, and the terms and procedures described below under "-Redemption Procedures," commencing on the date of original issuance (or, if after the date of original issuance our Board of Directors suspends the redemption program of the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock, on the date our Board of Directors reinstates such program) and terminating on the earlier to occur of (1) the date upon which our Board of Directors, by resolution, suspends or terminates the redemption program, and (2) the date on which shares of the Series B Preferred Stock are listed on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, holders of the Series B Preferred Stock may, at their option, require us to redeem any or all of their

shares of Series B Preferred Stock for a cash payment of \$22.50 per share of Series B Preferred Stock on the Stockholder Redemption Date, which is the tenth calendar day following delivery of such holder's request to redeem shares of the Series B Preferred Stock, or if such tenth calendar day is not a business day, on the next succeeding business day. The maximum dollar amount that we will make available each calendar year to redeem shares of Series B Preferred Stock will not be subject to an annual limit; provided, that our obligation to redeem shares of Series B Preferred Stock is limited to the extent that our Board of Directors determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that we do not have sufficient funds available to fund any such redemption or we are restricted by applicable law from making such redemption; and is also limited to the extent our Board of Directors suspends or terminates the optional redemption right at any time or for any reason, including after delivery of a Stockholder Redemption Notice but prior to the corresponding Stockholder Redemption Date.

### Redemption Procedures

To require us to redeem shares of Series B Preferred Stock, a holder or estate of a holder, as applicable, must deliver a notice of redemption, by overnight delivery or by first class mail, postage prepaid to us at our principal executive offices. Each such notice must be an original, notarized copy and must state: (1) the name and address of the stockholder whose shares of Series B Preferred Stock are requested to be redeemed, (2) the number of shares of Series B Preferred Stock requested to be redeemed, (3) the name of the broker dealer who holds the shares of Series B Preferred Stock requested to be redeemed, the stockholder's account number with such broker dealer and such broker dealer's participant number for DTC and (4) in the case of a notice to redeem upon the death of a holder, a certified copy of the death certificate (and such other evidence that is satisfactory to us in our sole discretion) for the natural person who previously held the shares to be redeemed.

If, as a result of the limitations described under "-Stockholder Redemption Option," the optional redemption right has not been suspended or terminated but fewer than all shares for which a notice of redemption was delivered to us are to be redeemed, the number of shares to be redeemed will be pro rata based on the number of shares of Series B Preferred Stock for which each holder timely submitted a notice of redemption. If a Stockholder Redemption Date is also a Death Redemption Date, the limitations described under "-Stockholder Redemption Option" shall first be applied to any redemption requested upon the death of the holder and then to shares to be redeemed pursuant to the Stockholder Redemption Option.

Upon any redemption of shares of Series B Preferred Stock, the holder thereof will also be entitled to receive a sum equal to all accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the applicable Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date (unless such Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date falls after a dividend record date and on or prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, in which case each holder of shares of Series B Preferred Stock on such dividend record date will be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date, notwithstanding the redemption of such shares on or prior to such dividend payment date, and each holder of shares of Series B Preferred Stock that are redeemed on such Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date will be entitled to the dividends, if any, occurring after the end of the dividend period to which such dividend payment date relates up to, but excluding, the Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date, as the case may be). Upon the redemption of any shares of Series B Preferred Stock, such shares of Series B Preferred Stock will cease to be outstanding, dividends with respect to such shares of Series B Preferred Stock will cease to accumulate and all rights whatsoever with respect to such shares (except the right to receive the per share cash payment for the redeeming shares) will terminate.

We may suspend or terminate the redemption program at any time in our sole discretion.

### *Optional Redemption by the Company*

We may, at our sole option upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, redeem shares of the Series B Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption, without interest. Holders of Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed must then surrender such Series B Preferred Stock at the place designated in the notice. Upon surrender of the Series B Preferred Stock, the holders will be entitled to the redemption price. If notice of redemption of any shares of Series B Preferred Stock has been given and if we have deposited the funds necessary for such redemption with the paying agent for the benefit of the holders of any of the shares of Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed, then from and after the redemption date, dividends will cease to accumulate on those shares of Series B Preferred Stock, those shares of Series B Preferred Stock will no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of such shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price. If less than all of the outstanding Series B Preferred Stock is to be redeemed, the Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed will be selected (1) pro rata, (2) by lot or (3) by any other fair and equitable method that our Board of Directors may choose.

Unless full cumulative dividends for all applicable past dividend periods on all shares of Series B Preferred Stock and any shares of stock that rank on parity with regards to dividends and upon liquidation have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for payment set apart for payment), no shares of Series B Preferred Stock will be redeemed. In such event, we also will not purchase or otherwise acquire directly or indirectly any shares of Series B Preferred Stock (except by exchange for our capital stock ranking junior to the Series B Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation). However, the foregoing will not prevent us from purchasing shares pursuant to our charter, in order to ensure that we continue to meet the requirements for qualification as a REIT, or from acquiring shares of Series B Preferred Stock pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock and any shares of stock that rank on parity with regards to dividends and upon liquidation. So long as no dividends are in arrears, we will be entitled at any time and from time to time to repurchase shares of Series B Preferred Stock in open-market transactions duly authorized by the Board of Directors and effected in compliance with applicable laws.

We will deliver a notice of redemption, by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or electronically to holders thereof, or request our agent, on behalf of us, to promptly do so by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or electronically. The notice will be provided not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption in such notice. Each such notice will state: (1) the date for redemption; (2) the number of Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed; (3) the CUSIP number for the Series B Preferred Stock; (4) the applicable redemption price on a per share basis; (5) if applicable, the place or places where the certificate(s) for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the price for redemption; (6) that dividends on the Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed will cease to accumulate from and after such date of redemption; and (7) the applicable provisions of our charter under which such redemption is made. If fewer than all shares held by any holder are to be redeemed, the notice delivered to such holder will also specify the number of Series B Preferred Stock to be redeemed from such holder or the method of determining such number. We may provide in any such notice that such redemption is subject to one or more conditions precedent and that we will not be required to effect such redemption unless each such condition has been satisfied at the time or times and in the manner specified in such notice. No defect in the notice or delivery thereof will affect the validity of redemption proceedings, except as required by applicable law.

If a redemption date falls after a record date and on or prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, each holder of Series B Preferred Stock at the close of business on that record date will be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares before the dividend payment date, and the redemption price received by the holder on the redemption date will be \$25.00 per share.

# Liquidation Preference

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of shares of Series B Preferred Stock will be entitled to be paid, out of our assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders, a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the date of payment, but without interest, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of our common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock that ranks junior to the Series B Preferred Stock as to liquidation rights. If our assets legally available for distribution to stockholders are insufficient to pay in full the liquidation preference on the Series B Preferred Stock and the liquidation preference on any shares of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series B Preferred Stock, all assets distributed to the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock and any other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series B Preferred Stock will be distributed ratably so that the amount of assets distributed per share of Series B Preferred Stock and such other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series B Preferred Stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that the liquidation preference per share on the Series B Preferred Stock and on such other series of preferred stock bear to each other. Written notice of any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, stating the payment date or dates when, and the place or places where, the amounts distributable in such circumstances will be payable, will be given by first class mail, postage pre-paid, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the payment date stated therein, to each record holder of the Series B Preferred Stock at the respective addresses of such holders as the same appear on the stock transfer records of the Company. After payment of the full amount of the liquidation preference, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends to which they are entitled, the holders of Series B Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. If we convert into or consolidate or merge with or into any other corporation, trust or entity, effect a statutory share exchange or sell, lease, transfer or convey all or substantially all of our property or business, we will not be deemed to have liquidated, dissolved or wound up.

## **Voting Rights**

Holders of the Series B Preferred Stock do not have any voting rights, except as described below.

Whenever dividends on any shares of Series B Preferred Stock are in arrears for 18 or more consecutive months, then the holders of those shares together with the holders of all other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series B Preferred Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, will be entitled to vote separately as a class for the election of a total of two additional directors on our Board of Directors.

The election of these directors will take place at a special meeting called upon the written request of the holders of record of at least 20% of the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock or holders of record of at least 20% of any class or series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series B Preferred Stock which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (unless such request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of stockholders) or at the next annual meeting of stockholders, and at each subsequent annual meeting until all dividends accumulated from past dividend periods and the then current dividend period have been paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for payment set apart). A quorum for any such meeting will exist if at least a majority of the total outstanding shares of

Series B Preferred Stock and outstanding shares of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series B Preferred Stock entitled to like voting rights are represented in person or by proxy at that meeting. The directors elected as described above will be elected upon the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares of Series B Preferred Stock and preferred stock equal in rank with the Series B Preferred Stock, voting separately as a single class, present and voting in person or by proxy at a duly called and held meeting at which a quorum is present. If and when all accumulated dividends and the dividend for the then current dividend period on the Series B Preferred Stock have been paid in full or declared or set apart for payment in full the holders of the Series B Preferred Stock will be divested of the right to elect directors and, if all dividend arrearages have been paid in full or declared and set apart for payment in full on all series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights, the term of office of each director so elected will terminate. Any director so elected may be removed at any time with or without cause by, and may not be removed otherwise than by the vote of, the holders of record of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Series B Preferred Stock having the voting rights described above, voting separately as a single class with all classes or series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights. So long as a dividend arrearage continues, any vacancy in the office of a director elected as described above may be filled by written consent of the director elected as described above who remains in office, or if none remains in office, by a vote of the holders of record of the outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock when they have the voting rights described above, voting separately as a single class with all classes or series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights, by majority vote. These directors will each be entitled to one vote per direct

So long as any shares of Series B Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Series B Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (voting separately as a class), amend, alter or repeal the provisions of our charter, including the articles supplementary designating the Series B Preferred Stock, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series B Preferred Stock. However, with respect to the occurrence of any event listed above, so long as the Series B Preferred Stock remains outstanding (or shares issued by a surviving entity in substitution for the Series B Preferred Stock) with its terms materially unchanged, taking into account that upon the occurrence of such an event, we may not be the surviving entity, the occurrence of any such event will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting power of holders of the Series B Preferred Stock. In addition (i) any increase in the number of authorized shares of preferred stock or the creation or issuance of any other class or series of preferred Stock or (iii) any increase in the number of authorized shares of such class or series, in each case ranking equal with or junior to the Series B Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required is effected, all outstanding shares of Series B Preferred Stock have been redeemed or called for redemption upon proper notice and sufficient funds have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.

## **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for the Series B Preferred Stock is Computershare, Inc.

Series C Preferred Stock

### Dividends

Holders of shares of the Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when, as and if authorized by our Board of Directors (or a duly authorized committee of the board) and declared by us, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, preferential cumulative cash dividends at the rate of 6.00% per annum of the liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share (equivalent to a fixed annual amount of \$1.50 per share). Generally, holders of the Series C Preferred Stock are not eligible to participate in the Company's dividend reinvestment plan, except that each registered holder of at least one full share of Series C Preferred Stock will be automatically enrolled in our Series C Preferred Stock dividend reinvestment plan unless the stockholder opts out of the dividend reinvestment plan.

Dividends on shares of the Series C Preferred Stock will accrue and be paid on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends on outstanding shares of the Series C Preferred Stock will accrue and be cumulative from the end of the most recent dividend period for which dividends have been paid or, if no dividends have been paid, from the date of issuance. Dividends will be payable monthly in arrears, on or about the fifth day of each month for dividends accrued the previous month or such other date as our Board of Directors may designate, to holders of record as they appear in our stock records at the close of business on the applicable record date. The record date for each dividend will be designated by our Board of Directors and will be a date that is prior to the dividend payment date.

Our Board of Directors will not authorize, and we will not declare, pay or set apart for payment, any dividends on shares of Series C Preferred Stock at any time that the terms and provisions of any of our agreements, including any agreement relating to our indebtedness, prohibits that action or provides that the authorization, declaration, payment or setting apart for payment of those dividends would constitute a breach of or a default under any such agreement, or if such action is restricted or prohibited by law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock will accumulate whether or not (1) restrictions exist in respect thereof, (2) we have earnings, (3) there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends, or (4) our Board of Directors authorizes or we declare such dividends. Accumulated but unpaid dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock will not bear interest, and holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any distributions in excess of full cumulative dividends described above.

If we do not declare and either pay or set apart for payment the full cumulative dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock and all shares of capital stock that are equal in rank with Series C Preferred Stock (including shares of the Series B Preferred Stock, Series D Preferred Stock and Series E Preferred Stock), the amount which we have declared will be allocated ratably to the Series C Preferred Stock and to each series of shares of capital stock equal in rank so that the amount declared for each share of Series C Preferred Stock and for each share of each series of capital stock equal in rank is proportionate to the accrued and unpaid dividends on those shares.

Except as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph, unless full cumulative dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment is set apart for payment) for all past dividend periods, no dividends (other than in shares of common stock or other shares of capital stock ranking junior to the Series C Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation) will be declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment nor will any other distribution be declared and made upon our common stock, or any of our other capital stock ranking junior to or equal with the Series C Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation, nor will we redeem, purchase, or otherwise acquire for any consideration (or pay or make any monies available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares) any shares of our common stock, or any other shares of our

capital stock ranking junior to or equal with the Series C Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation (except by conversion into or exchange for any of our capital stock ranking junior to the Series C Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation or redemption for the purpose of preserving our qualification as a REIT).

### Ranking

The Series C Preferred Stock ranks, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution:

- senior to all classes or series of our common stock and any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking
  junior to the Series C Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- on parity with our Series B Preferred Stock, Series D Preferred Stock and Series E Preferred Stock and any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the Series C Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- junior to any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the Series C Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, none of which exists on the date hereof; and
- junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness.

# Redemption by Stockholders

Optional Redemption Following Death of a Holder

Subject to the restrictions described under "-Stockholder Redemption Option," and the terms and procedures described below under "-Redemption Procedures," commencing on the date of original issuance and terminating upon the listing of the Series C Preferred Stock on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, shares of Series C Preferred Stock held by a natural person upon his or her death will be redeemed at the written request of the holder's estate for a cash payment of \$25.00 per share of Series C Preferred Stock on the Death Redemption Date, which is the tenth calendar day following delivery of such holder's estate's request to redeem shares of the Series C Preferred Stock, or if such tenth calendar day is not a business day, on the next succeeding business day.

Stockholder Redemption Option

Subject to the restrictions described herein, and the terms and procedures described below under "-Redemption Procedures," commencing on the date of original issuance (or, if after the date of original issuance our Board of Directors suspends the redemption program of the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock, on the date our Board of Directors reinstates such program) and terminating on the earlier to occur of (1) the date upon which our Board of Directors, by resolution, suspends or terminates the redemption program, and (2) the date on which shares of the Series C Preferred Stock are listed on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, holders of the Series C Preferred Stock may, at their option, require us to redeem any or all of their shares of Series C Preferred Stock for a cash payment of \$22.50 per share of Series C Preferred Stock on the Stockholder Redemption Date, which is the tenth calendar day following delivery of such holder's request to redeem shares of the Series C Preferred Stock, or if such tenth calendar day is not a business day, on the next succeeding business day. The maximum dollar amount that we will make available each calendar year to redeem shares of Series C Preferred Stock will not

be subject to an annual limit; provided, that our obligation to redeem shares of Series C Preferred Stock is limited to the extent that our Board of Directors determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that we do not have sufficient funds available to fund any such redemption or we are restricted by applicable law from making such redemption; and is also limited to the extent our Board of Directors suspends or terminates the optional redemption right at any time or for any reason, including after delivery of a Stockholder Redemption Notice but prior to the corresponding Stockholder Redemption Date.

