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

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2008

**OR**

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Commission file number: 333-145949

**AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation or organization)

**71-1036989**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**106 Old York Road**  
**Jenkintown, PA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**19046**  
(Zip Code)

**(215) 887-2189**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

Large accelerated filer "  
Non-accelerated filer x

(Do not check if a smaller reporting  
company) Accelerated filer "  
Smaller reporting company "

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

The number of outstanding shares of the registrant's common stock on November 11, 2008 was 1,204,065 shares.

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**PART I - Financial Information****Item 1. Financial Statements****AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.  
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

	<b>September 30, 2008 (Unaudited)</b>	<b>December 31, 2007</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Real estate investments, at cost:		
Land	\$ 14,633,064	\$ —
Buildings, fixtures and improvements	82,842,992	—
Acquired intangible lease assets	9,443,239	—
Total real estate investments, at cost	106,919,295	—
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(1,765,149)	—
Total real estate investments, net	105,154,146	—
Cash and cash equivalents	874,661	—
Restricted cash	50,232	—
Prepaid expenses and other assets	751,273	938,157
Fair value of derivative instruments	479,364	—
Deferred financing costs, net	974,780	—
Total assets	\$ 108,284,456	\$ 938,157
<b>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Mortgage notes payable	\$ 77,067,200	\$ —
Related party notes payable	6,500,000	—
Short-term mezzanine note payable	3,953,796	—
Short-term convertible redeemable preferred obligation	3,995,000	—
Related party credit facility	7,147,587	—
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,537,643	453,832
Investor contributions held in escrow	30,824	—
Distributions payable	61,425	—
Deferred rent and other liabilities	554,124	—
Due to affiliates	555,192	284,825
Total liabilities	101,402,791	738,657
<b>STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>		
Preferred stock, \$.01 par value; 10,000,000 shares authorized, none issued and outstanding		—
Common stock, \$.01 par value; 240,000,000 shares authorized, 1,165,397 and 20,000 shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, respectively	11,654	200
Additional paid-in capital	8,367,997	199,800
Accumulated other comprehensive income	459,203	—
Accumulated deficit	(1,957,189)	(500)

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Total stockholders' equity	6,881,665	199,500
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 108,284,456	\$ 938,157

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements

**AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS**  
(Unaudited)

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>
Rental income	\$ 1,593,871	\$ 3,156,379
<b>Expenses</b>		
Property management fees to affiliate	-	4,230
General and administrative	19,188	291,787
Depreciation and amortization	857,187	1,765,149
Total operating expenses	876,375	2,061,166
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>717,496</b>	<b>1,095,213</b>
<b>Other income (expenses)</b>		
Interest expense	(1,386,655)	(2,758,625)
Interest income	691	1,907
Gains (losses) on derivative instruments	(176,656)	20,160
Total other expenses	(1,562,620)	(2,736,558)
<b>Net loss</b>	<b>\$ (845,124)</b>	<b>\$ (1,641,345)</b>
<b>Basic and diluted weighted average common shares outstanding</b>		
	1,101,127	699,883
<b>Basic and diluted loss per share</b>	<b>\$ (.77)</b>	<b>\$ (2.35)</b>

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**AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY**  
**NINE MONTHS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2008**  
**(Unaudited)**

**Common Stock**

	Number of Shares	Par Value	Additional Paid-In Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income	Total Stockholders' Equity
<b>Balance, December 31, 2007</b>	20,000	\$ 200	\$ 199,800	\$ (500)	—	\$ 199,500
Issuance of common stock	1,136,348	11,364	10,311,980	—	—	10,323,344
Offering costs, commissions and dealer manager fees	—	—	(2,229,655)	—	—	(2,229,655)
Common stock issued through dividend reinvestment program	9,049	90	85,872	—	—	85,962
Distributions declared	—	—	—	(315,344)	—	(315,344)
Accumulated other comprehensive income	—	—	—	—	459,203	459,203
Net loss	—	—	—	(1,641,345)	—	(1,641,345)
Total comprehensive loss	—	—	—	—	—	(1,182,142)
<b>Balance, September 30, 2008</b>	1,165,397	\$ 11,654	\$ 8,367,997	\$ (1,957,189)	\$ 459,203	\$ 6,881,665

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**AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
(Unaudited)

	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>	
Net loss	\$ (1,641,345)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash used in operating activities:	
Depreciation	1,477,951
Amortization of intangibles	287,198
Amortization of deferred finance charges	72,761
Gains on derivative instruments	(20,160)
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
Prepaid expenses and other assets	(751,274)
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	1,312,062
Deferred rent and other liabilities	554,124
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,291,317
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>	
Investment in real estate and related assets	(49,067,597)
Net cash used in investing activities	(49,067,597)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities:</b>	
Proceeds from notes payable	26,475,000
Payments on notes payable	(181,065)
Payments of deferred financing costs	(1,047,541)
Proceeds from related party credit facility	7,147,587
Proceeds from related party notes payable	6,500,000
Proceeds from issuance of convertible redeemable preferred obligation	3,995,000
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net	5,980,149
Distributions paid	(167,957)
Restricted cash	(50,232)
Net cash provided by financing activities	48,650,941
<b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>874,661</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, end of period</b>	<b>\$ 874,661</b>
<b>Supplemental Disclosures of Non-Cash Investing and Financing Activities:</b>	
Debt assumed in real estate acquisitions	\$ 54,727,061
Common share issuance in real estate acquisition	\$ 3,051,695
Investor contributions held in escrow	\$ 30,824
Non-cash acquisition costs	\$ 42,118
Common stock issued through dividend reinvestment plan	\$ 85,962



Reclassification of deferred offering costs	\$	938,157
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**AMERICAN REALTY CAPITAL TRUST, INC.**  
**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**September 30, 2008**  
**(Unaudited)**

**Note 1 — Organization**

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. (the “Company”), incorporated on August 17, 2007, is a newly formed Maryland corporation that intends to qualify as a real estate investment trust (“REIT”) for federal income tax purposes beginning with the taxable year that will end December 31, 2008. On January 25, 2008, the Company commenced an initial public offering on a “best efforts” basis of up to 150,000,000 shares of common stock offered at a price of \$10.00 per share, subject to certain volume and other discounts, pursuant to a Registration Statement on Form S-11 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Offering”). The Registration Statement also covered up to 25,000,000 shares available pursuant to a distribution reinvestment plan (the “DRIP”) under which our stockholders may elect to have their distributions reinvested in additional shares of the Company’s common stock at the greater of \$9.50 per share or 95% of the estimated value of a share of common stock. The Company sold 20,000 shares to American Realty Capital II, LLC (the “Sponsor”) on August 17, 2007, at \$10.00 per share. As of September 30, 2008, the Company issued 1,165,397 shares of common stock, including 339,077 shares issued in connection with an acquisition in March 2008 - see Note 3 Real Estate Acquisitions. Total gross proceeds from these issuances were \$10,523,344. As of September 30, 2008, the aggregate value of all share issuances and subscriptions outstanding was \$13,667,108 based on a per share value of \$10.00. This amount includes stock subscriptions of \$2,103,628 which are maintained at the Company’s third-party escrow agent, to be released when certain escrow requirements have been achieved.