# Redemption Procedures

To require us to redeem shares of Series C Preferred Stock, a holder or estate of a holder, as applicable, must deliver a notice of redemption, by overnight delivery or by first class mail, postage prepaid to us at our principal executive offices. Each such notice must be an original, notarized copy and must state: (1) the name and address of the stockholder whose shares of Series C Preferred Stock are requested to be redeemed, (2) the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock requested to be redeemed, (3) the name of the broker dealer who holds the shares of Series C Preferred Stock requested to be redeemed, the stockholder's account number with such broker dealer and such broker dealer's participant number for DTC and (4) in the case of a notice to redeem upon the death of a holder, a certified copy of the death certificate (and such other evidence that is satisfactory to us in our sole discretion) for the natural person who previously held the shares to be redeemed.

If, as a result of the limitations described under "-Stockholder Redemption Option," the optional redemption right has not been suspended or terminated but fewer than all shares for which a notice of redemption was delivered to us are to be redeemed, the number of shares to be redeemed will be pro rata based on the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock for which each holder timely submitted a notice of redemption. If a Stockholder Redemption Date is also a Death Redemption Date, the limitations described under "-Stockholder Redemption Option" shall first be applied to any redemption requested upon the death of the holder and then to shares to be redeemed pursuant to the Stockholder Redemption Option.

Upon any redemption of shares of Series C Preferred Stock, the holder thereof will also be entitled to receive a sum equal to all accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the applicable Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date (unless such Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date falls after a dividend record date and on or prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, in which case each holder of shares of Series C Preferred Stock on such dividend record date will be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date, notwithstanding the redemption of such shares on or prior to such dividend payment date, and each holder of shares of Series C Preferred Stock that are redeemed on such Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date will be entitled to the dividends, if any, occurring after the end of the dividend period to which such dividend payment date relates up to, but excluding, the Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date, as the case may be). Upon the redemption of any shares of Series C Preferred Stock, such shares of Series C Preferred Stock will cease to be outstanding, dividends with respect to such shares of Series C Preferred Stock will cease to accumulate and all rights whatsoever with respect to such shares (except the right to receive the per share cash payment for the redeeming shares) will terminate.

We may suspend or terminate the redemption program at any time in our sole discretion.

Optional Redemption by the Company

Except in certain limited circumstances relating to maintaining our qualification as a REIT as described in "-Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer," we cannot redeem the Series C Preferred Stock prior to June 1, 2024.

On and after June 1, 2024, at our sole option upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, we may redeem shares of the Series C Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption, without interest. Holders of Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed must then surrender such Series C Preferred Stock at the place designated in the notice. Upon surrender of the Series C Preferred Stock, the holders will be entitled to the redemption price. If notice of redemption of any shares of Series C Preferred Stock has been given and if we have deposited the funds necessary for such redemption with the paying agent for the benefit of the holders of any of the shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed, then from and after the redemption date, dividends will cease to accumulate on those shares of Series C Preferred Stock, those shares of Series C Preferred Stock will no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of such shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price. If less than all of the outstanding Series C Preferred Stock is to be redeemed, the Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed will be selected (1) pro rata, (2) by lot or (3) by any other fair and equitable method that our Board of Directors may choose.

Unless full cumulative dividends for all applicable past dividend periods on all shares of Series C Preferred Stock and any shares of stock that rank on parity with regards to dividends and upon liquidation have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for payment set apart for payment), no shares of Series C Preferred Stock will be redeemed. In such event, we also will not purchase or otherwise acquire directly or indirectly any shares of Series C Preferred Stock (except by exchange for our capital stock ranking junior to the Series C Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation). However, the foregoing will not prevent us from purchasing shares pursuant to our charter, in order to ensure that we continue to meet the requirements for qualification as a REIT, or from acquiring shares of Series C Preferred Stock pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock and any shares of stock that rank on parity with regards to dividends and upon liquidation. Upon listing, if any, of the Series C Preferred Stock on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, so long as no dividends are in arrears, we will be entitled at any time and from time to time to repurchase shares of Series C Preferred Stock in open-market transactions duly authorized by the Board of Directors and effected in compliance with applicable laws.

We will deliver a notice of redemption, by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or electronically to holders thereof, or request our agent, on behalf of us, to promptly do so by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or electronically. The notice will be provided not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption in such notice. Each such notice will state: (1) the date for redemption; (2) the number of shares of Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed; (3) the CUSIP number for the Series C Preferred Stock; (4) the applicable redemption price on a per share basis; (5) if applicable, the place or places where the certificate(s) for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the price for redemption; (6) that dividends on the Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed will cease to accumulate from and after such date of redemption; and (7) the applicable provisions of our charter under which such redemption is made. If fewer than all shares held by any holder are to be redeemed, the notice delivered to such holder will also specify the number of Series C Preferred Stock to be redeemed from such holder or the method of determining such number. We may provide in any such notice that such redemption is subject to one or more conditions precedent and that we will not be required to effect such redemption unless each such condition has been satisfied at the

time or times and in the manner specified in such notice. No defect in the notice or delivery thereof will affect the validity of redemption proceedings, except as required by applicable law.

If a redemption date falls after a record date and on or prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, each holder of Series C Preferred Stock at the close of business on that record date will be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares before the dividend payment date, each holder of shares Series C Preferred Stock that are redeemed on such redemption date will be entitled to the dividends, if any, accruing after the end of the dividend period for which such dividend payment date relates up to, but excluding, the redemption date.

# Liquidation Preference

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of shares of Series C Preferred Stock will be entitled to be paid, out of our assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders, a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the date of payment, but without interest, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of our common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock that ranks junior to the Series C Preferred Stock as to liquidation rights. If our assets legally available for distribution to stockholders are insufficient to pay in full the liquidation preference on the Series C Preferred Stock and the liquidation preference on any shares of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series C Preferred Stock, all assets distributed to the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock and any other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series C Preferred Stock will be distributed ratably so that the amount of assets distributed per share of Series C Preferred Stock and such other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series C Preferred Stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that the liquidation preference per share on the Series C Preferred Stock and on such other series of preferred stock bear to each other. Written notice of any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, stating the payment date or dates when, and the place or places where, the amounts distributable in such circumstances will be payable, will be given by first class mail, postage pre-paid, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the payment date stated therein, to each record holder of the Series C Preferred Stock at the respective addresses of such holders as the same appear on the stock transfer records of the Company. After payment of the full amount of the liquidation preference, plus any accumulated and unpaid dividends to which they are entitled, the holders of Series C Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. If we convert into or consolidate or merge with or into any other corporation, trust or entity, effect a statutory share exchange or sell, lease, transfer or convey all or substantially all of our property or business, we will not be deemed to have liquidated, dissolved or wound up.

### **Voting Rights**

Holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will not have any voting rights, except as described below.

Whenever dividends on any shares of Series C Preferred Stock are in arrears for 18 or more consecutive months, then the holders of those shares together with the holders of all other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series C Preferred Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, will be entitled to vote separately as a class for the election of a total of two additional directors on our Board of Directors.

The election of these directors will take place at a special meeting called upon the written request of the holders of record of at least 20% of the outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock or holders of record of at least 20% of any class or series of preferred stock equal in rank with the

Series C Preferred Stock which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (unless such request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of stockholders) or at the next annual meeting of stockholders, and at each subsequent annual meeting until all dividends accumulated from past dividend periods and the then current dividend period have been paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for payment set apart). A quorum for any such meeting will exist if at least a majority of the total outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock and outstanding shares of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series C Preferred Stock entitled to like voting rights are represented in person or by proxy at that meeting. The directors elected as described above will be elected upon the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares of Series C Preferred Stock and preferred stock equal in rank with the Series C Preferred Stock, voting separately as a single class, present and voting in person or by proxy at a duly called and held meeting at which a quorum is present. If and when all accumulated dividends and the dividend for the then current dividend period on the Series C Preferred Stock have been paid in full or declared or set apart for payment in full the holders of the Series C Preferred Stock will be divested of the right to elect directors and, if all dividend arrearages have been paid in full or declared and set apart for payment in full on all series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights, the term of office of each director so elected will terminate. Any director so elected may be removed at any time with or without cause by, and may not be removed otherwise than by the vote of, the holders of record of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Series C Preferred Stock having the voting rights described above, voting separately as a single class with all classes or series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights. So long as a dividend arrearage continues, any vacancy in the office of a director elected as described above may be filled by written consent of the director elected as described above who remains in office, or if none remains in office, by a vote of the holders of record of the outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock when they have the voting rights described above, voting separately as a single class with all classes or series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights, by majority vote. These directors will each be entitled to one vote per director on any matter.

So long as any shares of Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Series C Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (voting separately as a class), amend, alter or repeal the provisions of our charter, including the articles supplementary designating the Series C Preferred Stock, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series C Preferred Stock. However, with respect to the occurrence of any event listed above, so long as the Series C Preferred Stock remains outstanding (or shares issued by a surviving entity in substitution for the Series C Preferred Stock) with its terms materially unchanged, taking into account that upon the occurrence of such an event, we may not be the surviving entity, the occurrence of any such event will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting power of holders of the number of authorized shares of preferred stock or the creation or issuance of any other class or series of preferred Stock (ii) any increase in the number of authorized shares of such class or series, in each case ranking equal with or junior to the Series C Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required is effected, all outstanding shares of Series C Preferred Stock have been redeemed or called for redemption upon proper notice and sufficient funds have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.

# Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for the Series C Preferred Stock is Computershare, Inc.

#### Series D Preferred Stock

#### Dividends

Holders of shares of the Series D Preferred Stock are entitled to receive, when, as and if, authorized by our Board of Directors (or a duly authorized committee of the Board) and declared by us, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, preferential cumulative cash dividends at the rate of 5.00% per annum of the liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share (equivalent to a fixed annual amount of \$1.25 per share).

Dividends on shares of the Series D Preferred Stock are cumulative from (but excluding) the date of original issue and are payable monthly in arrears, on or about the fifth day of each month for dividends accrued the previous month or such date as our Board of Directors may designate, to holders of record as they appear in our stock records at the close of business on the applicable record date. The record date for each dividend will be designated by our Board of Directors and will be a date that is prior to the dividend payment date.

Our Board of Directors will not authorize, and we will not declare, pay or set apart for payment, any dividends on shares of Series D Preferred Stock at any time that the terms and provisions of any of our agreements, including any agreement relating to our indebtedness, prohibits that action or provides that the authorization, declaration, payment or setting apart for payment of those dividends would constitute a breach of or a default under any such agreement, or if such action is restricted or prohibited by law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, dividends on the Series D Preferred Stock will accumulate whether or not (1) restrictions exist in respect thereof, (2) we have earnings, (3) there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends, or (4) our Board of Directors authorizes or we declare such dividends. Accumulated but unpaid dividends on the Series D Preferred Stock will not bear interest, and holders of the Series D Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any distributions in excess of full cumulative dividends described above.

If we do not declare and either pay or set apart for payment the full cumulative dividends on the Series D Preferred Stock and all shares of capital stock that are equal in rank with Series D Preferred Stock (including shares of the Series B Preferred Stock, Series C Preferred Stock and Series E Preferred Stock), the amount which we have declared will be allocated ratably to the Series D Preferred Stock and to each series of shares of capital stock equal in rank so that the amount declared for each share of Series D Preferred Stock and for each share of each series of capital stock equal in rank is proportionate to the accrued and unpaid dividends per share on those shares.

Except as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph, unless full cumulative dividends on the Series D Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment is set apart for payment) for all past dividend periods, no dividends (other than in shares of common stock or other shares of capital stock ranking junior to the Series D Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation) will be declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment nor will any other distribution be declared and made

upon our common stock, or any of our other capital stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series D Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation, nor will we redeem, purchase, or otherwise acquire for any consideration (or pay or make any monies available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares) any shares of our common stock, or any other shares of

our capital stock ranking junior to or on parity with the Series D Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation (except by conversion into or exchange for any of our capital stock ranking junior to the Series D Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation or redemption for the purpose of preserving our qualification as a REIT).

Holders of shares of the Series D Preferred Stock are not entitled to any distribution, whether payable in cash, property or shares of capital stock, in excess of full cumulative dividends on the Series D Preferred Stock as described above; however, if we fail to redeem or call for redemption the Series D Preferred Stock pursuant to the mandatory redemption required on January 31, 2026, the dividend rate on the Series D Preferred Stock will increase by 3.0% per share per annum to 8.0%, until such shares are redeemed or called for redemption. Any dividend payment made on the Series D Preferred Stock will first be credited against the earliest accumulated but unpaid dividends due with respect to those shares which remain payable. Accrued but unpaid dividends on the Series D Preferred Stock will accumulate as of the dividend payment date on which they first become payable.

### Redemption

# Mandatory Redemption

We are required to redeem the Series D Preferred Stock on January 31, 2026 at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share plus an amount equal to accumulated but unpaid dividends thereon up to but excluding January 31, 2026.

# **Optional Redemption**

At our sole option upon not less than 15 nor more than 60 days' written notice, we may redeem shares of the Series D Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid dividends thereon to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption, without interest. If notice of redemption of any shares of Series D Preferred Stock has been given and if we have deposited the funds necessary for such redemption with the paying agent for the benefit of the holders of any of the shares of Series D Preferred Stock to be redeemed, then from and after the date of such deposit dividends will cease to accumulate on those shares of Series D Preferred Stock, those shares of Series D Preferred Stock will no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of such shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price. If less than all of the outstanding Series D Preferred Stock is to be redeemed, the Series D Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall be selected ratably by lot or by any other fair and equitable method that the Board may choose.

Unless full cumulative dividends for all applicable past dividend periods on all shares of Series D Preferred Stock and any shares of stock that rank on parity with regards to dividends and upon liquidation have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for payment set apart for payment or deposited with the applicable paying agent for all past dividend periods), no shares of Series D Preferred Stock will be redeemed. However, the foregoing will not prevent us from purchasing shares pursuant to our charter, in order to ensure that we continue to meet the requirements for qualification as a REIT, or from acquiring shares of Series D Preferred Stock pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock and any shares of stock that rank on parity with regards to dividends and upon liquidation.

We will deliver a notice of redemption, by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or electronically to holders thereof, or request our agent, on behalf of us, to promptly do so by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or electronically. The notice will be

provided not less than 15 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption in such notice. Each such notice will state: (A) the date for redemption; (B) the number of Series D Preferred Stock to be redeemed; (C) the CUSIP number for the Series D Preferred Stock; (D) the applicable redemption price on a per share basis; (E) if applicable, the place or places where the certificate(s) for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the price for redemption; (F) that dividends on the Series D Preferred Stock to be redeemed will cease to accumulate from and after such date of redemption; and (G) the applicable provisions of our charter under which such redemption is made. If fewer than all shares held by any holder are to be redeemed, the notice delivered to such holder will also specify the number of Series D Preferred Stock to be redeemed from such holder or the method of determining such number. We may provide in any such notice that such redemption is subject to one or more conditions precedent and that we will not be required to affect such redemption unless each such condition has been satisfied at the time or times and in the manner specified in such notice. No defect in the notice or delivery thereof will affect the validity of redemption proceedings, except as required by applicable law.

If a redemption date falls after a record date and prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, however, each holder of Series D Preferred Stock at the close of business on that record date will be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares before the dividend payment date.

# Change of Control

If a Change of Control Triggering Event occurs with respect to the Series D Preferred Stock, unless we have exercised our option to redeem such Series D Preferred Stock as described above, holders of the Series D Preferred Stock will have the right to require us to redeem (a "Change of Control Redemption") the Series D Preferred Stock at a price equal to the liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends up to but excluding the date of payment, but without interest (a "Change of Control Payment"). Within 30 days following any Change of Control Triggering Event or, at our option, prior to any Change of Control Triggering Event, but after public announcement of the transaction that constitutes or may constitute the Change of Control Triggering Event and offering to redeem such Series D Preferred Stock on the date specified in the applicable notice, which date will be no earlier than 30 days and no later than 60 days from the date such notice is mailed (a "Change of Control Payment Date"). The notice will, if mailed prior to the date of consummation of the Change of Control Triggering Event, state that the Change of Control Redemption is conditioned on the Change of Control Triggering Event occurring on or prior to the applicable Change of Control Payment Date.

We will not be required to make a Change of Control Redemption upon the occurrence of a Change of Control Triggering Event if a third party makes such an offer in the manner, at the times and otherwise in compliance with the requirements for an offer made by us and the third party redeems all Series D Preferred Stock properly tendered and not withdrawn under its offer.

We will comply with the requirements of Rule 14e-1 under the Exchange Act, and any other securities laws and regulations thereunder to the extent those laws and regulations are applicable in connection with the redemption of the Series D Preferred Stock as a result of a Change of Control Triggering Event. To the extent that the provisions of any such securities laws or regulations conflict with the Change of Control Redemption provisions of the Series D

Preferred Stock, we will comply with those securities laws and regulations and will not be deemed to have breached our obligations under the Change of Control Redemption provisions of the Series D Preferred Stock by virtue of any such conflict.

For purposes of the foregoing discussion of the redemption of the Series D Preferred Stock at the option of the holders, the following definitions are applicable.

"Capital Stock" of a corporation means the capital stock of every class whether now or hereafter authorized, regardless of whether such capital stock shall be limited to a fixed sum or percentage with respect to the rights of the holders thereof to participate in dividends and in the distribution of assets upon the voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of such corporation.

"Change of Control Triggering Event" means the occurrence of any of the following: (1) the direct or indirect sale, lease, transfer, conveyance or other disposition (other than by way of merger or consolidation), in one or more series of related transactions, of all or substantially all of our assets and the assets of our subsidiaries, taken as a whole, to any Person, other than us or one of our subsidiaries; (2) the consummation of any transaction (including, without limitation, any merger or consolidation) the result of which is that any Person becomes the beneficial owner (as defined in Rules 13d-3 and 13d-5 under the Exchange Act), directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of our outstanding Voting Stock or other Voting Stock into which our Voting Stock is reclassified, consolidated, exchanged or changed, measured by voting power rather than number of shares; (3) we consolidate with, or merge with or into, any Person, or any Person consolidates with, or merges with or into, us, in any such event pursuant to a transaction in which any of our outstanding Voting Stock or the Voting Stock of such other Person is converted into or exchanged for cash, securities or other property, other than any such transaction where the shares of our Voting Stock outstanding immediately prior to such transaction constitute, or are converted into or exchanged for, a majority of the Voting Stock of the surviving Person or any direct or indirect parent company of the surviving Person immediately after giving effect to such transaction; (4) the first day on which a majority of the members of our Board of Directors are not Continuing Directors; or (5) the adoption of a plan relating to our liquidation or dissolution. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a transaction will not be deemed to involve a Change of Control Triggering Event under clause (2) above if (i) we become a direct or indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of a holding company and (ii)(A) the direct or indirect holders of the Voting Stock of such holding company immediately following that transaction are substantially the same as the holders of our Voting Stock immediately prior to that transaction or (B) immediately following that transaction no Person (other than a holding company satisfying the requirements of this sentence) is the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 50% of the Voting Stock of such holding company.

"Continuing Directors" means, as of any date of determination, any member of our Board of Directors who (A) was a member of such Board of Directors on the date the Series D Preferred Stock was issued or (B) was nominated for election, elected or appointed to such Board of Directors with the approval of a majority of the continuing directors who were members of such Board of Directors at the time of such nomination, election or appointment (either by a specific vote or by approval of a proxy statement in which such member was named as a nominee for election as a director, without objection to such nomination).

"Person" has the meaning given thereto in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act.

"Voting Stock" means, with respect to any specified Person that is a corporation as of any date, the Capital Stock of such Person that is at the time entitled to vote generally in the election of the Board of Directors of such Person.

# Liquidation Preference

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock will be entitled to be paid, out of our assets legally available

for distribution to our stockholders, a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the date of payment, but without interest, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of our common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock that ranks junior to the Series D Preferred Stock as to liquidation rights. If our assets legally available for distribution to stockholders are insufficient to pay in full the liquidation preference on the Series D Preferred Stock and the liquidation preference on any shares of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series D Preferred Stock, all assets distributed to the holders of Series D Preferred Stock and any other series of preferred stock on parity with the Series D Preferred Stock will be distributed ratably so that the amount of assets distributed per share of Series D Preferred Stock and such other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series D Preferred Stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that the liquidation preference per share on the Series D Preferred Stock and on such other series of preferred stock bear to each other. Written notice of any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, stating the payment date or dates when, and the place or places where, the amounts distributable in such circumstances will be payable, will be given by first class mail, postage pre-paid, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the payment date stated therein, to each record holder of the Series D Preferred Stock at the respective addresses of such holders as the same appear on the stock transfer records of the Company. After payment of the full amount of the liquidation preference, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends to which they are entitled, the holders of Series D Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. If we convert into or consolidate or merge with or into any other corporation, trust or entity, effect a statutory share exchange or sell, lease, transfer or convey all or substantially all of our property or business, we will not be deemed to have liquidated, dissolved or wound up.

#### Rank

The Series D Preferred Stock ranks, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution:

- senior to all classes or series of our common stock and any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking junior to the Series D Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- on parity with our Series B Preferred Stock, Series C Preferred Stock and Series E Preferred Stock and any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the Series D Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- junior to any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the Series D Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, none of which exists on the date hereof; and
- junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness.

# Voting Rights

Holders of the Series D Preferred Stock will not have any voting rights, except as described below. Whenever dividends on any shares of Series D Preferred Stock are in arrears for 18 or more consecutive months, then the holders of those shares together with the holders of all other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series D Preferred Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, will be entitled to vote separately as a class for the election of a total of two additional directors on our Board of Directors.

The election of these directors will take place at a special meeting called upon the written request of the holders of record of at least 20% of the outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock or holders of record of at least 20% of any class or series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series D Preferred Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (unless such request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of stockholders) or at the next annual meeting of stockholders, and at each subsequent annual meeting until all dividends accumulated from past dividend periods and the then current dividend period have been paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for payment set apart). A quorum for any such meeting will exist if at least a majority of the total outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock and outstanding shares of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series D Preferred Stock entitled to like voting rights are represented in person or by proxy at that meeting. The directors elected as described above will be elected upon the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares of Series D Preferred Stock and such preferred stock equal in rank with the Series D Preferred Stock, voting separately as a single class, present and voting in person or by proxy at a duly called and held meeting at which a quorum is present. If and when all accumulated dividends and the dividend for the then current dividend period on the Series D Preferred Stock have been paid in full or declared or set apart for payment in full the holders of the Series D Preferred Stock will be divested of the right to elect directors and, if all dividend arrearages have been paid in full or declared and set apart for payment in full on all series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights, the term of office of each director so elected will terminate. Any director so elected may be removed at any time with or without cause by, and may not be removed otherwise than by the vote of, the holders of record of a majority of the total outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock having the voting rights described above and outstanding shares of all classes of series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights, voting separately as a single class. So long as a dividend arrearage continues, any vacancy in the office of a director elected as described above may be filled by written consent of the director elected as described above who remains in office, or if none remains in office, by a vote of the holders of record of the total outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock when they have the voting rights described above and outstanding shares of all classes or series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights, voting separately as a single class. These directors will each be entitled to one vote per director on any matter.

So long as any shares of Series D Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Series D Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (voting separately as a class), amend, alter or repeal the provisions of our charter, including the articles supplementary designating the Series D Preferred Stock, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series D Preferred Stock. However, with respect to the occurrence of any event listed above, so long as the Series D Preferred Stock remains outstanding (or shares issued by a surviving entity in substitution for the Series D Preferred Stock) with its terms materially unchanged, taking into account that upon the occurrence of such an event, we may not be the surviving entity, the occurrence of any such event will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting power of holders of the Series D Preferred Stock. In addition (i) any increase in the number of authorized shares of preferred stock or the creation or issuance of any other class or series D Preferred Stock or (iii) any increase in the number of authorized shares of such class or series, in each case ranking equal with or junior to the Series D Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required is effected, all outstanding shares of Series D

Preferred Stock have been redeemed or called for redemption upon proper notice and sufficient funds have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.

#### Conversion

The Series D Preferred Stock is not convertible into or exchangeable for any of our other property or securities.

### **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for the Series D Preferred Stock is Computershare, Inc.

#### Series E Preferred Stock

#### Dividends

Holders of shares of the Series E Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive, when, as and if authorized by our Board of Directors (or a duly authorized committee of the board) and declared by us, out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, preferential cumulative cash dividends at the rate of 5.00% per annum of the liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share (equivalent to a fixed annual amount of \$1.25 per share).

Dividends on shares of the Series E Preferred Stock will accrue and be paid on the basis of a 360-day year consisting of twelve 30-day months. Dividends on outstanding shares of the Series E Preferred Stock will accrue and be cumulative from the end of the most recent dividend period for which dividends have been paid or, if no dividends have been paid, from the date of issuance. If a share of Series E Preferred Stock is issued after the Dividend Record Date (as defined below) for the dividend period in which such share is issued, dividends on such share shall accrue and be cumulative from the beginning of the first dividend period commencing after its issuance. Dividends will be payable monthly in arrears, on or about the fifth day of each month for dividends accrued the previous month or such other date as our Board of Directors may designate, to holders of record as they appear in our stock records at the close of business on the applicable record date. The record date for each dividend will be designated by our Board of Directors and will be a date that is prior to the dividend payment date.

Our Board of Directors will not authorize, and we will not declare, pay or set apart for payment, any dividends on shares of Series E Preferred Stock at any time that the terms and provisions of any of our agreements, including any agreement relating to our indebtedness, prohibits that action or provides that the authorization, declaration, payment or setting apart for payment of those dividends would constitute a breach of or a default under any such agreement, or if such action is restricted or prohibited by law.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, dividends on the Series E Preferred Stock will accumulate whether or not (1) restrictions exist in respect thereof, (2) we have earnings, (3) there are funds legally available for the payment of such dividends, or (4) our Board of Directors authorizes or we declare such dividends. Accumulated but unpaid dividends on the Series E Preferred Stock will not bear interest, and holders of the Series E Preferred Stock will not be entitled to any distributions in excess of full cumulative dividends described above.

If we do not declare and either pay or set apart for payment the full cumulative dividends on the Series E Preferred Stock and all shares of capital stock that are equal in rank with Series E Preferred Stock (including shares of the Series B Preferred Stock, Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock), the amount which we have declared will be allocated ratably to the Series E Preferred Stock and to each series of shares of capital stock equal in rank so that the

amount declared for each share of Series E Preferred Stock and for each share of each series of capital stock equal in rank is proportionate to the accrued and unpaid dividends on those shares.

Except as provided in the immediately preceding paragraph, unless full cumulative dividends on the Series E Preferred Stock have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment is set apart for payment) for all past dividend periods, no dividends (other than in shares of common stock or other shares of capital stock ranking junior to the Series E Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation) will be declared and paid or declared and set apart for payment nor will any other distribution be declared and made upon our common stock, or any of our other capital stock ranking junior to or equal with the Series E Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation, nor will we redeem, purchase, or otherwise acquire for any consideration (or pay or make any monies available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such shares) any shares of our common stock, or any other shares of our capital stock ranking junior to or equal with the Series E Preferred Stock as to dividends or upon liquidation (except by conversion into or exchange for any of our capital stock ranking junior to the Series E Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation or redemption for the purpose of preserving our qualification as a REIT).

### Ranking

The Series E Preferred Stock ranks, with respect to dividend rights and rights upon our liquidation, winding-up or dissolution:

- senior to all classes or series of our common stock and any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking junior to the Series E Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- on parity with our Series B Preferred Stock, Series C Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock and any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking on parity with the Series E Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights and rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up;
- junior to any future class or series of our capital stock expressly designated as ranking senior to the Series E Preferred Stock with respect to dividend rights or rights upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, none of which exists on the date hereof; and
- junior to all of our existing and future indebtedness.

# Redemption by Stockholders

Optional Redemption Following Death of a Holder

Subject to the restrictions described under "-Stockholder Redemption Option," and the terms and procedures described below under "-Redemption Procedures," commencing on the date of original issuance and terminating upon the listing of the Series E Preferred Stock on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, shares of Series E Preferred Stock held by a natural person upon his or her death will be redeemed at the written request of the holder's estate for a cash payment of \$25.00 per share of Series E Preferred Stock on the Death Redemption Date, which is the tenth calendar day following delivery of such holder's estate's request to redeem shares of the Series E Preferred Stock, or if such tenth calendar day is not a business day, on the next succeeding business day.

Stockholder Redemption Option

Subject to the restrictions described herein, and the terms and procedures described below under "-Redemption Procedures," commencing on the date of original issuance (or, if after the date of original issuance our Board of Directors suspends the redemption program of the holders of the Series E Preferred Stock, on the date our Board of Directors reinstates such program) and terminating on the earlier to occur of (1) the date upon which our Board of Directors, by resolution, suspends or terminates the redemption program, and (2) the date on which shares of the Series E Preferred Stock are listed on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, holders of the Series E Preferred Stock may, at their option, require us to redeem any or all of their shares of Series E Preferred Stock for a cash payment of \$22.50 per share of Series E Preferred Stock on the Stockholder Redemption Date, which is the tenth calendar day following delivery of such holder's request to redeem shares of the Series E Preferred Stock, or if such tenth calendar day is not a business day, on the next succeeding business day. The maximum dollar amount that we will make available each calendar year to redeem shares of Series E Preferred Stock will not be subject to an annual limit; provided, that our obligation to redeem shares of Series E Preferred Stock is limited to the extent that our Board of Directors determines, in its sole and absolute discretion, that we do not have sufficient funds available to fund any such redemption or we are restricted by applicable law from making such redemption; and is also limited to the extent our Board of Directors suspends or terminates the optional redemption right at any time or for any reason, including after delivery of a Stockholder Redemption Notice but prior to the corresponding Stockholder Redemption Date.