Substantially all of the Company’s business is conducted through American Realty Capital Operating Partnership, L.P. (the “OP”), a Delaware limited partnership. The Company is the sole general partner of and owns a 99.01% partnership interest in the OP. American Realty Capital Advisors, LLC (the “Advisor”), the Company’s affiliated advisor, is the sole limited partner and owner of 0.99% (minority interest) of the partnership interests of the OP. In March 2008, the OP issued to the Company 20,000 Operating Partnership units in exchange for \$200,000. Additionally, in April 2008, the Advisor contributed \$2,000 to the Operating Partnership in exchange for a 0.99% limited partner interest in the Operating Partnership. The limited partner interests have the right to convert Operating Partnerships units into cash or, at the option of the Company, an equal number of common shares of the Company, as allowed by the limited partnership agreement. The remaining rights of the limited partner interests are limited, however, and do not include the ability to replace the general partner or to approve the sale, purchase or refinancing of the Operating Partnership’s assets.

The Company acquires and operates commercial properties. All such properties may be acquired and operated by the Company alone or jointly with another party. As of September 30, 2008, the Company owned 41 properties comprising approximately 433,000 square feet of freestanding, single tenant commercial space concentrated in Pennsylvania and Massachusetts. As of September 30, 2008, these properties were 100% occupied. The Company may also acquire mortgages secured by real estate, with a view towards acquiring such real estate.

The Company is managed by the Advisor and American Realty Capital Properties, LLC, which serves as the Company’s property manager (“The Property Manager”). Realty Capital Securities, LLC (“The Dealer Manager”), an affiliate of the Sponsor, serves as the dealer manager of the Company’s Offering. These related parties receive compensation and fees for services related to the Offering and for the investment and management of the Company’s assets. These entities receive fees during the offering, acquisition, operational and liquidation stages. The compensation levels during the offering, acquisition and operational stages are discussed in Note 9 — Related Party Transactions and Arrangements.

The Company's stock is not currently listed on a national securities exchange. The Company may seek to list its stock for trading on a national securities exchange only if a majority of its independent directors believe listing would be in the best interest of its stockholders. The Company does not intend to list its shares at this time. The Company does not anticipate that there would be any market for its common stock until its shares are listed for trading. In the event it does not obtain listing prior to the tenth anniversary of the completion or termination of the Offering, its charter requires that it either: (i) seek stockholder approval of an extension or amendment of this listing deadline; or (ii) seek stockholder approval to adopt a plan of liquidation of the corporation.

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**Note 2 — Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Basis of Presentation***

Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America have been condensed or consolidated pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Management believes, however, that the disclosures are adequate to make the information presented not misleading. The unaudited interim consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements and the notes thereto included in the Company's annual report on Form S-11 for the period from August 17, 2007 (date of inception) to December 31, 2007. In management's opinion, all adjustments, consisting only of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position of the Company and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows, are included. The results of operations for such interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results for the full year.

***Basis of Accounting***

The accompanying consolidated financial statements of the Company are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Principles of Consolidation and Basis of Presentation***

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Management makes significant estimates regarding revenue recognition, investments in real estate, purchase price allocations and derivative financial instruments and hedging activities, as applicable.

***Real Estate Investments***

The Company records acquired real estate at cost and makes assessments as to the useful lives of depreciable assets. The Company considers the period of future benefit of the asset to determine the appropriate useful lives. Depreciation is computed using a straightline method over the estimated useful life of 40 years for buildings, five to ten years for building fixtures and improvements and the remaining lease term for acquired intangible lease assets.

***Allocation of Purchase Price of Acquired Assets***

Upon the acquisition of real properties, it is the Company's policy to allocate the purchase price of properties to acquired tangible assets, consisting of land, building, fixtures and improvements, and identified intangible lease assets

and liabilities, consisting of the value of above-market and below-market leases, as applicable, other value of in-place leases and value of tenant relationships, based in each case on their fair values. The Company utilizes independent appraisals and information management obtained on each property as a result of pre-acquisition due diligence, as well as subsequent marketing and leasing activities, as applicable, to determine the fair values of the tangible assets of an acquired property (which includes land and building), amongst other market data.

The fair values of above-market and below-market in-place lease values are recorded based on the present value (using an interest rate which reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired) of the difference between (a) the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases and (b) an estimate of fair market lease rates for the corresponding in-place leases, which is generally obtained from independent appraisals, measured over a period equal to the remaining non-cancelable term of the lease. The above-market and below-market lease values are capitalized as intangible lease assets or liabilities and amortized as an adjustment of rental income over the remaining terms of the respective leases.

The fair values of in-place leases include direct costs associated with obtaining a new tenant, opportunity costs associated with lost rentals which are avoided by acquiring an in-place lease, and tenant relationships. Direct costs associated with obtaining a new tenant include commissions, tenant improvements, and other direct costs and are estimated based on independent appraisals and management's consideration of current market costs to execute a similar lease. These direct costs are included in acquired intangible lease assets in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and are amortized to expense over the remaining terms of the respective leases. The value of opportunity costs is calculated using the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases over a market absorption period for a similar lease. Customer relationships are valued based on expected renewal of a lease or the likelihood of obtaining a particular tenant for other locations. These intangibles will be included in intangible lease assets in the balance sheet and are amortized to expense over the remaining term of the respective leases.

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The determination of the fair values of the assets and liabilities acquired requires the use of significant assumptions with regard to the current market rental rates, rental growth rates, discount rates and other variables. The use of inappropriate estimates would result in an incorrect assessment of the purchase price allocations, which could impact the amount of the Company's reported net income. Initial purchase price allocations are subject to change until all information is finalized, which is generally within one year of the acquisition date.

As of September 30, 2008, acquired lease intangible assets consist only of in-place lease intangibles totaling \$9,443,239 with accumulated amortization of \$287,198.

***Derivative Instruments***

The Company may use derivative financial instruments to hedge all or a portion of the interest rate risk associated with its borrowings. Certain of the techniques used to hedge exposure to interest rate fluctuations may also be used to protect against declines in the market value of assets that result from general trends in debt markets. The principal objective of such agreements is to minimize the risks and/or costs associated with the Company's operating and financial structure as well as to hedge specific anticipated transactions.

In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards ("SFAS") No. 133, "Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities," as amended and interpreted ("SFAS No. 133"), the Company measures each derivative instrument (including certain derivative instruments embedded in other contracts) at fair value and records such amounts in its consolidated balance sheets as either an asset or liability. The accounting for changes in the fair value of derivatives depends on the intended use of the derivative and the resulting designation. Derivatives used to hedge the exposure to changes in the fair value of an asset, liability, or firm commitment attributable to a particular risk, such as interest rate risk, are considered fair value hedges. Derivatives used to hedge the exposure to variability in expected future cash flows, or other types of forecasted transactions, are considered cash flow hedges. For derivatives designated as fair value hedges or for derivatives not designated as hedges, the changes in fair value of both the derivative instrument and the hedged item are recorded in earnings. For derivatives designated as cash flow hedges, the changes in the fair value of the effective portions of the derivative are reported in other comprehensive income and subsequently reclassified to earnings when the hedged transaction affects earnings. The ineffective portion of the changes in fair value of the derivative is recorded in earnings immediately.

***Impairment of Long Lived Assets***

The Company follows SFAS No.144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," which establishes a single accounting model for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets. SFAS No.144 requires that the operations related to properties that have been sold or properties that are intended to be sold be presented as discontinued operations in the statement of operations for all periods presented, and properties intended to be sold to be designated as "held for sale" on the balance sheet.

When circumstances indicate the carrying value of a property may not be recoverable, the Company reviews the asset for impairment. This review is based on an estimate of the future undiscounted cash flows, excluding interest charges, expected to result from the property's use and eventual disposition. These estimates consider factors such as expected future operating income, market and other applicable trends and residual value, as well as the effects of leasing demand, competition and other factors. If impairment exists, due to the inability to recover the carrying value of a property, an impairment loss is recorded to the extent that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value of the

property for properties to be held and used. For properties held for sale, the impairment loss is the adjustment to fair value less estimated cost to dispose of the asset. These assessments have a direct impact on net income because recording an impairment loss results in an immediate negative adjustment to net income.

#### ***Investor contributions held in Escrow***

The Company is currently engaged in a public offering of its common stock. Included in investor contributions held in escrow on the accompanying balance sheets is \$30,824 of offering proceeds for which shares of common stock had not been issued as of September 30, 2008.

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

Upon the acquisition of real estate, certain properties will have leases where minimum rent payments increase during the term of the lease. The Company will record rental revenue for the full term of each lease on a straightline basis. When the Company acquires a property, the term of existing leases is considered to commence as of the acquisition date for the purposes of this calculation. In accordance with Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 101, "Revenue Recognition in Financial Statements," the Company will defer the recognition of contingent rental income, such as percentage rents, until the specific target that triggers the contingent rental income is achieved. Cost recoveries from tenants are included in tenant reimbursement income in the period the related costs are incurred, as applicable.

The Companies' revenues, which are derived primarily from rental income, include rents that each tenant pays in accordance with the terms of each lease reported on a straightline basis over the initial term of the lease. Since many of the leases provide for rental increases at specified intervals, straightline basis accounting requires the Company to record a receivable, and include in revenues, unbilled rent receivables that the Company will only receive if the tenant makes all rent payments required through the expiration of the initial term of the lease.

The Company continually reviews receivables related to rent and unbilled rent receivables and determines collectability by taking into consideration the tenant's payment history, the financial condition of the tenant, business conditions in the industry in which the tenant operates and economic conditions in the area in which the property is located. In the event that the collectability of a receivable is in doubt, the Company will record an increase in the allowance for uncollectible accounts or record a direct write-off of the receivable in the consolidated statements of operations.

#### ***Organization, Offering, and Related Costs***

Organization and offering costs (other than selling commissions and the dealer manager fee) of the Company may be paid by the Advisor, the Dealer Manager or their affiliates on behalf of the Company. Such organization and offering costs include all expenses to be paid by the Company in connection with the Offering, including but not limited to (i) legal, accounting, printing, mailing, and filing fees; (ii) escrow related fees; (iii) reimbursement of the Dealer Manager for amounts it may pay to reimburse the bona fide diligence expenses of broker-dealers; and (iv) reimbursement to the Advisor for the salaries of its employees and other costs in connection with preparing supplemental sales materials. Pursuant to the Advisory Agreement and the Dealer Manager Agreement, the Company is obligated to reimburse the Advisor or its affiliates, as applicable, for organization and offering costs paid by them on behalf of the Company, provided that the Advisor is obligated to reimburse the Company to the extent organization and offering costs (excluding selling commissions, the dealer manager fee and bonafide due diligence cost reimbursements) incurred by the Company in the Offering exceed 1.5% of gross offering proceeds.

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As a result, these costs are only a liability of the Company to the extent selling commissions, the dealer manager fee and other organization and offering costs do not exceed 15% of the gross proceeds of the Offering. Through September 30, 2008, the Company issued 1,165,397 shares of common stock, including 339,077 shares issued in connection with an acquisition in March 2008 - see Note 3 Real Estate Acquisitions. Total gross proceeds from these issuances were \$10,523,344. As of September 30, 2008, the aggregate value of all share issuances and subscriptions outstanding was \$13,667,108 based on a per share value of \$10.00. This amount includes stock subscriptions of \$2,103,628 which are maintained at the Company's third-party escrow agent, to be released when certain escrow requirements have been achieved. The Company recorded offering costs of \$2,136,453 and selling commissions and dealer manager fees of \$93,202 through September, 30, 2008. Organization costs are expensed as incurred within general and administrative expenses, and offering costs, which include selling commissions and dealer manager fees, are charged to stockholders' equity as such amounts are reimbursed from the gross proceeds of the Offering.

***Reportable Segments***

The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued SFAS No. 131, "Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information," ("SFAS No. 131"), which establishes standards for reporting financial and descriptive information about an enterprise's reportable segments. The Company determined that it has one reportable segment, with activities related to investing in real estate. The Company's investments in real estate generate rental revenue and other income through the leasing of properties, which comprised 100% of our total consolidated revenues for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2008. Although the Company's investments in real estate will be geographically diversified throughout the United States, management evaluates operating performance on an individual property level. The Company's properties have been aggregated into one reportable segment.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, "Fair Value Measurements," ("SFAS No. 157"), which addresses how companies should measure fair value when they are required to use a fair value measure for recognition or disclosure purposes under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP"). As a result of SFAS No. 157 there is now a common definition of fair value to be used throughout GAAP. The FASB believes that the new standard will make the measurement of fair value more consistent and comparable and improve disclosures about those measures. The effective date of SFAS No. 157 is delayed for one year for certain nonfinancial assets and nonfinancial liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). Certain provisions of SFAS No. 157 are effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter of 2008. The adoption of SFAS No. 157 for financial assets and liabilities in the first quarter of 2008 did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations and financial position. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of adoption SFAS No. 157 for nonfinancial assets and liabilities, on its results of operations and financial position.

In February 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 159, "Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities," ("SFAS No. 159"), which permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value that are not currently required to be measured at fair value. The objective of SFAS No. 159 is to improve financial reporting by providing entities with the opportunity to mitigate volatility in reported earnings caused by measuring related assets and liabilities differently without having to apply complex hedge accounting provisions. SFAS No. 159 was effective for the Company beginning in the first quarter of 2008. The adoption of SFAS No. 159 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows in the first quarter of 2008.



In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 141, (revised 2007), “Business Combinations,” (“SFAS No. 141(R)”), which continues the evolution toward fair value reporting and significantly changes the accounting for acquisitions that close beginning in 2009, both at the acquisition date and in subsequent periods. SFAS No. 141(R) introduces new accounting concepts and valuation complexities, and many of the changes have the potential to generate greater earnings volatility after the acquisition. SFAS No. 141(R) applies to acquisitions on or after January 1, 2009 and will impact the Company’s reporting prospectively only by requiring acquisition costs to be expensed rather than capitalized.

In December 2007, the FASB issued SFAS No. 160, “Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements - an amendment of Accounting Research Bulletin No. 51,” (“SFAS No. 160”), which requires companies to measure an acquisition of noncontrolling (minority) interest at fair value in the equity section of the acquiring entity’s balance sheet. The objective of SFAS No. 160 is to improve the comparability and transparency of financial data as well as to help prevent manipulation of earnings. The changes introduced by the new standards are likely to affect the planning and execution, as well as the accounting and disclosure, of merger transactions. The effective date to adopt SFAS No. 160 for the Company is January 1, 2009. The adoption of SFAS No. 160 is not expected to have a material effect on its results of operations and financial position.