### Redemption Procedures

To require us to redeem shares of Series E Preferred Stock, a holder or estate of a holder, as applicable, must deliver a notice of redemption, by overnight delivery or by first class mail, postage prepaid to us at our principal executive offices. Each such notice must be an original, notarized copy and must state: (1) the name and address of the stockholder whose shares of Series E Preferred Stock are requested to be redeemed, (2) the number of shares of Series E Preferred Stock requested to be redeemed, (3) the name of the broker dealer who holds the shares of Series E Preferred Stock requested to be redeemed, the stockholder's account number with such broker dealer and such broker dealer's participant number for DTC and (4) in the case of a notice to redeem upon the death of a holder, a certified copy of the death certificate (and such other evidence that is satisfactory to us in our sole discretion) for the natural person who previously held the shares to be redeemed.

If, as a result of the limitations described under "-Stockholder Redemption Option," the optional redemption right has not been suspended or terminated but fewer than all shares for which a notice of redemption was delivered to us are to be redeemed, the number of shares to be redeemed will be pro rata based on the number of shares of Series E Preferred Stock for which each holder timely submitted a notice of redemption. If a Stockholder Redemption Date is also a Death Redemption Date, the limitations described under "-Stockholder Redemption Option" shall first be applied to any redemption requested upon the death of the holder and then to shares to be redeemed pursuant to the Stockholder Redemption Option.

Upon any redemption of shares of Series E Preferred Stock, the holder thereof will also be entitled to receive a sum equal to all accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the applicable Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date (unless such Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date falls after a dividend record date and on or prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, in which case each holder of shares of Series E Preferred Stock on such dividend record date will be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date, notwithstanding the redemption of such shares on or prior to such dividend payment date, and each holder of shares of Series E Preferred Stock that are redeemed on such Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date will be entitled to the dividends, if any, occurring after the end of the dividend period to which such

dividend payment date relates up to, but excluding, the Stockholder Redemption Date or Death Redemption Date, as the case may be). Upon the redemption of any shares of Series E Preferred Stock, such shares of Series E Preferred Stock will cease to be outstanding, dividends with respect to such shares of Series E Preferred Stock will cease to accumulate and all rights whatsoever with respect to such shares (except the right to receive the per share cash payment for the redeeming shares) will terminate.

We may suspend or terminate the redemption program at any time in our sole discretion.

# Optional Redemption by the Company

Except in certain limited circumstances relating to maintaining our qualification as a REIT as described in "-Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer," we cannot redeem the Series E Preferred Stock prior to the later of (1) first anniversary of the Termination Date and (2) January 1, 2026.

On and after the later of (1) first anniversary of the Termination Date and (2) January 1, 2026, at our sole option upon not less than 30 nor more than 60 days' written notice, we may redeem shares of the Series E Preferred Stock, in whole or in part, at any time or from time to time, for cash at a redemption price of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to all accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the date fixed for redemption, without interest. Holders of Series E Preferred Stock to be redeemed must then surrender such Series E Preferred Stock at the place designated in the notice. Upon surrender of the Series E Preferred Stock, the holders will be entitled to the redemption price. If notice of redemption of any shares of Series E Preferred Stock has been given and if we have deposited the funds necessary for such redemption with the paying agent for the benefit of the holders of any of the shares of Series E Preferred Stock to be redeemed, then from and after the redemption date, dividends will cease to accumulate on those shares of Series E Preferred Stock, those shares of Series E Preferred Stock will no longer be deemed outstanding and all rights of the holders of such shares will terminate, except the right to receive the redemption price. If less than all of the outstanding Series E Preferred Stock is to be redeemed, the Series E Preferred Stock to be redeemed will be selected (1) pro rata, (2) by lot or (3) by any other fair and equitable method that our Board of Directors may choose.

Unless full cumulative dividends for all applicable past dividend periods on all shares of Series E Preferred Stock and any shares of stock that rank on parity with regards to dividends and upon liquidation have been or contemporaneously are declared and paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for payment set apart for payment), no shares of Series E Preferred Stock will be redeemed. In such event, we also will not purchase or otherwise acquire directly or indirectly any shares of Series E Preferred Stock (except by exchange for our capital stock ranking junior to the Series E Preferred Stock as to dividends and upon liquidation). However, the foregoing will not prevent us from purchasing shares pursuant to our charter, in order to ensure that we continue to meet the requirements for qualification as a REIT, or from acquiring shares of Series E Preferred Stock pursuant to a purchase or exchange offer made on the same terms to holders of all outstanding shares of Series E Preferred Stock and any shares of stock that rank on parity with regards to dividends and upon liquidation. Upon listing, if any, of the Series E Preferred Stock on Nasdaq or another national securities exchange, so long as no dividends are in arrears, we will be entitled at any time and from time to time to repurchase shares of Series E Preferred Stock in open-market transactions duly authorized by the Board of Directors and effected in compliance with applicable laws.

We will deliver a notice of redemption, by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or electronically to holders thereof, or request our agent, on behalf of us, to promptly do so by overnight delivery, by first class mail, postage prepaid or electronically. The notice will be

provided not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption in such notice. Each such notice will state: (1) the date for redemption; (2) the number of shares of Series E Preferred Stock to be redeemed; (3) the CUSIP number for the Series E Preferred Stock; (4) the applicable redemption price on a per share basis; (5) if applicable, the place or places where the certificate(s) for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the price for redemption; (6) that dividends on the Series E Preferred Stock to be redeemed will cease to accumulate from and after such date of redemption; and (7) the applicable provisions of our charter under which such redemption is made. If fewer than all shares held by any holder are to be redeemed, the notice delivered to such holder will also specify the number of Series E Preferred Stock to be redeemed from such holder or the method of determining such number. We may provide in any such notice that such redemption is subject to one or more conditions precedent and that we will not be required to effect such redemption unless each such condition has been satisfied at the time or times and in the manner specified in such notice. No defect in the notice or delivery thereof will affect the validity of redemption proceedings, except as required by applicable law.

If a redemption date falls after a record date and on or prior to the corresponding dividend payment date, each holder of Series E Preferred Stock at the close of business on that record date will be entitled to the dividend payable on such shares on the corresponding dividend payment date notwithstanding the redemption of such shares before the dividend payment date, each holder of shares Series E Preferred Stock that are redeemed on such redemption date will be entitled to the dividends, if any, accruing after the end of the dividend period for which such dividend payment date relates up to, but excluding, the redemption date.

### Liquidation Preference

In the event of our voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up, the holders of shares of Series E Preferred Stock will be entitled to be paid, out of our assets legally available for distribution to our stockholders, a liquidation preference of \$25.00 per share, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends on such shares to, but excluding, the date of payment, but without interest, before any distribution of assets is made to holders of our common stock or any other class or series of our capital stock that ranks junior to the Series E Preferred Stock as to liquidation rights. If our assets legally available for distribution to stockholders are insufficient to pay in full the liquidation preference on the Series E Preferred Stock and the liquidation preference on any shares of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series E Preferred Stock, all assets distributed to the holders of the Series E Preferred Stock and any other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series E Preferred Stock will be distributed ratably so that the amount of assets distributed per share of Series E Preferred Stock and such other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series E Preferred Stock will in all cases bear to each other the same ratio that the liquidation preference per share on the Series E Preferred Stock and on such other series of preferred stock bear to each other. Written notice of any such liquidation, dissolution or winding up of us, stating the payment date or dates when, and the place or places where, the amounts distributable in such circumstances will be payable, will be given by first class mail, postage pre-paid, not less than 30 nor more than 60 days prior to the payment date stated therein, to each record holder of the Series E Preferred Stock at the respective addresses of such holders as the same appear on the stock transfer records of the Company. After payment of the full amount of the liquidation preference, plus an amount equal to any accumulated and unpaid dividends to which they are entitled, the holders of Series E Preferred Stock will have no right or claim to any of our remaining assets. If we convert into or consolidate or merge with or into any other corporation, trust or entity, effect a statutory share exchange or sell, lease, transfer or convey all or substantially all of our property or business, we will not be deemed to have liquidated, dissolved or wound up.

**Voting Rights** 

Holders of the Series E Preferred Stock will not have any voting rights, except as described below.

Whenever dividends on any shares of Series E Preferred Stock are in arrears for 18 or more consecutive months, then the holders of those shares together with the holders of all other series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series E Preferred Stock upon which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable, will be entitled to vote separately as a class for the election of a total of two additional directors on our Board of Directors.

The election of these directors will take place at a special meeting called upon the written request of the holders of record of at least 20% of the outstanding shares of Series E Preferred Stock or holders of record of at least 20% of any class or series of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series E Preferred Stock which like voting rights have been conferred and are exercisable (unless such request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of stockholders) or at the next annual meeting of stockholders, and at each subsequent annual meeting until all dividends accumulated from past dividend periods and the then current dividend period have been paid (or declared and a sum sufficient for payment set apart). A quorum for any such meeting will exist if at least a majority of the total outstanding shares of Series E Preferred Stock and outstanding shares of preferred stock equal in rank with the Series E Preferred Stock entitled to like voting rights are represented in person or by proxy at that meeting. The directors elected as described above will be elected upon the affirmative vote of a plurality of the votes cast by the holders of shares of Series E Preferred Stock and preferred stock equal in rank with the Series E Preferred Stock, voting separately as a single class, present and voting in person or by proxy at a duly called and held meeting at which a quorum is present. If and when all accumulated dividends and the dividend for the then current dividend period on the Series E Preferred Stock have been paid in full or declared or set apart for payment in full the holders of the Series E Preferred Stock will be divested of the right to elect directors and, if all dividend arrearages have been paid in full or declared and set apart for payment in full on all series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights, the term of office of each director so elected will terminate. Any director so elected may be removed at any time with or without cause by, and may not be removed otherwise than by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast collectively by the holders of record of the outstanding shares of the Series E Preferred Stock having the voting rights described above and the holders of all classes or

series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights (voting separately as a single class). So long as a dividend arrearage continues, any vacancy in the office of a director elected as described above may be filled by written consent of the director elected as described above who remains in office, or if none remains in office, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes entitled to be cast collectively by the holders of record of the outstanding shares of Series E Preferred Stock when they have the voting rights described above and the holders of all classes or series of preferred stock entitled to like voting rights, by majority vote (voting separately as a single class). These directors will each be entitled to one vote per director on any matter.

So long as any shares of Series E Preferred Stock remain outstanding, we will not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least two-thirds of the shares of the Series E Preferred Stock outstanding at the time, given in person or by proxy, either in writing or at a meeting (voting separately as a class), amend, alter or repeal the provisions of our charter, including the articles supplementary designating the Series E Preferred Stock, whether by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to materially and adversely affect any right, preference, privilege or voting power of the Series E Preferred Stock. However, with respect to the occurrence of any event listed above, so long as the Series E Preferred Stock remains outstanding (or shares issued by a surviving entity in substitution for the Series E Preferred Stock) with its terms materially unchanged, taking into account that upon the occurrence of such an event, we may not be the surviving entity, the occurrence of any such event will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting power of holders of

the Series E Preferred Stock. In addition (i) any increase in the number of authorized shares of Series E Preferred Stock, (ii) any increase in the number of authorized shares of preferred stock or the creation or issuance of any other class or series of preferred stock or (iii) any increase in the number of authorized shares of such class or series, in each case ranking equal with or junior to the Series E Preferred Stock with respect to payment of dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, will not be deemed to materially and adversely affect such rights, preferences, privileges or voting powers.

The foregoing voting provisions will not apply if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to which such vote would otherwise be required is effected, all outstanding shares of Series E Preferred Stock have been redeemed or called for redemption upon proper notice and sufficient funds have been deposited in trust to effect such redemption.

# **Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for the Series E Preferred Stock is Computershare, Inc.

# Listing

We intend to apply to list the Series E Preferred Stock on Nasdaq within one calendar year of the Termination Date (as defined in the Articles Supplementary setting forth the terms of the Series E Preferred Stock). There can be no assurance that a listing will be achieved in such timeframe, or at all.

# CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF MARYLAND LAW AND OF OUR CHARTER AND BYLAWS

### Classification of our Board of Directors

Our board of directors is currently comprised of eight members. Our board is divided into three classes of directors. Directors of each class are elected for a term expiring at the third annual meeting following their election and until their respective successor is duly elected and qualifies, and each year one class of directors will be elected by the stockholders. Our board of directors has the sole power to fill any vacancy on the board of directors and any director elected to fill a vacancy shall serve for the remainder of the full term of the class in which the vacancy occurred and until a successor is elected and qualifies. We believe that classification of our board of directors helps to assure the continuity and stability of our business strategies and policies as determined by our directors. Holders of shares of our common stock have no right to cumulative voting in the election of directors. Consequently, at each annual meeting of stockholders, the holders of a majority of the capital stock entitled to vote are able to elect all of the successors of the class of directors whose terms expire at that meeting.

Our classified board could have the effect of making the replacement of incumbent directors more time consuming and difficult. At least two annual meetings of stockholders, instead of one, will generally be required to effect a change in a majority of our board of directors. Thus, our classified board could increase the likelihood that incumbent directors will retain their positions. The staggered terms of directors may delay, defer or prevent a tender offer or an attempt to change control of us or another transaction that might involve a premium price for our common stock that might be in the best interest of our stockholders.

#### Removal of Directors

Any director may be removed only for cause by the stockholders upon the affirmative vote of at least two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast generally in the election of directors.

## **Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer**

To qualify and maintain status as a REIT, not more than 50% of our outstanding shares may be owned by any five or fewer individuals (including some tax-exempt entities) during the last half of each taxable year, and the outstanding shares must be owned by 100 or more persons independent of us and each other during at least 335 days of a 12-month taxable year or during a proportionate part of a shorter taxable year for which an election to be treated as a REIT is made. These requirements do not apply to us for our first taxable year for which we elect to be taxed as a REIT for federal income tax purposes. In order to assist our board of directors in becoming a REIT and preserving our status as a REIT, among other purposes, our charter contains ownership limits which prohibit any person or group of persons from acquiring, directly or indirectly, beneficial ownership of more than 3.3% in value of our outstanding shares of capital stock or more than 3.3% in value or in number of shares (whichever is more restrictive) of our outstanding shares of common stock, other than David Gladstone, who currently owns approximately 7.2% of our outstanding capital stock, and the Gladstone Future Trust, that currently owns approximately 1.9% of our outstanding capital stock, and certain qualified institutional investors who may own up to 9.8%.

The 3.3% ownership limit does not apply to any underwriter, placement agent or initial purchaser that participates in a public offering, a private placement or other private offering of our capital stock (or securities convertible or exchangeable for capital stock) in a public offering of our shares, only to the extent necessary to facilitate such offering.

#### **Distributions**

Distributions will be paid to stockholders as of the record date selected by our board of directors. We generally pay distributions on a monthly basis regardless of the frequency with which such distributions are declared. To qualify as a REIT, we are required to make distributions sufficient to satisfy the REIT requirements. Generally, income distributed as distributions will not be taxable to us under federal income tax laws unless we fail to comply with the REIT requirements.

Distributions are authorized at the discretion of our board of directors based on our earnings, cash flow and general financial condition. The directors' discretion will be governed, in substantial part, by their obligation to cause us to comply with the REIT requirements. Because we may receive income from interest or rents at various times during our fiscal year, distributions may not reflect our income earned in that particular distribution period but may be made in anticipation of cash flow which we expect to receive during a later month and may be made in advance of actual receipt in an attempt to make distributions relatively uniform. We may borrow to make distributions if the borrowing is necessary to maintain our REIT status, or if the borrowing is part of a liquidation strategy whereby the borrowing is done in anticipation of the sale of properties and the proceeds will be used to repay the loan.