In March 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 161, “Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities,” an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 “Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities” (“SFAS No. 161”) requires entities to provide greater transparency about how and why an entity uses derivative instruments, how derivative instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS No. 133, and how derivative instruments and related hedged items affect an entity’s financial position, results of operations, and cash flows. The statement is effective for financial statements issues for fiscal years and interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008, and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company’s results of operations, financial condition or liquidity .

In April 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (“FSP”) No. 142-3, which amends the factors that must be considered in developing renewal or extension assumptions used to determine the useful life over which to amortize the cost of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142, “Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.” The FSP requires an entity to consider its own assumptions about renewal or extension of the term of the arrangement, consistent with its expected use of the asset, and is an attempt to improve consistency between the useful life of a recognized intangible asset under SFAS No. 142 and the period of expected cash flows used to measure the fair value of the asset under SFAS No. 141, “Business Combinations.” The FSP is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and the guidance for determining the useful life of a recognized intangible asset must be applied prospectively to intangible assets acquired after the effective date. The FSP is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company’s results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

In May 2008, the FASB issued SFAS No. 162, “The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles” (“SFAS No. 162”). The statement is intended to improve financial reporting by identifying a consistent hierarchy for selecting accounting principles to be used in preparing financial statements that are prepared in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles. Unlike Statement on Auditing Standards (“SAS”) No. 69, “The Meaning of Present in Conformity With GAAP,” SFAS No. 162 is directed to the entity rather than the auditor. The statement is effective 60 days following the SEC’s approval of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (“PCAOB”) amendments to AU Section 411, “The Meaning of Present Fairly in Conformity with GAAP,” and is not expected to have any impact on the Company’s results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

In June 2008, the FASB issued FSP Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) No. 03-6-1, “Determining Whether Instruments Granted in Share-Based Payment Transactions Are Participating Securities.” Under the FSP, unvested share-based payment awards that contain rights to receive nonforfeitable dividends (whether paid or unpaid) are participating securities, and should be included in the two-class method of computing EPS. The FSP is effective for

fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and interim periods within those years, and is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's results of operations, financial condition or liquidity.

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**Note 3 — Real Estate Acquisitions**

During the three months and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company acquired 7 and 41 properties, respectively. The following table presents the allocation of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed during the period:

	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>	<b>Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>
Real estate investments, at cost:		
Land	\$ 2,991,519	14,633,064
Buildings, fixtures and improvements	16,951,939	82,842,992
	19,943,458	97,476,056
Intangibles and other assets:		
In-place leases	1,980,324	9,443,239
Total assets acquired	21,923,782	106,919,295
Liabilities assumed:		
Mortgage notes	(12,808,265)	(50,773,265)
Mezzanine financing	—	(3,953,796)
Investor contributions held in escrow	441,724	(30,824)
Other liabilities	34,182	(42,118)
Total liabilities assumed:	(12,332,359)	(54,800,003)
Issuance of common shares	(441,724)	(3,051,695)
Cash paid	\$ 9,149,699	\$ 49,067,597

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During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company acquired the following properties:

<b>Seller / Property Name</b>	<b>Acquisition Date</b>	<b>No. of Buildings</b>	<b>Square Feet</b>	<b>Remaining Lease Term (1)</b>	<b>Net Operating Income (2)</b>	<b>Base Purchase Price (3)</b>	<b>Capitalization Rate (4)</b>	<b>Purchase Price (5)</b>
Federal Express Distribution Center	March 2008	1	55,440	10.5	\$ 729,245	\$ 9,694,179	7.52%	\$ 10,198,996
Harleysville National Bank Portfolio	March 2008	15	177,774	14.3	3,003,838	40,976,218	7.33%	41,663,221
Rockland Trust Company Portfolio	May 2008	18	121,057	12.8	2,529,665	32,188,000	7.86%	33,133,296
National City Bank	September 2008	1	3,740	20.4	250,085	3,000,000	8.34%	3,089,391
Rite Aid	September 2008	6	74,919	14.8	1,446,843	18,575,727	7.79%	18,834,391
<b>Total</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>432,930</b>	<b>13.74</b>	<b>\$ 7,959,676</b>	<b>\$ 104,434,124</b>	<b>7.62%</b>	<b>\$ 106,919,295</b>

- (1) -Remaining lease term as of September 30, 2008, in years. If the portfolio has multiple locations with varying lease expirations, remaining lease term is calculated on a weighted-average basis.
- (2) -Annualized 2008 rental income less property operating expenses, as applicable.
- (3) -Contract purchase price excluding acquisition related costs.
- (4) -Net operating income divided by base purchase price.
- (5) -Base purchase price plus all acquisition related costs.

In March 2008, the Company acquired a Federal Express Distribution center located in Pennsylvania from a related party - see Note 9. In connection with this transaction, the Company assumed a mortgage note obligation of \$6,965,000, which bears interest at a fixed rate of 6.29%. This note is interest only through September 1, 2014 and then amortizes through September 1, 2037, with a final balloon payment due on such date. This property was acquired in exchange for 342,502 shares of common stock valued at approximately \$3,083,000, of which, 339,077 shares were issued and outstanding as of September 30, 2008. The remainder of the shares was recorded as investor contributions held in escrow on the accompanying balance sheets and are expected to be issued within the next twelve months. The lease expires on November 30, 2018 and includes renewal options.

In March 2008, the Company acquired a fifteen building portfolio 100% leased to Harleysville National Bank from a related party - see Note 9. These properties are all located in Pennsylvania. In connection with this transaction, the Company assumed a mortgage note obligation of \$31,000,000, which bears interest at a fixed effective rate of 6.59%. This note is interest only through January 1, 2011 and then amortizes through January 1, 2018, with a final balloon

payment due on such date. In addition, the Company assumed a mezzanine financing obligation of approximately \$3,954,000. This obligation bears interest at a fixed effective rate of 12.49% and matures in January 2009. The Company borrowed \$4,000,000 from a principal of the Advisor in connection with this acquisition- see Note 4. The initial term of the master lease expires on December 31, 2022 and includes renewal options.

In May 2008, the Company acquired an eighteen building portfolio 100% leased to Rockland Trust Company. Independent Bank Corp. operates as the holding company for Rockland Trust Company. These properties are all located throughout Southeastern Massachusetts and Cape Cod. In connection with this transaction, the Company financed a portion of the purchase price with a mortgage note obligation of \$24,412,500, which bears interest at 30 day LIBOR plus 1.375%. The Company entered into a rate lock agreement to limit its interest rate exposure. The LIBOR floor and cap are 3.54% and 4.125% (initial year), respectively. This note amortizes through May 1, 2013 on a 25-year schedule, with a final balloon payment due on such date. In addition, the Company funded a portion of the acquisition with a short-term convertible redeemable preferred obligation of \$3,995,000. This obligation bears interest at a fixed effective rate of 14.27% and matures in April, 2009. The Company also borrowed \$2,500,000 from two principals of the Advisor in connection with this acquisition - see Note 4. The lease expiration varies on a per property basis, expiring either on April 30, 2018 or April 30, 2023, with a weighted average initial term of 12.8 years, excluding renewal options.