### **Information Rights**

Any stockholder may, during normal business hours and for any lawful and proper purpose, inspect and copy our bylaws, minutes of the proceedings of our stockholders meetings, our annual statement of affairs and any voting trust agreement that is on file at our principal office. In addition, one or more stockholders who together are, and for at least six months have been, record or beneficial holders of 5% of any class of our stock are entitled to inspect our books of accounts or a copy of our stockholder list upon written request. The list will include the name

and address of, and the number of shares owned by, each stockholder and will be available at our principal office within 20 days of the stockholder's request.

The rights of stockholders described above are in addition to, and do not adversely affect rights provided to investors under, Rule 14a-7 promulgated under the Exchange Act. Rule 14a-7 provides that, upon request of investors and the payment of the expenses of the distribution, we are required to distribute specific materials to stockholders in the context of the solicitation of proxies for voting on matters presented to stockholders, or, at our option, provide requesting stockholders with a copy of the list of stockholders so that the requesting stockholders may make the distribution themselves.

#### **Business Combinations**

The MGCL prohibits "business combinations" between a corporation and an interested stockholder or an affiliate of an interested stockholder for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. These business combinations include a merger, consolidation, statutory share exchange, or, in circumstances specified in the statute, certain transfers of assets, certain stock issuances and transfers, liquidation plans and reclassifications involving interested stockholders and their affiliates. The MGCL defines an interested stockholder as:

- any person who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the voting power of our outstanding voting stock; or
- an affiliate or associate of the corporation who, at any time within the two-year period immediately prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of 10% or more of the voting power of the then-outstanding stock of the corporation.
- A person is not an interested stockholder if the board of directors approves in advance the transaction by which the person otherwise
  would have become an interested stockholder. However, in approving the transaction, the board of directors may provide that its
  approval is subject to compliance, at or after the time of approval, with any terms and conditions determined by the board of directors.

After the five-year prohibition, any business combination between a corporation and an interested stockholder generally must be recommended by the board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of at least:

- · 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of the then outstanding shares of voting stock; and
- two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of the voting stock other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom or with whose affiliate the business combination is to be effected or shares held by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder.

These super-majority vote requirements do not apply if the common stockholders receive a minimum price, as defined under the MGCL, for their shares in the form of cash or other consideration in the same form as previously paid by the interested stockholder for its shares.

The statute permits various exemptions from its provisions, including business combinations that are approved by the board of directors before the time that the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder.

### Subtitle 8

Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the MGCL permits a Maryland corporation with a class of equity securities registered under the Exchange Act and at least three independent directors to elect to be subject, by provision in its charter or bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and notwithstanding any contrary provision in the charter or bylaws, to any or all of five provisions:

- a classified board of directors;
- a two-thirds vote requirement for removing a director;
- a requirement that the number of directors be fixed only by vote of the directors;
- a requirement that a vacancy on the board be filled only by the remaining directors and for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred; and
- a majority requirement for the calling by stockholders of a special meeting of stockholders.

Through provisions in our charter and bylaws unrelated to Subtitle 8, we already (a) have a classified board, (b) require a two-thirds vote for the removal of any director from the board, (c) vest in the board the exclusive power to fix the number of directorships and (d) require, unless called by our chairman, our chief executive officer, our president, a majority of our directors or a majority of our independent directors, the request of stockholders entitled to cast not less than a majority of all votes entitled to be cast to call a special meeting. We have elected that, except as may be provided by our board of directors in setting the terms of any class or series of stock, any and all vacancies on the board may be filled only by the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining directors in office, even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum, and any director elected to fill a vacancy will serve for the remainder of the full term of the class in which such vacancy occurred and until his or her successor is duly elected and qualifies.

# Amendments to Our Charter and Bylaws

Except for amendments to the provisions of our charter relating to the removal of directors and the restrictions on ownership and transfer of our shares of stock and the vote required to amend these provisions (each of which must be advised by our board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast not less than two-thirds of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter), our charter generally may be amended only if approved and advised by our board of directors and approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

Our board of directors has the exclusive power to adopt, alter or repeal any provision of our bylaws and to make new bylaws.

# **Extraordinary Transactions**

Under the MGCL, a Maryland corporation generally cannot dissolve, merge, sell all or substantially all of its assets, convert into another entity, engage in a statutory share exchange or engage in similar transactions outside the ordinary course of business unless approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast at least two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter unless a lesser percentage (but not less than a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter) is set forth in the corporation's charter. As permitted by the MGCL, our charter provides that any of these actions except for the charter amendments described above

may be approved by the affirmative vote of stockholders entitled to cast a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

# **Operations**

We generally are prohibited from engaging in certain activities, including acquiring or holding property or engaging in any activity that would cause us to fail to qualify as a REIT.

### **Term and Termination**

Our charter provides for us to have a perpetual existence. Pursuant to our charter, and subject to the provisions of any of our classes or series of stock then outstanding and the approval by a majority of the entire board of directors, our stockholders by the affirmative vote of a majority of all of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, may approve a plan of liquidation and dissolution.

#### **Advance Notice of Director Nominations and New Business**

Our bylaws provide that, with respect to an annual meeting of stockholders, nominations of persons for election to our board of directors and the proposal of business to be considered by stockholders at the annual meeting may be made only:

- pursuant to our notice of the meeting;
- by or at the direction of our board of directors; or
- by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record at the time of the provision of notice, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice procedures set forth in our bylaws.

With respect to special meetings of stockholders, only the business specified in our notice of meeting may be brought before the meeting of stockholders and nominations of persons for election to our board of directors at which directors are to be elected pursuant to our notice of the meeting may be made only:

- by or at the direction of our board of directors; or
- by a stockholder who was a stockholder of record at the time of the provision of notice, who is entitled to vote at the meeting and who has complied with the advance notice provisions set forth in our bylaws.

# **Power to Issue Additional Shares**

In the future, we may issue additional securities, including upon the redemption of limited partnership interests that we may issue in connection with acquisitions of real property. We believe that the power to issue additional shares of stock and to classify or reclassify unissued shares of common stock or preferred stock into other classes or series of stock and thereafter to issue the classified or reclassified shares provides us with increased flexibility in structuring possible future financings and acquisitions and in meeting other needs which might arise. These actions can be taken without stockholder approval, unless stockholder approval is required by applicable law or the rules of any stock exchange or automated quotation system on which our securities may be listed or traded. Although we have no present intention of doing so, we could issue a class or series of shares that could delay, defer or prevent a transaction or a change in

control that might involve a premium price for holders of common stock or otherwise be in their best interest.

# **Control Share Acquisitions**

The MGCL provides that a holder of "control shares" of a Maryland corporation acquired in a "control share acquisition" has no voting rights with respect to such shares except to the extent approved at a special meeting by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter, excluding shares of stock in a corporation in respect of which any of the following persons is entitled to exercise or direct the exercise of the voting power of shares of stock of the corporation in the election of directors: (i) a person who makes or proposes to make a control share acquisition, (ii) an officer of the corporation or (iii) an employee of the corporation who is also a director of the corporation. "Control shares" are voting shares of stock which, if aggregated with all other such shares of stock previously acquired by the acquiror or in respect of which the acquiror is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power (except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy), would entitle the acquiror to exercise voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of voting power: (i) one-tenth or more but less than one-third, (ii) one-third or more but less than a majority, or (iii) a majority or more of all voting power. Control shares do not include shares that the acquiring person is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval. A "control share acquisition" means the acquisition of issued and outstanding control shares, subject to certain exceptions.

A person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition, upon satisfaction of certain conditions (including an undertaking to pay expenses and delivering an acquiring person statement), may compel our board of directors to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of demand to consider the voting rights of the shares. If no request for a meeting is made, the corporation may itself present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an acquiring person statement as required by the statute, then, subject to certain conditions and limitations, the corporation may redeem any or all of the control shares (except those for which voting rights have previously been approved) for fair value determined, without regard to the absence of voting rights for the control shares, as of the date of the last control share acquisition by the acquiror or of any meeting of stockholders at which the voting rights of such shares are considered and not approved. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquiror becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of such appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquiror in the control share acquisition.

The control share acquisition statute does not apply (a) to shares acquired in a merger, consolidation or share exchange if the corporation is a party to the transaction or (b) to acquisitions approved or exempted by the charter or bylaws of the corporation.

Our bylaws contain a provision exempting from the control share acquisition statute any and all acquisitions of shares of our stock by David Gladstone and any of his affiliates. There is no assurance that such provision will not be amended or eliminated at any time in the future.

### Possible Anti-Takeover Effect of Certain Provisions of Maryland Law and of Our Charter and Bylaws

The business combination provisions and the control share acquisition provisions of the MGCL; the classification of our board of directors; the restrictions on the transfer and ownership of stock and the advance notice provisions of our bylaws could have the effect of delaying, deferring or

preventing a transaction or a change in control that might involve a premium price for holders of common stock or otherwise be in their best interests.	

# FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE (NOTE F - TERM LOAN) AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT

Loan 202051 Effective Date: November 4, 2024

WHEREAS, Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, (the "**Borrower**") executed and delivered to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("**Lender**") that certain Promissory Note (Note F – Term Loan) in the original principal amount of \$100,000,000.00 dated February 3, 2022 (the "**Note F**"), along with that certain Loan Agreement dated February 20, 2020, as amended by that certain First Amendment to Loan Agreement dated February 3, 2022 ,and as amended by that certain Second Amendment to Loan Agreement dated December 14, 2023 (collectively, as amended, the "**Loan Agreement**"); and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested a modification of the terms of the Loan which necessitate modification of Note F and the Loan Agreement by this modification agreement (the "Modification Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Lender has agreed to Borrower's request subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, Borrower hereby covenants and agrees as set forth below:

- 1. <u>Defined Terms</u>. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall be in reference to those terms as they are defined in the Loan Agreement.
- 2. As of the Effective Date, the terms of Note F are hereby modified as follows:
  - a) Section 2(b) of Note F is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
  - "(b) Commencing on January 5, 2027 and continuing on the fifth (5 th) day of each July and January thereafter, Borrower shall make a semi-annual payments of principal in the amount equal to one and 75/100 percent (1.75%) of the outstanding principal balance of the Note as of January 5, 2027."
  - 3. As of the Effective Date, Section 3.1 of the Loan Agreement is hereby modified such that the reference in Section 3.1 to December 31, 2024 is deleted and replaced with December 31, 2026.
  - 4. In the event of any conflicts or inconsistencies between the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 2 or 3 of this Modification Agreement and Note F or the Loan Agreement, then the terms and conditions set forth in Sections 2 and 3 hereof shall control.
  - 6. The default rate of interest shall remain at 16%.
  - 7. In connection with the execution and delivery of this Modification Agreement, Borrower shall remit a service charge to Lender in the amount of \$2,000.00.

- 8. A default under this Agreement shall be a default under the Note and all other Loan Documents.
- 9. Borrower hereby restates and reaffirms all of the covenants, representations and warranties set forth in the Loan Agreement, as made as of the date of this Modification Agreement. In particular, all of the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4 of the Loan Agreement, as amended hereby, as applied to the Borrower and all of the Collateral, remain true, accurate, and complete. Except as specifically amended by this Modification Agreement, Note F and the Loan Agreement shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect. Borrower hereby reaffirms for the benefit of Lender each and every of the terms and provisions of the Notes and the Loan Agreement.
- 10. Borrower and Gladstone Land Corporation (the "Guarantor") acknowledge for the benefit of Lender that the Notes, Guaranty, dated February 20, 2020 by Guarantor in favor of Lender (the "Guaranty"), Loan Agreement, as amended hereby, the Security Instruments, and any other Loan Documents are valid and binding obligations enforceable in accordance with their terms, and neither Borrower nor Guarantor has any offset or defense against the indebtedness evidenced by the Notes or any obligations set forth in the Loan Documents.
- 11. Guarantor hereby confirms and reaffirms all of the representations, warranties, covenants and obligations of the Guaranty and the other Loan Documents, and further confirms and agrees that the Guarantor is and shall continue to be liable for all obligations arising under and in connection with the Loan.

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Borrower hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of this instrument.

In Witness Whereof, Borrower and Guarantor have executed this FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE (NOTE F – TERM LOAN) AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT as of the Effective Date

THIRD AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT as of the Effective Date.		
Borrower:	Guarantor:	
Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership	Gladstone Land Corporation, a Maryland corporation	
By: Gladstone Land Partners, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, its General Partner	By:/s/ David Gladstone David Gladstone President and CEO	
By: Gladstone Land Corporation, a Maryland corporation its Manager		
By:/s/ David Gladstone David Gladstone President and CEO		
This FIRST AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE (NOTE $F-TERM\ LOAN$ ) AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT has been acknowledged and accepted by Lender, as of the Effective Date.		
METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY a New York corporation		
By: MetLife Investment Management, LLC, its investment manager		
By:/s/ Rober Frudden Robert Frudden Authorized Signatory and Director		

### SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE (NOTE E – TERM FACILITY) AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT

Loan 200539 Effective Date: November 4, 2024

WHEREAS, Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, (the "Borrower") executed and delivered to Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("Lender") that certain Promissory Note (Note E – Term Facility) in the original principal amount of \$75,000,000.00 dated February 20, 2020 ("Original Note E"), as amended by that certain Promissory Note (Note # - Term Facility), Second Loan Agreement and Other Loan Documents Modification Agreement, dated October 15, 2022 ("Promissory Note and Loan Agreement Amendment", the Original Note E as amended by the Promissory Note and Loan Agreement Amendment, "Note E"), along with that certain Loan Agreement dated February 20, 2020, as amended by (i) that certain First Amendment to Loan Agreement dated February 3, 2022, (ii) the Promissory Note and Loan Agreement, (iii) that certain Second Amendment to Loan Agreement dated December 14, 2023 (collectively, as amended, the "Loan Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, the Borrower has requested a modification of the terms of the Loan which necessitate modification of Note E by this Modification Agreement (the "Modification Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, Lender has agreed to Borrower's request subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, for good and valuable consideration, Borrower hereby covenants and agrees as set forth below:

- 1. <u>Defined Terms</u>. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall be in reference to those terms as they are defined in the Loan Agreement.
- 2. As of the Effective Date, the terms of Note E are hereby modified as follows:
  - a) Section 2(b) of Note E is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:
    - "(b) Commencing on January 5, 2025, and continuing on the fifth (5 th) day of each July and January thereafter until the draw period expires, Borrower shall make semi-annual payment of principal in the amount equal to one and 75/100 percent (1.75%) of the outstanding principal balance of the Note as of January 5, 2025. Commencing on January 5, 2027 and continuing on the fifth (5th) day of each July and January thereafter, Borrower shall make a semi-annual payment of principal in the amount equal to one and 75/100 percent (1.75%) of the then-outstanding principal balance of the Note as of January 5, 2027."
    - b) The last two sentences of Section 14 of Note E are hereby deleted in their entirety and replaced with the following:

"Lender's commitment to additional disbursements under the Loan shall extend only to December 31, 2026. Effective January 1, 2027,

Borrower's obligation to pay accrued Unused Commitment Fees shall cease."