In September 2008, the Company acquired a National City Bank branch located in Florida from a related party - see Note 9. In connection with this transaction, the Company financed a portion of the purchase price with a mortgage note obligation of \$2,062,500, which bears interest at 30 day LIBOR plus 1.5%. The Company entered into a rate lock agreement to limit its interest rate exposure on a total of loan obligations of \$4,500,000. The Company has closed on \$2,062,500 of this obligation - see Note 13 - Subsequent Events, with respect to closing of the remaining \$2,437,500 under this loan obligation. The LIBOR floor and cap are 3.37% and 4.45% (initial year), respectively for a notional contract amount of \$4,115,000 and a fixed rate of 3.565% on a notional contract amount of \$385,000. This note amortizes through September 16, 2013 on a 27-year schedule, with a final balloon payment due on such date. The Company borrowed approximately \$1,040,000 from a related party under an unsecured credit facility in connection with this acquisition - see Note 4. The lease expires January 31, 2029, excluding renewal options.

In September 2008, the Company acquired a six building portfolio 100% leased to Rite Aid from a related party - see Note 9. These properties are located in Ohio and Pennsylvania. In connection with this transaction, the Company assumed a mortgage note obligation of \$12,808,265, which bears interest at a fixed effective rate of 6.97%. This note is interest only through November 6, 2012 and then amortizes through September 7, 2017, with a final balloon payment due on such date. The Company borrowed approximately \$6,108,000 from a related party under an unsecured credit facility in connection with this acquisition - see Note 4. The lease expiration varies on a per property basis, expiring between December 2016 and October 2027, with a weighted average initial term of 14.8 years, excluding renewal options.

#### Note 4 — Mortgage and Other Notes Payable

As of September 30, 2008, the Company had total mortgage and other notes payable outstanding of \$85,015,996. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company incurred, or assumed, the following mortgage notes payable in connection with the real estate acquisitions described in Note 3 above:

Property	Encumbered Properties	Outstanding Loan Amount	Effective Interest Rate	Interest Rate	Maturity
<b>Federal Express Distribution Center</b>	1				
Mortgage		\$ 6,965,000	6.29%	Fixed	September 2037

<b>Harleysville National Bank Portfolio</b>					
	15				
Mortgage	31,000,000	6.59%	(1)	Fixed	January 2018
Mezzanine financing	3,953,796	12.49%		Fixed	January 2009
<b>Rockland Trust Company Portfolio</b>					
	18				
Mortgage	24,231,435	3.92%	(2)	Variable	May 2013
Mezzanine financing	3,995,000	14.27%		Fixed	April 2009
<b>National City Bank Portfolio</b>					
	1				
Mortgage	2,062,500	4.04%	(3)	Variable	September 2013
<b>Rite Aid</b>					
	6				
Mortgage	12,808,265	6.97%		Fixed	September 2017
<b>Total</b>		\$ 85,015,996			

- (1) - The effective interest rate resets at the end of year five to the then current 5-year Treasury rate plus 2.25%, but in no event will be less than 6.5%.
- (2) - The Company limited its interest rate exposure by entering into a rate lock agreement with a LIBOR floor and cap of 3.54% and 4.125% (initial year), respectively.
- (3) - The Company limited its interest rate exposure by entering into a rate lock agreement with a LIBOR floor and cap of 3.37% and 4.45% (initial year), respectively for a notional contract amount of approximately \$4,115,000 and a fixed rate of 3.565% on a notional contract amount of approximately \$385,000. For the period ended September 30, 2008, the Company had closed on \$2,062,500 of this debt obligation.

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In addition, during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the OP entered into an agreement with the principals of the Advisor whereby the OP can borrow from the principals up to \$10 million from time to time as needed to provide short-term financing relating to property acquisitions. Such borrowings need to be repaid within a six month period and will accrue interest at a commercially reasonable rate. In November 2008, the board approved an extension of the repayment period of an additional six months. In connection with the acquisition of the Harleysville National Bank and the Rockland Trust Company portfolios outlined in Note 3, the Company borrowed \$4.0 and \$2.5 million respectively, accruing interest at an annual rate of 8.0% and can be paid off without penalty.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the REIT entered into an unsecured credit facility with a related party, American Realty Capital Bridge, LLC (“ARC Bridge”), whereby the REIT can borrow up to \$10,000,000 from time to time as needed to provide short-term financing relating to property acquisitions - see Note 9 — Related-Party Transactions and Arrangements.

The following table summarizes the scheduled aggregate principal repayments for the five years subsequent to September 30, 2008:

	Mortgage Notes	Short-Term Mezzanine Notes	Short-Term Convertible Redeemable Preferred Obligation	Related Party Notes Payable	Related Party Credit Facility	Total
2008	\$ 125,988	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125,988
2009	522,875	3,953,796	3,995,000	6,500,000	7,147,587	22,119,258
2010	555,077	-	-	-	-	555,077
2011	1,370,820	-	-	-	-	1,370,820
2012	1,478,597	-	-	-	-	1,478,597
2003 and thereafter	73,013,843	-	-	-	-	73,013,843
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Total	\$ 77,067,200	\$ 3,953,796	\$ 3,995,000	\$ 6,500,000	\$ 7,147,587	\$ 98,663,583

As of September 30, 2008, the Company was in compliance with the debt covenants under the loan agreements.

**Note 5 — Interest Rate Risk And Derivative Instruments**

The primary market risk to the Company is interest rate risk. Interest rates are highly sensitive to many factors, including governmental monetary and tax policies, domestic and international economic and political considerations and other factors beyond the Company’s control. Changes in the general level of interest rates can affect net interest income, which is the difference between the interest income earned on interest-earning assets and the interest expense incurred in connection with the interest-bearing liabilities, by affecting the spread between the interest-earning assets and interest-bearing liabilities. Changes in the level of interest rates also can affect the value of the Company’s interest-earning assets and the Company’s ability to realize gains from the sale of these assets. A decline in the value of the Company’s interest-earning assets pledged as collateral for borrowings under repurchase agreements could result in the counterparties demanding additional collateral pledges or liquidation of some of the existing collateral to reduce borrowing levels.

The Company seeks to manage the extent to which net income changes as a function of changes in interest rates by matching adjustable-rate assets with variable-rate borrowings. During periods of changing interest rates, interest rate mismatches could negatively impact the Company's consolidated financial condition, consolidated results of operations and consolidated cash flows. In addition, the Company mitigates the potential impact on net income of periodic and lifetime coupon adjustment restrictions in its investment portfolio by entering into interest rate hedging agreements such as interest rate collars and swaps.

At September 30, 2008, the Company had two interest rate collar contracts outstanding whereby the Company's exposure to variable interest rates is limited by locking in a ceiling and floor for the underlying variable interest rate, one-month LIBOR. The first contract established the ceiling and floor for the underlying rate at 4.125% and 3.54%, respectively. The aggregate notional amount of this contract was approximately \$24,200,000 at September 30, 2008. The second contract set the ceiling and floor for the underlying rate at 4.45% and 3.37%, respectively. The aggregate notional amount of this contract was approximately \$4,100,000 at September 30, 2008.