- 3. As of the Effective Date, Section 3.1 of the Loan Agreement is hereby modified such that reference in Section 3.1 to December 31, 2024 is deleted and replaced with December 31, 2026.
- 4. In the event of any conflicts or inconsistencies between the terms and conditions set forth in Section 2 or 3 of this Modification Agreement and Note E or Loan Agreement, then the terms and conditions set forth in this Section 2 and 3 above shall control.
- 5. The default rate of interest shall remain at 16%.
- 6. In connection with the execution and delivery of this Modification Agreement, Borrower shall remit a service charge to Lender in the amount of \$2,000.00.
- 7. A default under this agreement shall be a default under the Notes and all other Loan Documents.
- 8. Borrower hereby restates and reaffirms all of the covenants, representations and warranties set forth in the Loan Agreement, as made as of the date of this Modification Agreement. In particular, all of the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4 of the Loan Agreement, as amended hereby, as applied to the Borrower and all of the Collateral, remain true, accurate, and complete. Except as specifically amended by this Modification Agreement, Note E and the Loan Agreement shall remain unmodified and in full force and effect. Borrower hereby reaffirms for the benefit of Lender each and every of the terms and provisions of the Notes and the Loan Agreement.
- 9. Borrower and Gladstone Land Corporation (the "Guarantor") acknowledge for the benefit of Lender that the Notes, Guaranty Agreement, dated February 20, 2020 by Guarantor in favor Lender (the "Guaranty"), Loan Agreement, as amended hereby, the Security instruments, and any other Loan Documents are valid and binding obligations enforceable in accordance with their terms, and neither Borrower nor Guarantor has any offset or defense against the indebtedness evidenced by the Notes, the Guaranty or any obligations set forth in the Loan Documents.
- 10. Guarantor hereby confirms and reaffirms all of the representations, warranties, covenants and obligations of the Guaranty and the other Loan Documents, and further confirms and agrees that the Guarantor is and shall continue to be liable for all obligations arising under and in connection with the Loan

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Borrower hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of this instrument.

In Witness Whereof, Borrower and Guarantor have executed this SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE (NOTE E – TERM FACILITY) AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT as of the Effective Date.

**Borrower: Guarantor:** Gladstone Land Limited Partnership, Gladstone Land Corporation, a Delaware limited partnership a Maryland corporation By: Gladstone Land Partners, LLC, By: \_\_/s/ David Gladstone a Delaware limited liability company, David Gladstone its General Partner President and CEO By: Gladstone Land Corporation, a Maryland corporation its Manager By: /s/ David Gladstone David Gladstone President and CEO THIS SECOND AMENDMENT TO PROMISSORY NOTE (NOTE E – TERM FACILITY) AND THIRD AMENDMENT TO LOAN AGREEMENT HAS BEEN ACKNOWLEDGED AND ACCEPTED BY LENDER, AS OF THE EFFECTIVE DATE. METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY a New York corporation By: MetLife Investment Management, LLC, its investment manager By: \_\_/s/ Robert Frudden Robert Frudden **Authorized Signatory and Director** 

### Appendix A

Insider Trading Policy
For
Gladstone Capital Corporation
Gladstone Commercial Corporation
Gladstone Investment Corporation
Gladstone Land Corporation
Gladstone Alternative Income Fund
Gladstone Management Corporation
Gladstone Administration LLC
Gladstone Securities, LLC

This Insider Trading Policy (the "Policy") has been adopted to comply with Rules 17j-l under the Investment Company Act of 1940 (the "Investment Company Act") and 204A under the Investment Advisers' Act of 1940 (the "Advisers' Act") (the "Rules"). The Policy establishes standards and procedures designed to address conflicts of interest and detect and prevent abuse of fiduciary duty by persons with knowledge of the investments and investment intentions of Gladstone Management Corporation (the "Adviser"), Gladstone Administration LLC (the "Administrator"), Gladstone Securities, LLC, Gladstone Capital Corporation, Gladstone Commercial Corporation, Gladstone Investment Corporation, Gladstone Land Corporation, Gladstone Alternative Income Fund, their subsidiaries, and other funds managed and administered by the Adviser and the Administrator (collectively, the "Funds").

THIS POLICY WAS ORIGINALLY INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE INTO AND MADE A PART OF THE CODE OF ETHICS AND BUSINESS CONDUCT ADOPTED BY THE BOARDS OF DIRECTORS OF THE ADVISER AND THE FUNDS ON OCTOBER 11, 2005 (THE "CODE OF ETHICS"). ANY VIOLATION OF THIS POLICY IS SUBJECT TO SANCTIONS DESCRIBED IN THE CODE OF ETHICS.

#### (a) General Policy

(i) It is the policy of the Adviser, the Administrator and the Funds to oppose the unauthorized disclosure of any non-public information acquired in the workplace and the misuse of Material Non-public Information in securities trading. It is also the policy of the Adviser, the Administrator and the Funds to restrict trading of the Fund's securities in a manner that minimizes the possibility of any unintentional violation of the securities laws. We have adopted several specific restrictions, outlined in this Policy, to effect the Company's general policy.

- (ii) This Policy acknowledges the general principles that officers, directors and employees of the Adviser, the Administrator, the Funds or any other company in a Control relationship to the Adviser, the Administrator or the Funds, referred to in this Policy as "Covered Persons," (A) owe a fiduciary obligation to the Funds, the Administrator and the Adviser; (B) have the duty at all times to protect the interests of stockholders; (C) must conduct all personal securities transactions in such a manner as to avoid any actual or potential conflict of interest or abuse of an individual's position of trust and responsibility; and (D) should not take inappropriate advantage of their positions in relation to the Funds, the Administrator or the Adviser. In recognition of the relationship between Covered Persons and members of their immediate family sharing a household with the Covered Person and entities whose investment decisions are influenced or controlled by such individuals, this Policy also applies to such persons, who are referred to in this Policy as "Insiders."
- (iii) The Rules make it unlawful for Covered Persons to engage in conduct which is deceitful, fraudulent or manipulative, or which involves false or misleading statements, in connection with the purchase or sale of securities by an investment company. Accordingly, under the Rules and this Policy no Covered Person shall use any information concerning the investments or investment intentions of the Funds, or his or her ability to influence such investment intentions, for personal gain or in a manner detrimental to the interests of the Funds. In addition, the Rules and this Policy also contain additional restrictions for Covered Persons who are involved in or have access to information regarding securities recommendations made to the Funds, referred to in this Policy as Access Persons.
- (iv) Generally speaking, the restrictions in this Policy are time-based, to take account of events we know will occur on a regular basis, such as quarterly earnings releases, and circumstance-based, to address situations where information such as anticipated significant investment transactions, securities offerings, or any other such information that would likely affect the price of the Funds' securities, is not yet known to the general public.

#### (b) Definitions.

For purposes of this Policy,

- (i) "Access Person" means any officer, employee director or managing director of the Adviser, the Administrator or the Funds, or any other company in a Control relationship to the Adviser, the Administrator or the Funds who is involved in or has access to information regarding securities recommendations made to the Funds.
- (ii) "Administrative Officer" means the CCO of the Relevant Fund, or, if the CCO of the Relevant Fund is not available, then the General Counsel of the Relevant Fund, or if the CCO and General Counsel of the Relevant Fund are not available, then the Chief Financial Officer of the Relevant Fund. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of the pre-clearance of a Covered Transaction within the meaning of Section (b)(viii)(2) below, "Administrative Officer" means the CCO of the Adviser, or, if the CCO of the Adviser is not available, then the General Counsel of the Adviser are not available, then the Chief Financial Officer of the Adviser.

- (iii) "Beneficial Interest" means any interest by which a Covered Person or any member of his or her Immediate Family, can directly or indirectly derive a monetary benefit from the purchase, sale (or other acquisition or disposition) or ownership of a Security, except such interests as Clearing Officers (defined below) shall determine to be too remote for the purpose of this Policy. (A transaction in which a Covered Person acquires or disposes of a Security in which he or she has or thereby acquires a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest is sometimes referred to in this Code of Ethics as a "personal securities" transaction or as a transaction for the person's "own account").
  - (iv) "CCO" means Chief Compliance Officer, as duly appointed.
- (v) "Control" means the power to exercise a controlling influence over the management or policies of a company (unless such power is solely the result of an official position with such company). Any person who owns beneficially, directly or through one or more controlled companies, more than 25% of the voting securities of a company shall be presumed to control such company. For purposes of this Policy, natural persons and portfolio companies of the Funds shall be presumed not to be controlled persons.
- (vi) "Covered Person" means any officer, director or employee of the Adviser, the Administrator, the Funds or any other company in a Control relationship to the Adviser, the Administrator or the Funds, but does not include portfolio companies of the Funds.
- (vii) "Covered Security" includes any Fund Securities and all debt obligations, stock and other instruments comprising the investments of the Funds, including any warrant or option to acquire or sell a security and financial futures contracts, but excludes securities issued by the U.S. government or its agencies, bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper and shares of a mutual Company. References to a "Covered Security" in this Policy shall include any warrant for, option in, or security convertible into that "Covered Security."

#### (viii) "Covered Transaction" means any of the following transactions:

- at the time of entering into the transaction that: (i) any of the Funds has engaged in a transaction in the same Security within the last 180 days, or is engaging in a transaction or is going to engage in a transaction in the same Security in the next 180 days; or (ii) the Adviser has within the last 180 days considered a transaction in the same Security for any of the Funds or is considering such a transaction in the Security or within the next 180 days is going to consider such a transaction in the Security;
- (2) a transaction that involves the direct or indirect acquisition of Securities in an initial public offering or Limited Offering of any issuer; or
  - (3) a transaction in any Fund Security.

- **(ix)** "Fund Security" means any security issued by any of the Funds. References to a "Fund Security" in this Policy shall include any warrant for, option in, or security convertible into that "Fund Security."
- (x) "Immediate Family" includes any children, stepchildren, grandchildren, parents, stepparents, grandparents, spouses, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, or sisters-in-law, including adoptive relationships, who live in the same household.
- (xi) "Independent Officer" means an officer of the Relevant Fund other than the Administrative Officer who is not a party to the transaction or a relative of a party to the transaction. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of the pre-clearance of a Covered Transaction within the meaning of Section (b)(viii)(2) below, "Independent Officer" means an officer of the Adviser other than the Administrative Officer who is not a party to the transaction or a relative of a party to the transaction.
- (xii) "Insiders" means Covered Persons, their Immediate Family and entities whose investment decisions are influenced or controlled by such individuals.
- (xiii) "Limited Offering" means an offering that is exempt from registration under Sections 4(2) or 4(6) of, or Regulation D under, the Securities Act of 1933. Limited Offerings may include, among other things, limited partnership or limited liability company interests, or other Securities purchased through private placements.
- (xiv) "Loan Officer" means an Access Person who is responsible for making decisions as to Securities to be bought or sold for the Funds' portfolio.
- (xv) "Non-Access Person" means any employee of the Adviser, the Administrator, the Funds, or any other company in a Control relationship to the Adviser or the Funds, which employee is not an "Access Person."
- (xvi) "Relevant Fund" means the Fund to which the relevant Covered Securities relate.
- (xvii) A "Security held or to be acquired" by the Funds means any Security which, within the most recent 180 days is or has been held by the Funds or is being or has been considered for purchase by the Funds.
- (xviii) A Security is "being considered for purchase or sale" from the time an amendment letter is signed by or on behalf of the Funds until the closing with respect to that Security is completed or aborted.
- (xix) "Security" means any note, stock, treasury stock, security future, bond, debenture, evidence of indebtedness, certificate of interest or participation in any profit-sharing agreement, collateral-trust certificate, preorganization certificate or subscription, transferable share, investment contract, voting-trust certificate, certificate of deposit for a security, fractional

undivided interest in oil, gas, or other mineral rights, any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege on any security (including a certificate of deposit) or on any group or index of securities (including any interest therein or based on the value thereof), or any put, call, straddle, option, or privilege entered into on a national securities exchange relating to foreign currency, or, in general, any interest or instrument commonly known as a "security", or any certificate of interest or participation in, temporary or interim certificate for, receipt for, guarantee of, or warrant or right to subscribe to or purchase, any of the foregoing.

- (xx) "Trading Day" means a day on which the Nasdaq Global Market is open for trading. A Trading Day begins at the time trading begins on such day following the date of public disclosure of the financial results for that quarter.
- **(c) Material Non-public Information.** Material Non-public Information means any information that a reasonable investor would likely consider important in a decision to buy, hold or sell Covered Securities that has not already been disclosed generally to the public. Either positive or negative information may be material.
- (i) Materiality. While it may be difficult to determine whether particular information is material, there are various categories of information that are particularly sensitive and, as a general rule, should always be considered material. Examples of such information include, but are not limited to: (1) a Fund's financial results, (2) known but unannounced large deviations in planned future earnings or losses, (3) execution or termination of significant investment transactions, (4) news of a pending or proposed merger or other acquisition, (5) changes in a Fund's dividend rate or dividend policy, (6) news of the disposition, construction or acquisition of significant assets, (7) impending bankruptcy or financial liquidity problems, (8) significant developments involving corporate relationships, (9) new equity or debt offerings, (10) security buyback programs, (11) positive or negative developments in significant outstanding litigation, (12) significant litigation exposure due to actual or threatened litigation, (13) significant changes to existing debt facilities and (14) major changes in senior management.
- (ii) Non-public. Information about the Adviser, the Administrator and the Funds that is not yet in general circulation should be considered non-public. It is important to note that information is not necessarily public merely because it has been discussed in the press, which will sometimes report rumors. All information that a Covered Person learns about the Adviser, the Administrator or the Funds or their business plans in connection with his or her employment is non-public information unless you can point to its official release by the Adviser, the Administrator or the Funds in a press release, a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") or a publicly available webcast or similar broadcast sponsored by the Adviser, the Administrator or the Funds. If you are considering engaging in a Covered Transaction and have any question as to whether information of which you are aware has been made public, contact the CCO of the Relevant Fund.

### (d) Specific Requirements for Trading in Fund Securities

(i) Trading Window. Except as permitted in Section (e)(iii) of this Policy, Insiders may only conduct transactions involving the purchase or sale of a Fund Security during Appendix A-5

the period commencing at the open of the market on the third Trading Day following the date of the Relevant Fund's filing of its Form 10-Q or 10-K for the most recently completed fiscal period and continuing until the close of the market on the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) calendar day prior to the last day of the fiscal quarter (the "**Trading Window**"), after which time the Trading Window will be closed until it re-opens on the third Trading Day following the date of filing of the Form 10-Q or 10-K for the subsequent period. Notwithstanding anything in this Policy to the contrary, in certain special circumstances involving a high level of market volatility, Insiders may conduct transactions involving the purchase or sale of a Fund Security outside the Trading Window, but not later than the last day of the fiscal quarter, provided that each such trade complies with the pre-clearance procedures outlined in Section (e)(i) of this Policy and is also approved in advance by the Relevant Fund's Chief Executive Officer or President who is not placing the particular trade. In the event that the Insider and the Relevant Fund's Chief Executive Officer and President are the same person, he or she must receive the approval of the Chief Operating Officer.

In special circumstances, when insiders may have Material Non-public information, the CCO, General Counsel or the Chief Financial Officer of the Relevant Fund may, upon the concurrence of any two of such persons, close or open Trading Window or prevent a scheduled Trading Window from opening as originally scheduled. Upon determination that any such information no longer constitutes Material Non-public Information, the CCO, General Counsel or Chief Financial Officer of the Relevant Fund may, upon the concurrence of any two of such persons, re-open a Trading Window.