The Company had two swap contracts outstanding at September 30, 2008. The first contract swaps the variable rate of one-month LIBOR for a fixed rate of 3.565%. The aggregate notional amount of this contract was approximately \$385,000 as of September 30, 2008. The second contract swaps one-month LIBOR for a fixed rate of 3.60%. The aggregate notional amount of this contract was approximately \$33,300,000 at September 30, 2008. This contract relates to an acquisition of bank branches which the Company expects to close in November 2008.

The estimated fair value of the Company's derivative instruments was \$479,364 as of September 30, 2008.

#### **Note 6 — Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

Effective January 1, 2008, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 157 which did not have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial statements. SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. The SFAS No. 157 framework for measuring fair value requires an entity to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs when measuring fair value. The Company determines fair value based on quoted prices when available or through the use of alternative approaches, such as discounting the expected cash flows using market interest rates commensurate with the credit quality and duration of the investment. This alternative approach also reflects the contractual terms of the derivatives, including the period to maturity, and uses observable market-based inputs, including interest rate curves, and implied volatilities. SFAS No. 157's hierarchy defines three levels of inputs that may be used to measure fair value:

*Level 1* - Quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities that the reporting entity has the ability to access at the measurement date.

*Level 2* - Inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset and liability or can be corroborated with observable market data for substantially the entire contractual term of the asset or liability.

*Level 3* - Unobservable inputs that reflect the entity's own assumptions about the assumptions that market participants would use in the pricing of the asset or liability and are consequently not based on market activity, but rather through particular valuation techniques.

The determination of where an asset or liability falls in the hierarchy requires significant judgment and considers factors specific to the asset or liability. In instances where the determination of the fair value measurement is based on inputs from different levels of the fair value hierarchy, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the entire fair value measurement falls is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety. The Company evaluates its hierarchy disclosures each quarter; and depending on various factors, it is



possible that an asset or liability may be classified differently from quarter to quarter. However, the Company expects that changes in classifications between levels will be rare.

Although the Company has determined that the majority of the inputs used to value its derivatives fall within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, the credit valuation adjustments associated with those derivatives utilize Level 3 inputs, such as estimates of current credit spreads to evaluate the likelihood of default by the Company and its counterparties. However, as of September 30, 2008, the Company has assessed the significance of the impact of the credit valuation adjustments on the overall valuation of its derivative positions and has determined that the credit valuation adjustments are not significant to the overall valuation of the Company's derivatives. As a result, the Company has determined that its derivative valuations in their entirety are classified in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

The following table presents information about the Company's assets (including derivatives that are presented net) measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2008, aggregated by the level in the fair value hierarchy within with those instruments fall:

	<b>Quoted Prices in Active Markets Level 1</b>	<b>Significant Other Observable Inputs Level 2</b>	<b>Significant Unobservable Inputs Level 3</b>	<b>Balance as of September 30, 2008</b>
Total derivatives, net	\$	—\$	479,364	\$ —\$ 479,364

#### Note 7 — Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company may use derivative financial instruments, including interest rate swaps, caps, options, floors and other interest rate derivative contracts, to hedge all or a portion of the interest rate risk associated with our borrowings. The principal objective of such arrangements is to minimize the risks and/or costs associated with the Company's operating and financial structure as well as to hedge specific anticipated transactions. The Company does not intend to utilize derivatives for speculative or others purposes other than interest rate risk management. The use of derivative financial instruments carries certain risks, including the risk that the counterparties to these contractual arrangements are not able to perform under the agreements. To mitigate this risk, the Company only enters into derivative financial instruments with counterparties with high credit ratings and with major financial institutions with which the Company and its affiliates may also have other financial relationships. The Company does not anticipate that any of the counterparties will fail to meet their obligations.

As of September 30, 2008, the Company had several interest rate derivative contracts used to hedge interest rate exposure on its indebtedness. The Company had two interest rate collar contracts outstanding at September 30, 2008. At inception, there was no premium exchanged for these contracts and they effectively had a fair value equal to zero. The first collar contract, with an aggregate notional amount of \$24,200,000 at September 30, 2008, was not able to be designated under SFAS No. 133 as it does not qualify for hedge accounting based on the results of the net written option test. As such, all changes in the fair value of the interest rate collar have been included in the Company's statement of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2008. The second collar contract with a notional amount of \$4,100,000 does qualify for hedge accounting and is expected to be a highly effective cash flow hedge. As such, all fair value adjustments for the effective portion of the hedge will be reflected in accumulated other comprehensive income and the amount of ineffectiveness, if any, will be recorded in the statement of operations.

As of September 30, 2008 the Company had two interest rate swap contracts. Both contracts, with aggregate notional amounts of \$385,000 and \$33,300,000, qualify as effective cash flow hedges under SFAS No. 133. The fair value of these contracts is recorded on the balance sheet with the effective portion of the hedge recorded in other comprehensive income, and the amount of ineffectiveness, if any, is recorded in the statement of operations. Amounts

reported in accumulated other comprehensive income related to derivatives will be reclassified to interest expense as interest payments are made on the Company's variable rate debt. During the next twelve months, the Company estimates that \$133,000 will be reclassified as a reduction to interest expense.

The table below summarizes the aggregate notional amount and estimated net fair value of our derivative instruments as of September 30, 2008:

	<b>As of September 30, 2008</b>	
	<b>Notional</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>
<b>Derivatives:</b>		
Interest rate swaps	\$ 33,684,732	\$ 451,269
Interest rate collar	28,346,703	28,095
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 62,031,435</b>	<b>\$ 479,364</b>

The following table summarizes by derivative instrument type the effect on income for the following periods:

	<b>For the Quarter Ended September 30, 2008</b>	
	<b>Amounts Reclassified to Earnings for Effective Hedges - Gains (Losses)</b>	<b>Amounts Reclassified to Earnings for Hedge Ineffectiveness - Gains (Losses)</b>
Interest rate collar, not designated	\$ —	\$ (244,572)
Interest rate collar and swap, designated cash flow hedges	—	1,202
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ (243,370)</b>

Amounts reclassified to earnings associated with ineffective cash flow hedges are reported in other income and the fair value of these hedge agreements is included in prepaid expenses and other assets.

## **Note 8 — Commitments and Contingencies**

### ***Litigation***

In the ordinary course of business, the Company may become subject to litigation or claims. There are no material legal proceedings pending or known to be contemplated against us.

### ***Environmental Matters***

In connection with the ownership and operation of real estate, the Company may potentially be liable for costs and damages related to environmental matters. The Company has not been notified by any governmental authority of any non-compliance, liability or other claim, and the Company is not aware of any other environmental condition that it believes will have a material adverse effect on the consolidated results of operations.

**Note 9 — Related-Party Transactions and Arrangements**

Certain affiliates of the Company receive, and will continue to receive, fees and compensation in connection with the sale of the Company's common stock, and the acquisition, management and sale of the assets of the Company. The Dealer Manager receives, and will continue to receive, a selling commission of up to 7.0% of gross offering proceeds before reallowance of commissions earned by participating broker-dealers. The Dealer Manager reallows, and intends to continue to reallow, 100% of commissions earned to participating broker-dealers. In addition, the Dealer Manager will receive up to 3.0% of the gross proceeds from the Offering, before reallowance to participating broker-dealers, as a dealer-manager fee. The Dealer Manager, in its sole discretion, may reallow all or a portion of its dealer-manager fee to such participating broker-dealers, based on such factors as the volume of shares sold by such participating broker-dealers and marketing support incurred as compared to those of other participating broker-dealers. No selling commissions or dealer-manager fees are paid to the Dealer Manager in respect of shares sold under the DRIP. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company paid \$55,996 and \$93,202, respectively, to the Dealer Manager for commissions and dealer manager fees, of which \$2,385 was reallowed to participating broker-dealers.

All organization and offering expenses associated with the sale of the Company's common stock (excluding selling commissions and the dealer-manager fee) are paid for by the Advisor or its affiliates and are reimbursed by the Company up to 1.5% of gross offering proceeds. The Advisor receives an acquisition and advisory fee of 1.0% of the contract purchase price of each acquired property and will be reimbursed for acquisition costs incurred in the process of acquiring properties, but not to exceed 0.5% of the contract purchase price. In no event will the total of all fees and acquisition expenses payable with respect to a particular property or investment exceed 4.0% of the contract purchase price. During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company reimbursed the Advisor \$0 and \$215,757 for organizational and offering expenses and acquisition costs, respectively. Organization and offering expenses were waived by the Advisor during the three months ended September 30, 2008. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company reimbursed the Advisor \$59,207 and \$1,047,874 for organizational and offering expenses and acquisition costs, respectively. The \$59,207 of offering and organizational expenses reimbursed by the Company is net of \$60,000 refunded by the Advisor to the Company during the three months ended September 30, 2008, to improve the Company's overall working capital position. The Company incurred and capitalized acquisition advisory fees of \$215,757 and \$1,047,874 during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, all of which were paid as of September 30, 2008.

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The Advisor receives a financing coordination fee equal to 1.0% of the amount available under such financing. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company incurred finance coordination fees of \$187,212 and \$810,987, respectively, paid to its affiliated Advisor.

The Company pays its affiliated Property Manager fees for the management and leasing of the Company's properties. Such fees equal 2.0% of gross revenues from the Company's single tenant properties and 4.0% of the gross revenues from its multi-tenant properties, plus reimbursement of the Property Managers' costs of managing the properties. In the event that the Property Manager assists a tenant with tenant improvements, a separate fee may be charged to the tenant by the Property Manager at a fee not to exceed 5.0% of the cost of such tenant improvements. The Property Manager will be paid leasing commissions at prevailing market rates and may also receive a fee for the initial leasing of newly constructed properties, which generally would equal one month's rent. The aggregate of all property management and leasing fees paid to affiliates plus all payments to third parties will not exceed the amount that other nonaffiliated management and leasing companies generally charge for similar services in the same geographic location. The Property Manager may subcontract its duties for a fee that may be less than the fee provided for in the property management agreement. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company paid the Property Manager \$0 and \$4,230 for property management fees, respectively. The Property Manager has elected to waive its management fee for the three months ended September 30, 2008.

The Company pays the Advisor an annualized asset management fee of 1.0% based on the aggregate contract purchase price of all properties. The asset management fee is payable quarterly in advance on the first day of the month following the end of each calendar quarter end. The Advisor has elected to waive its asset management fee for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

If the Advisor or its affiliates provides a substantial amount of services, as determined by the Company's independent directors, in connection with the sale of property, the Company will pay the Advisor a brokerage commission not to exceed the lesser of one-half of a reasonable, customary and competitive real estate commission or 3.0% of the contract price for the property sold, inclusive of any commission paid to outside brokers provided, however, in no event may the real estate commissions paid to the Advisor, its affiliates or unaffiliated third-parties exceed 6% of the contract price. In addition, after investors have received a return of their net capital contributions and a 6.0% annual cumulative, non-compounded return, then the Advisor is entitled to receive 15.0% of remaining net sale proceeds. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company did not pay any fees or amounts to the Advisor relating to the sale of properties.

In the event the Company's common stock is listed in the future on a national securities exchange, a subordinated incentive listing fee equal to 15.0% of the amount by which the market value of the Company's outstanding stock plus all distributions paid by the Company prior to listing, exceeds the sum of the total amount of capital raised from investors plus an amount equal to a 6.0% annual cumulative, non-compounded return to investors will be paid to the Advisor.

In the event that the advisory agreement with the Advisor is terminated upon a change of control of the Company, by the Company without cause, or by the Advisor for good reason (as such terms may be defined in the definitive agreement memorializing the engagement of the Advisor by the Company), the Company shall pay the Advisor a termination fee not to exceed 15.0% of the amount, if any, by which the appraised value of the properties owned by the Company on the date of such termination, less amounts of all indebtedness secured by such properties exceeds the dollar amount equal to the sum of a 6.0% cumulative non-compound return on the Company's stockholders' net

investment plus the amount of such investment.

The Company may reimburse the Advisor for all expenses it paid or incurred in connection with the services provided to the Company, subject to the limitation that the Company does not reimburse for any amount by which its operating expenses (including the asset management fee) at the end of the four preceding fiscal quarters exceeds the greater of (i) 2.0% of average invested assets, or (ii) 25% of net income other than any additions to reserves for depreciation, bad debts or other similar non-cash reserves and excluding any gain from the sale of assets for that period. The Company will not reimburse for personnel costs in connection with services for which the Advisor receives acquisition fees or real estate commissions. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company did not reimburse the Advisor for any such costs.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the OP entered into an agreement with the principals of the Advisor whereby the OP can borrow from the principals up to \$10,000,000 from time to time as needed to provide short-term financing relating to property acquisitions. Such borrowings need to be repaid within a six month period and will accrue interest at a commercially reasonable rate. In November 2008, the board approved an extension of the repayment period of an additional six months. In connection with the acquisition of the Harleysville National Bank and the Rockland Trust Company portfolios outlined in Note 3, the Company borrowed \$4,000,000 and \$2,500,000 million respectively, accruing interest at an annual rate of 8.0%. Such borrowings can be paid off, at any time, without penalty. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company incurred related party interest expense of \$131,069 and \$261,261, respectively. As of September 30, 2008, \$42,739 remained unpaid and is included in due to affiliates in the accompanying balance sheets.

During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the REIT entered into an unsecured credit facility with a related party, American Realty Capital Bridge, LLC (“ARC Bridge”), whereby the REIT can borrow up to \$10,000,000 from time to time as needed to provide short-term financing relating to property acquisitions. ARC Bridge is a 50% joint venture between the Sponsor and an unrelated third party. Borrowings on this facility accrue interest at an annual rate of 30 day LIBOR plus 5% with a floor of 8%. This facility was used for two acquisitions during the three months ended September 30, 2008. The borrowings relating to the National City Bank and Rite Aid acquisitions were \$1,039,648 and 6,107,939, respectively. These borrowings are due one year from the borrowing date and can be repaid at any time without penalty. The related interest rates on these borrowings were 8.11% and 8.83% for the National City Bank and Rite Aid acquisitions, respectively, as of September 30, 2008. The Company incurred interest expense on these borrowings of \$6,651 for the period ended September 30, 2008. As of September 30, 2008, \$6,651 remained unpaid and is included in due to affiliates in the accompanying balance sheets.