#### (ii) Reserved.

- (iii) No Safe Harbor for Possession of Material Non-Public Information. Regardless of whether the Trading Window is open, the Funds and Insiders may not trade in Fund Securities while in possession of any Material Non-public Information (with the exception of trades pursuant to Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plans established in accordance with this Policy). Trading in Fund Securities during the Trading Window should <u>not</u> be considered a "safe harbor" from liability, and all Insiders should use good judgment at all times.
- (iv) Limit Orders. The prohibition against trading during the closed Trading Windows encompasses the fulfillment of "limit orders" (often referred to as "good until canceled orders") by any broker with whom any such limit order is placed. Any unfilled limit orders in Fund Securities must be immediately canceled whenever (A) a Trading Window closes, including upon the imposition of a special circumstances closed Trading Window, or (B) the Insider comes into possession of Material Non-public Information.
- (v) Short Sales and Derivative Securities. No Insiders shall engage in a short sale of any Fund Security. A short sale is a sale of securities not owned by the seller or, if owned, not delivered against such sale within 20 days thereafter. In addition, trading in options to buy or sell Fund Securities (including put or call options), warrants, convertible securities, stock appreciation rights, or other similar rights with an exercise or conversion privilege at a price related to an equity security or with a value derived from the value of an equity security relating to a Fund Security (collectively, "Derivative Securities"), whether or not issued by the Funds, such as

exchange-traded options, are prohibited. Short sales and Derivative Security trading are prohibited by this Policy even when the Trading Window is open.

(vi) Other Prohibited Activities. In addition, no Covered Person shall, directly or indirectly in connection with the purchase or sale of a "security held or to be acquired" (as defined in Section (b)(xvii) of this Policy) by the Funds: (a) employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud the Funds; or (b) make to the Funds or the Adviser any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state to any of the foregoing a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; or (c) engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon the Funds; or (d) engage in any manipulative practice with respect to the Funds.

In addition, no Fund shall, directly or indirectly in connection with the purchase or sale of its securities: (a) employ any device, scheme or artifice to defraud; or (b) make any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state to any of the foregoing a material fact necessary in order to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; or (c) engage in any act, practice, or course of business which operates or would operate as a fraud or deceit upon any person.

#### (e) Pre-Clearance of Covered Transactions

- (i) Pre-Clearance of Transactions in Fund Securities. Except for transactions that are exempted under Section (e)(iii) below, all Covered Persons must obtain preclearance for any transactions in Fund Securities using the following procedures:
- transaction in Fund Securities, the relevant Covered Person must pre-clear the proposed transaction with the Administrative Officer (the CCO of the Relevant Fund, or, if the CCO of the Relevant Fund is not available, then the General Counsel of the Relevant Fund, or if the CCO and General Counsel of the Relevant Fund are not available, then the Chief Financial Officer of the Relevant Fund). Until the Administrative Officer provides pre-clearance for the proposed transaction, such Insider shall not execute the proposed transaction. The Administrative Officer may consult management and counsel in reviewing and pre-clearing transactions, although the primary responsibility to assess whether a proposed transaction complies with this Policy and applicable law will lie with the Covered Person.
- (2) Pre-clearance Period. The Covered Person will have until the end of fourteen (14) calendar days following the day pre-clearance is received, or until such earlier time that the Trading Window closes or the Insider comes into possession of Material Non-Public Information, to execute the transaction. If for any reason the transaction is not completed within this period of time, pre-clearance must be re-obtained from the Administrative Officer. Execution of a trade shall include the actual sale or purchase, rather than simply placing of an order to do so.
- (3) Form. To initiate pre-clearance, you must contact the Administrative Officer in person, by phone, or email. After discussing the proposed trade, pre-clearance can be obtained by (i) completing and signing Schedule B, and obtaining the approval Appendix A-7

and signature of the Administrative Officer; or (ii) responding affirmatively to an email sent by the Administrative Officer containing all the required information of Schedule B and receiving a reply email from the Administrative Officer indicating such approval. Schedule B may be amended from time to time by the CCO of the Relevant Fund, with the permission of the Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Relevant Fund. The Administrative Officer is the CCO of the Relevant Fund, or, if the CCO is not available, then the General Counsel of the Relevant Fund, or if the CCO and General Counsel are not available, then the CFO of the Relevant Fund.

- (4) Filing. A copy of all completed pre-clearance forms, with all required signatures (or, as applicable, email correspondence), shall be retained by the CCO of the Relevant Fund.
- (5) Insider's Responsibility. Notwithstanding the foregoing, even if a proposed trade is pre-cleared, the Insider is prohibited from trading any Fund Securities while in possession of Material Non-public Information.
- (ii) Pre-Clearance of Non-Fund Securities Covered Transactions. With the exception of transactions in Fund Securities (covered in Section (e)(i) above) and transactions that are exempted under Section (e)(iii) below, Insiders proposing to engage in Covered Transactions must obtain pre-clearance of such Covered Transaction using the following procedures:
- (1) From Whom Obtained. Pre-clearance must be obtained from the Administrative Officer and one Independent Officer.
- (2) Pre-clearance Period. In the case of a proposed Covered Transaction, if the relevant Covered Person receives pre-clearance, the Insider will have until the end of fourteen (14) calendar days following the day pre-clearance is received to execute the transaction. If for any reason the transaction is not completed within this period of time, pre-clearance must be re-obtained before the transaction can be executed.
- (3) Form. Pre-clearance must be obtained in writing by completing and signing the "Request for Permission to Engage in a Non-Fund Securities Covered Transaction" form attached hereto as *Schedule A*, which form shall set forth the details of the proposed transaction, and obtaining the signatures of the Administrative Officer and one Independent Officer. Schedule A may be amended from time to time by the CCO of the Relevant Fund, with the permission of the Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Relevant Fund.
- (4) Filing. A copy of all completed pre-clearance forms, with all required signatures, shall be retained by the CCO of the Relevant Fund.
- (5) Factors to be Considered in Pre-clearance of Non-Fund Securities Covered Transactions. The persons responsible for pre-clearance may refuse to grant pre-clearance of a Covered Transaction in their absolute discretion. Generally, such persons will consider the following factors in determining whether or not to clear a Covered Transaction: (1) whether the Insider is in possession of Material Non-Public Information, (2) whether the amount or nature of the transaction or person making it is likely to affect the price or market for the

Security; (3) whether the individual making the proposed purchase or sale is likely to benefit from purchases or sales being made or being considered by the Funds; (4) whether the Security proposed to be purchased or sold is one that would qualify for purchase or sale by the Funds; (5) whether the transaction is non-volitional on the part of the individual, such as receipt of a stock dividend, bequest or inheritance; (6) whether potential harm to the Funds from the transaction is remote; (7) whether the transaction would be likely to affect a highly institutional market; and (8) whether the transaction is related economically to Securities being considered for purchase or sale (as defined in Section (b)(xviii) of this Policy) by the Funds.

#### (iii) Exemptions From Pre-Clearance Requirements

The following transactions are exempt from the pre-clearance provisions of this Policy:

- (1) Not Controlled Securities. Purchases, sales or other acquisitions or dispositions of Securities for an account over which the Insider has no direct influence or Control and does not exercise indirect influence or Control;
- (2) Involuntary Transactions. Involuntary purchases or sales made by an Insider;
- (3) DRPs. Purchases which are part of an automatic dividend reinvestment plan;
- (4) Rights Offerings. Purchases or other acquisitions or dispositions resulting from the exercise of rights acquired from an issuer as part of a pro rata distribution to all holders of a class of Securities of such issuer and the sale of such rights; and

#### (5) Rule 10b5-1 Plans.

- a. Trades Pursuant to Trading Plan Exempted from Compliance with Trading Windows and Pre-clearance Requirements. A transaction in Fund Securities in accordance with a trading plan adopted in accordance with the SEC's Rule 10b5-1(c) and this Section (e)(iii)(5) (the "Trading Plan") shall not be required to be effected during an open Trading Window nor shall it require pre-clearance, even though such transaction takes place during a closed Trading Window or while the Insider was aware of Material Non-public Information.
- b. Adoption and Approval of Trading Plan. The Trading Plan must be adopted during (i) an open Trading Window and (ii) at a time when such Insider is not in possession of Material Non-public Information. Each Trading Plan must be pre-approved by the Administrative Officer to confirm compliance with this Policy and applicable securities laws, and such approval is subject to the sole discretion of the Administrative Officer. Approval of a Trading Plan shall not be deemed a representation by the Adviser, Administrator or the applicable Fund that such plan complies with Rule 10b5-1, nor an assumption by the Adviser, Administrator or the applicable Fund of any liability or responsibility to the individual or any other party if the plan does not comply with Rule 10b5-1. The initial trades under such Trading Plan

shall not be permitted until at least thirty calendar days have passed following the establishment of the Trading Plan.

- c. Amendment of Trading Plan. An Insider may amend or replace his or her Trading Plan only during periods when trading is permitted in accordance with this Policy, and the relevant Covered Person must submit any proposed amendment or replacement of a Trading Plan to the Administrative Officer for approval prior to adoption. The relevant Covered Person must provide notice to the Administrative Officer prior to an Insider terminating a Trading Plan.
- **d.** Form. Pre-clearance of a Trading Plan must be obtained in writing by (i) completing and signing the "Request for Permission to Establish Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan" form attached hereto as **Schedule C**, and (ii) obtaining the signature of the Administrative Officer. Schedule C may be amended from time to time by the CCO of the Relevant Fund, with the permission of the Chairman of the Ethics Committee of the Relevant Fund.
- **e. Filing.** A copy of all completed pre-clearance forms, with all required signatures, shall be retained by the CCO of the Relevant Fund.
  - (f) Reporting Requirements.
    - (i) Access Persons.
      - (1) Holdings Reports.
- a. Initial Holdings Report. Within ten (10) days of becoming an Access Person, each Access Person shall make a written report to the CCO of the Relevant Fund of all Securities in which such Access Person holds a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest. Access Persons need not report any such Securities that are exempt under subsection (i)(1)(d) of this Section (f). The initial holdings report shall be made on the form provided for such purpose by the CCO of the Relevant Fund. Each initial holdings report must be current as of a date no more than forty-five (45) days prior to the date that the reporting person became an Access Person.
- b. Annual Holdings Reports. No later than February 13<sup>th</sup> of each year, each Access Person shall make a written report to the CCO of the Relevant Fund of all Securities in which such Access Person holds a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest. Access Persons need not report any such Securities that are exempt under subsection (i)(1)(d) of this Section (f). The annual holdings report shall be made on the form provided for such purpose by the CCO of the Relevant Fund. Each annual holdings report must be current as of a date no later than December 31<sup>st</sup> of the prior year.
- c. Contents of Holdings Reports. Holdings reports must contain, at a minimum, the following information with respect to each Security: (i) the title and type of each Security for which an Access Person holds a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest; (ii) for publicly traded Securities, the ticker symbol or CUSIP number for each such Security; (iii) the

principal amount of each Security; (iv) the name of any broker, dealer or bank with whom you, or any members of your Immediate Family, maintain an account in which any Securities are held for your direct or indirect benefit; and (v) the date of submission of the report.

- **d.** Exemptions from Holdings Reports. The following Securities are not required to be included in holdings reports made by Access Persons:
  - Securities held in accounts over which an Access Person has no direct or indirect influence or control;
  - **ii.** Direct obligations of the Government of the United States;
  - iii. Bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper and high quality short-term debt instruments, including repurchase agreements; and
  - iv. Shares issued by open-end funds.

#### (2) Transaction Reports.

- a. Quarterly Report. Within thirty (30) days of the end of each calendar quarter, each Access Person must submit a quarterly report to the CCO of the Relevant Fund, on the form provided for such purpose by the CCO of the Relevant Fund, of all transactions during the calendar quarter in any Securities in which such Access Person has any direct or indirect Beneficial Interest.
- Reports must contain, at a minimum, the following information with respect to each transaction in a Security: (i) the title and type of each Security involved; (ii) for publicly traded Securities, the ticker symbol or CUSIP number for each such Security; (iii) the number of shares, interest rate, and maturity date and principal amount, as applicable, of each Security involved; (iv) the price of the Security at which the transaction was effected; (v) the name of any broker, dealer or bank through which the transaction was effected; and (vi) the date of submission of the report.
- c. Exemptions from Transaction Reports. The following transactions are not required to be included in Quarterly transactions reports of Access Persons:
  - Transactions in Securities over which an Access Person has no direct or indirect influence or control;
  - **ii.** Transactions in Direct obligations of the Government of the United States;
  - iii. Transactions in Bankers' acceptances, bank certificates of deposit, commercial paper and high

- quality short-term debt instruments, including repurchase agreements;
- iv. Transactions in shares issued by open-end funds; and
- v. Transactions which are part of an automatic dividend reinvestment plan.

#### (ii) Non-Access Persons.

- (1) Annual Transactions Report. Within 10 days of the end of each calendar year, each Non-Access Person shall make a written report to the CCO of the Relevant Fund of all transactions by which they acquired or disposed of a direct or indirect Beneficial Interest in any Covered Security.
- (2) Form. Each annual report shall be provided on the form "Annual Securities Transactions Confidential Report of Non-Access Persons" form attached hereto as *Schedule D*, which form shall set forth the information regarding each transaction requested in the form. Schedule D may be amended from time to time by the CCO of the Relevant Fund, who shall promptly provide any form so amended to all Non-Access Persons.
- (3) Filing. A copy of all reports submitted pursuant to this Section (f), with all required signatures, shall be retained by the CCO of the Relevant Fund.
- (iii) Disclaimer. Any report made by an Access Person or Non-Access Person under this Section (e) may contain a statement that the report is not to be construed as an admission that the person making it has or had any direct or indirect Beneficial Interest in any Security or Covered Security to which the report relates.
- **(iv)** Responsibility to Report. It is the responsibility of all Covered Persons to take the initiative to provide each report required to be made by them under this Policy. Any effort by the Adviser, the Administrator or the Funds to facilitate the reporting process does not change or alter that responsibility.

#### (g) Confidentiality of Transactions

Until disclosed in a public report to stockholders or to the SEC in the normal course, all information concerning Securities being considered for purchase or sale (as defined in Section (b)(xv) of this Policy) by the Funds shall be kept confidential by all Access Persons and disclosed by them only on a "need to know" basis. It shall be the responsibility of the CCO to report any inadequacy found by him or her to the Board of Directors of the Company or any committee appointed by the Board of Directors to deal with such information.

#### (h) Sanctions

Any violation of this Policy shall be subject to the imposition of such sanctions by the Funds or the Adviser as may be deemed appropriate under the circumstances to achieve the purposes of the Rules and this Policy, which may include suspension or termination of employment, a letter of censure or restitution of an amount equal to the difference between the price paid or received by the Funds and the more advantageous price paid or received by the offending person. Sanctions for violation of this Policy by a director of the Funds will be determined by a majority vote of the independent directors of the applicable Fund.

#### (i) Administration and Construction

- **(i) Administration.** The administration of this Policy shall be the responsibility of the CCO of the Adviser and the Funds.
- **Duties.** The duties of the CCO under this Policy include: (1) continuous maintenance of a current list of the names of all Access and Non-Access Persons, with an appropriate description of their title or employment; (2) providing each Covered Person a copy of this Policy and informing them of their duties and obligations hereunder, and assuring that Covered Persons are familiar with applicable requirements of this Appendix; (3) supervising the implementation of this Policy and its enforcement by the Adviser, the Administrator and the Funds; (4) maintaining or supervising the maintenance of all records and reports required by this Policy; (5) preparing listings of all transactions effected by any Access Person within thirty (30) days of the date on which the same security was held, purchased or sold by any of the Funds; (6) issuing either personally or with the assistance of counsel, as may be appropriate, any interpretation of this Policy which may appear consistent with the objectives of the Rules and this Policy; (7) conducting of such inspections or investigations, including scrutiny of the listings referred to in the preceding subparagraph, as shall reasonably be required to detect and report, with recommendations, any apparent violations of this Policy to the Board of Directors of the Funds or any Committee appointed by them to deal with such information; and (8) submitting a quarterly report to the directors of the Funds containing a description of any (i) violation and the sanction imposed; (ii) transactions which suggest the possibility of a violation of interpretations issued by the CCO of the Relevant Fund; and (iii) any other significant information concerning the appropriateness of this Policy.

#### (j) Required Records.

The CCO shall maintain and cause to be maintained in an easily accessible place, the following records:

- (i) Code of Ethics and Policies. Copies of the Code of Ethics into which this Policy has been incorporated, this Policy, and any other codes of ethics or insider trading policies adopted pursuant to the Rules ("Rule 17 and Rule 204A Codes") which have been in effect during the past five (5) years;
- (ii) Violations. A record of any violation of any such Rule 17 and Rule 204A Codes and of any action taken as a result of such violation;

- (iii) Reports. A copy of each report made by the CCO within two (2) years from the end of the fiscal year of the Funds in which such report or interpretation is made or issued, and for an additional three (3) years in a place which need not be easily accessible; and
- (iv) List. A list of all persons who are, or within the past five (5) years have been, required to make reports pursuant to the Rules and any Rule 17 Code.

#### (k) Amendments and Modifications

This Policy may not be amended or modified except in a written form which is specifically approved by majority vote of the independent directors of the applicable Funds.

This Policy was adopted by the Funds' Boards of Directors, including the independent directors, on January 28, 2013.

## SCHEDULE A REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO ENGAGE IN A NON-FUND SECURITIES COVERED TRANSACTION

I hereby request permission to effect a transaction in securities as indicated below for my own account or other account in which I have a beneficial interest or legal title. I acknowledge that if I am granted pre-clearance for my Transaction Request, I will have until the end of fourteen (14) calendar days following the day pre-clearance is received to execute the transaction. I also acknowledge that, if for any reason the transaction is not completed within this period of time, pre-clearance must be re-obtained before the transaction can be executed.

(Use approximate dates and amounts of proposed transactions.)

#### PURCHASES AND ACQUISITIONS

Date	IPO or Limited Offering?	No. of Shares or Principal Amount	Name and Trading Symbol of Security	Unit Price	Total Price	Brokerage Firm
		SÆ	ALES AND OTHER DI	SPOSITIONS		
Name:		Requ	uest Date:		_ Signature:	
Permission Granted Permission Denied		Signature:  (Administrative Off	ĭcer)	Date:		
		Signature: (Independent Office	er or President/CEO)	Date:		

Request to Engage in a Non-Fund Securities Covered Transaction Appendix A - 14

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#### **SCHEDULE B**

## REQUEST FOR PRE-CLEARANCE AND CERTIFICATION IN CONNECTION WITH A TRANSACTION IN FUND SECURITIES

Instructions: To initiate pre-clearance, you must contact the Administrative Officer in person, by phone, or email. After discussing the proposed trade, pre-clearance can be obtained by (1) completing and signing this Schedule B, and obtaining the approval and signature of the Administrative Officer; or (2) responding affirmatively to an email sent by the Administrative Officer containing all the required information of this Schedule B and receiving a reply email from the Administrative Officer indicating such approval. The Administrative Officer is the CCO of the Relevant Fund, or, if the CCO is not available, then the General Counsel of the Relevant Fund, or if the CCO and General Counsel are not available, then the CFO of the Relevant Fund. Capitalized terms used in this Schedule B have the meanings given them in the Insider Trading Policy as adopted by the Boards of Directors of the Funds on January 28, 2013 (the "Policy").

#### REQUEST FOR PRE-CLEARANCE

I hereby request permission to effect a transaction in Fund Securities as indicated below for my own account or other account in which I have a beneficial interest or legal title.

Requestor's name:	
Transaction type (Buy or Sell):	Proposed order date:
Approximate number of shares (if debt se	ecurities, principal dollar amount) of trade:
Name and trading symbol of Fund Securi	ty:
CERTIFICATION	
"Transaction Request"), I,any Material Non-public Information, as understand the Insider Trading Policy as	nnection with the above request for pre-clearance (the hereby certify that I am not in possession of defined in the Policy. I further certify I have read and adopted by the Boards of Directors of the Funds and am the policies and procedures contained within the Policy to do so.
Signature:	Date:

Request for Pre-Clearance and Certification in Connection with a Transaction in Fund Securities Appendix  $\rm A-15$ 

## PRE-CLEARANCE CONSIDERATIONS AND DECISION

- 1) Is the Fund involved in a stock offering (overnight, ATM, etc.)? If yes, consider whether requestor is an Affiliated Purchaser under Regulation M and precluded from trading in securities of Fund during offering period.
- 2) Is the trader currently subject to any lockup agreements resulting from recent stock offerings for this fund? Confirm with legal and compliance. If yes, determine if proposed trade is not allowed during the proposed trade period.

Pre-clearance Granted □	Administrative Officer Signature:	
Pre-clearance Denied □	Pre-clearance Granted/Denied Date:	

Request for Pre-Clearance and Certification in Connection with a Transaction in Fund Securities

# SCHEDULE C CERTIFICATION/REQUEST FOR PRE-APPROVAL OF RULE 10B5-1 TRADING PLAN

Instructions: Contact the Administrative Officer to discuss your eligibility for a Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan. The Administrative Officer is the CCO of the Relevant Fund, or, if the CCO is not available, then the General Counsel of the Relevant Fund, or if the CCO and General Counsel are not available, then the CFO of the Relevant Fund. Capitalized terms used in this Schedule C have the meanings given them in the Insider Trading Policy as adopted by the Boards of Directors of the Funds on January 28, 2013 (the "Policy").

## REOUEST FOR PRE-CLEARANCE

KI	QUEST FOR PRE-CLEARAN	CE
1 u	AT (2)	request permission to enter into a Trading Plan pursuant to Rule 10b5- nection with this request, I,, hereby certify that:
1.	I have delivered herewith the f	form of Trading Plan to the Administrative Officer.
2.	I am not in possession of any M	Material Non-public Information, as defined in the Policy.
3.	Directors of the Funds and am	nd understand the Insider Trading Policy as adopted by the Boards of a personally responsible for abiding by all the policies and procedures d aware of the consequences of failing to do so.
Sig	nature:	Date:
PR	E-CLEARANCE CONSIDERA	ATION AND DECISION
Aff		offering (overnight, ATM, etc.)? If yes, consider whether requestor is a sign of M and precluded from trading in securities of Fund during offering
fun		o any lockup agreements resulting from recent stock offerings for this appliance. If yes, determine if proposed trade is not allowed during the
		Administrative Officer Signature:

Certification/Request For Pre-Approval Of Rule 10b5-1 Trading Plan Appendix A  $\sim$  16

# SCHEDULE D ANNUAL SECURITIES TRANSACTIONS CONFIDENTIAL REPORT OF NON-ACCESS PERSONS

The following schedule lists all transactions during the year ending December 31, \_\_\_\_ in which I had any direct or indirect Beneficial Interest in any Covered Security. Capitalized terms used in this schedule have the meanings given them in the Insider Trading Policy as adopted by the Boards of Directors of the Funds on January 28, 2013. (If no transactions took place you may write "None")

# PURCHASES AND ACQUISITIONS

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	No. of Shares or				
	Principal	Name of			Brokerage
Date	Amount	Security	<b>Unit Price</b>	Total Price	Firm
	SAL	ES AND OTH	ER DISPOSITI	IONS	
	disclaim Beneficia tement below an				
	port is not to be co or indirect Benefic				
For the year e	ending		Name:		
Date:			Signature:		

Annual Securities Transactions Confidential Report of Non-Access Persons Appendix  $A\,{-}\,17$ 

Annual Securities Transactions Confidential Report of Non-Access Persons Appendix  $A\,{-}\,17$ 

#### SUBSIDIARIES OF GLADSTONE LAND CORPORATION

#### Arizona

East Shelton Road, LLC Reagan Road Willcox, LLC Spot Road Dateland, LLC

#### California

American Avenue Kerman CA, LP Bear Mountain Arvin, LP Broadway Road Moorpark, LLC Calaveras Avenue Coalinga, LP Cat Canyon Road Los Alamos, LP Central Avenue Kerman, LP County Road 35 Artois CA, LP Dalton Lane Watsonville, LLC Diego Ranch Stanislaus, LP Driver Road McFarland CA, LP Dufau Road Oxnard, LP Eight Mile Road Stockton CA, LP Espinosa Road Salinas, LP Firestone Avenue Coalinga CA, LP Flint Avenue Hanford, LP Fountain Springs Avenue Ducor CA, LP Greenhills Boulevard Chowchilla CA, LP Jayne Avenue Huron, LP Las Posas Camarillo CA, LP Natividad Road Salinas, LLC Naumann Road Oxnard, LP Nevada Ranch Merced, LP Olsen Road Snelling CA, LP Round Mountain Road Camarillo CA, LP San Andreas Road Watsonville, LLC Santa Clara Avenue Oxnard, LP San Juan Grade Road Salinas CA, LP Spring Valley Road Watsonville, LP Sunnyside Avenue Madera, LP Sutter Avenue Coalinga, LP Sycamore Road Arvin, LP Taft Highway Bakersfield, LP West Beach Street Watsonville, LLC West Gonzales Road Oxnard, LLC West Lost Hills Road Coalinga CA, LP West Sierra Avenue Earlimart CA, LP Withers Road Napa CA, LP Yolo County Line Road Arbuckle CA, LP South Avenue Corning CA, LP Lerdo Highway Shafter CA, LP Maricopa Highway Bakersfield CA, LP

# Colorado

Baca County Edler, LLC County Road 18 Holyoke CO, LLC

Raymond Road Madera CA, LP West Lerdo Highway Lost Hills CA, LP Gunbarrel Road Alamosa. LLC Horse Creek Baca, LLC JJ Road Pritchett, LLC

Citrus Boulevard Stuart, LLC

# Delaware

Gladstone California Farmland GP, LLC Gladstone Land Advisers, Inc. Gladstone Land Limited Partnership Gladstone Land Partners, LLC Gladstone Lending Company, LLC Gladstone California Water Management GP LLC Gladstone California Water LP

#### Florida

Colding Loop Road Wimauma, LLC Corbitt Road Immokalee, LLC Farm Road Port Charlotte FL, LLC Immokalee Exchange, LLC Keysville Road Plant City, LLC Lithia Road Plant City, LLC McIntosh Road Dover, LLC Orange Avenue Fort Pierce, LLC Owl Hammock Immokalee, LLC Parrish Road Duette, LLC Parrot Avenue Okeechobee, LLC Plantation Road Marianna, LLC Trapnell Road Plant City, LLC Wauchula Road Duette, LLC West Citrus Boulevard Stuart FL, LLC West Orange Avenue Fort Pierce FL, LLC

#### Georgia

Cogdell Highway Pearson GA, LLC

# Maryland

Mt. Hermon Road Salisbury MD, LLC Palmer Mill Road Hurlock MD, LLC

#### Michigan

20th Avenue South Haven, LLC 38th Avenue Covert, LLC Blue Star Highway Fennville MI, LLC Cemetery Road Bangor, LLC Van Buren Trail Covert MI, LLC

#### Nebraska

Highway 17 Wauneta NE, LLC Holt County Stuart, LLC Indian Highway Palisade NE, LLC Lamar Valley Champion NE, LLC Rock County Bassett, LLC Somerset Road Grant NE, LLC

# **New Jersey**

Richards Avenue Hammonton NJ, LLC Almena Drive Paw Paw MI, LLC

#### North Carolina

Poplar Street Bladenboro, LLC

# Oregon

Chuckhole Lane Milton-Freewater OR, LLC Collins Road Clatskanie, LLC Oregon Trail Highway, LLC Prunedale Road Milton-Freewater OR, LLC Sequoia Street Brooks, LLC Wallace Road Salem OR, LLC

# South Carolina

Tractor Road Bamberg SC, LLC

#### Tevas

Bunker Hill Road Dalhart TX, LP

# Washington

North Columbia River Road Pasco WA, LLC Oasis Road Walla Walla, LLC Rock Road Sumas WA, LLC

# CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-270901) of Gladstone Land Corporation of our report dated February 19, 2025 relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedule which appears in this Form 10-K.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP Washington, DC February 19, 2025

# CERTIFICATION Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

- I, David Gladstone, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Gladstone Land Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 19, 2025

# /s/ David Gladstone

David Gladstone Chief Executive Officer, President, and Chairman of the Board of Directors

# CERTIFICATION Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

- I, Lewis Parrish, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this annual report on Form 10-K of Gladstone Land Corporation;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - (a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - (b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, 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;
  - (c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - (d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - (a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - (b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: February 19, 2025

/s/ Lewis Parrish

Lewis Parrish

Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Treasurer

# CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

The undersigned, the Chief Executive Officer of Gladstone Land Corporation (the "Company"), hereby certifies on the date hereof, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2024 ("Form 10-K"), filed concurrently herewith by the Company, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Dated: February 19, 2025

# /s/ David Gladstone

David Gladstone Chief Executive Officer, President and Chairman of the Board of Directors

# CERTIFICATION OF THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER PURSUANT TO SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002

The undersigned, the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Treasurer of Gladstone Land Corporation (the "Company"), hereby certifies on the date hereof, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the period ended December 31, 2024 ("Form 10-K"), filed concurrently herewith by the Company, fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and that the information contained in the Form 10-K fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.

Dated: February 19, 2025

/s/ Lewis Parrish

Lewis Parrish

Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Treasurer

Pursuant to FINRA Rule 2310(b)(5) and 2231(c), Gladstone Land Corporation (the "Company") determined the estimated value as of December 31, 2024, of its 5.00% Series E Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock (the "Series E Preferred Stock"), \$25.00 stated value per share, with the assistance of a third-party valuation service. In particular, the third-party valuation service reviewed the amount resulting from the consolidated total equity of the Company (as reflected on the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet within its Annual Report on Form 10-Q for the period ended December 31, 2024 (the "Form 10-K"), which was prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles), adjusted for the fair value of its long-term assets (i.e., its real estate holdings) and long-term liabilities (each as disclosed within the Form 10-K (to which this exhibit is attached) under "Non-GAAP Financial Information—Net Asset Value"), divided by the number of shares of the Company's Series E Preferred Stock outstanding. Based on this methodology and because the result from the calculation above is greater than the \$25.00 per share stated value of the Company's Series E Preferred Stock, the Company has determined that the estimated value of its Series E Preferred Stock as of December 31, 2024, is \$25.00 per share.