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At September 30, 2008 and December 31, 2007, the Company had approximately \$555,000 and \$285,000, respectively, due to affiliates, which is included in due to affiliates in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets and is payable primarily to the Advisor. Such amounts consisted primarily of a \$490,000 rate lock deposit related to the financing of a future transaction as well as accrued interest.

The Company acquired 23 properties in four separate transactions during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 from related parties. A Federal Express distribution center was acquired on March 5, 2008. A sale leaseback transaction involving 15 properties 100% occupied by Harleystown National Bank occurred on March 12, 2008. A National City Bank branch and a portfolio of six Rite Aid locations were acquired on September 16, 2008 and September 29, 2008, respectively. These acquisitions were approved by the Company's Board of Trustees; with two inside directors abstaining because the acquisition was an affiliated transaction. The Company acquired these assets at sellers' cost, which did not exceed the fair market value of the properties as determined by a qualified independent appraiser.

**Note 10 — Economic Dependency**

Under various agreements, the Company has engaged or will engage the Advisor and its affiliates to provide certain services that are essential to the Company, including asset management services, supervision of the management and leasing of properties owned by the Company, asset acquisition and disposition decisions, the sale of shares of the Company's common stock available for issue, as well as other administrative responsibilities for the Company including accounting services and investor relations.

As a result of these relationships, the Company is dependent upon the Advisor and its affiliates. In the event that these companies were unable to provide the Company with the respective services, the Company would be required to find alternative providers of these services.

**Note 11 — Independent Directors' Stock Option Plan**

The Company has a stock option plan (the "Plan"), which authorizes the grant of nonqualified stock options to the Company's independent directors, subject to the absolute discretion of the board of directors and the applicable limitations of the Plan. The Company intends to grant options under the Plan to each qualifying director annually. The exercise price for all stock options granted under the Plan will be fixed at \$10.00 per share until the termination of our initial public offering, and thereafter the exercise price for stock options granted to our independent directors will be equal to the fair market value of a share on the last business day preceding the annual meeting of stockholders. As of September 30, 2008, the Company had granted options to purchase 9,000 shares at \$10.00 per share, each with a two year vesting period. A total of 1,000,000 shares have been authorized and reserved for issuance under the Plan. The Company accounts for the issuance of stock options under SFAS No. 123R, "Share-Based Payment," which requires the measurement and recognition of compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made to employees and directors, including stock options related to the Plan, based on estimated fair values.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, 9,000 were granted and no options were forfeited, became vested, or were exercised. As of September 30, 2008, unvested options to purchase 9,000 shares at \$10.00 per share remained outstanding with a weighted average contractual remaining life of approximately 9.5 years. The total compensation charge relating to these option grants under SFAS No. 123R is immaterial.

**Note 12 — Net Income (Loss) Per Share**

The following is a reconciliation of the numerator and denominator of the basic and diluted net income (loss) per share computation for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2008:

	<b>Basic and Diluted Three Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>	<b>Basic and Diluted Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>
Net loss	\$ (845,124)	\$ (1,641,345)
Total weighted average common shares outstanding	1,101,127	699,883
Loss per share	\$ (0.77)	\$ (2.35)

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**Note 13 — Subsequent Events***Sale of Shares of Common Stock*

As of November 11, 2008, the Company had issued 1,204,065 shares of common stock, including 339,077 shares issued in connection with an acquisition in March 2008 - see Note 3 Real Estate Acquisitions. Total gross proceeds from these issuances were \$11,905,737. As of November 11, 2008, the aggregate value of all share issuances and subscriptions outstanding was \$14,009,358 based on a per share value of \$10.00. This amount includes stock subscriptions of \$2,103,628 which are maintained at the Company's third-party escrow agent, to be released when certain escrow requirements have been achieved. As of November 11, 2008, approximately \$1.24 billion (124 million shares) remained available for sale to the public under the Offering, exclusive of shares available under the DRIP.

*Real Estate Acquisitions*

The Company acquired the following properties subsequent to September 30, 2008:

<b>Property</b>	<b>Acquisition Date</b>	<b>No. Of Buildings</b>	<b>Square Feet</b>	<b>Purchase Price (1)</b>
National City Bank	October 2008	1	4,633	\$ 3,764,028

(1) Includes all acquisition costs, the value of acquired intangible lease assets and assumed liabilities.

On October 23, 2008, the Company acquired a National City Bank branch for a total purchase price of approximately \$3.8 million, inclusive of closing costs and an acquisition fee, from a related party. The property is leased on a triple-net basis, with an initial lease term of 20.4 years, exclusive of certain lease extension provisions.

*Mortgage Notes Payable and other obligations*

Subsequent to September 30, 2008, the Company incurred or assumed the following mortgage notes payable in connection with the real estate acquisitions described above:

<b><u>Mortgage Debt</u></b>	<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u>Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Maturity Date</u></b>
\$ 2,437,500	Variable	30 Day LIBOR + 1.50% (1)	October 2013

(1) The Company entered into a rate lock agreement to limit its interest rate exposure. The LIBOR floor and cap on the amortizing portion of the debt are 3.37% and 4.45% (initial year), respectively. In addition, the Company swapped the variable interest rate for a fixed rate of 3.565% on the balloon payment due in October 2013.



### ***Share Repurchase Program***

On November 12, 2008, the Company's board of directors modified the Share Repurchase Program ("SRP") to fund purchases under the SRP not only from the DRIP but also operating funds of the Company. Accordingly, purchases under the SRP, subject to the terms of the SRP, may be funded from the proceeds from the sale of shares under the DRIP, from proceeds of the sale of shares in a public offering, together with other available allocated operating funds. However, purchases under the SRP by the Company will be limited in any calendar year to 5% of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the prior year. Purchases under the SRP will continue to be restricted by the availability of such proceeds and available allocated operating funds, as well as the share repurchase limit. The terms and conditions of the SRP remain unchanged.

In addition, the SRP provides existing stockholders with limited, interim liquidity by enabling them to sell shares back to us, subject to certain restrictions. The purchase price has been modified as follows:

One year from the purchase date - 96.25% of the amount paid for each share (increased from 95%);

Two years from the purchase date - 97.75% of the amount paid for each share (increased from 96.25%);

Three years from the purchase date - 100% of the amount paid for each share (increased from 97.5%).

The Company makes repurchases under the SRP, if requested, at least once quarterly on a first-come, first-served basis. Subject to funds being available, The Company limits the number of shares repurchased during any calendar year to five percent (5%) of the weighted average number of shares outstanding during the prior calendar year.

Funding for the SRP comes exclusively from proceeds that we receive from the sale of shares under the DRIP and other such operating funds, if any, as the board of directors, at its sole discretion, may reserve for this purpose.

The Company cannot guarantee that the funds set aside for the SRP will be sufficient to accommodate all requests made each year. If no funds are available for the SRP when repurchase is requested, the stockholder may: (i) withdraw the request; or (ii) ask that we honor the request at such time, if any, when funds are available. Such pending requests will be honored on a first-come, first-served basis.

The board of directors, at its sole discretion, may choose to terminate the SRP, or reduce the number of shares purchased under the SRP, if it determines that the funds allocated to the SRP are needed for other purposes, such as the acquisition, maintenance or repair of properties, or for use in making a declared distribution.

There is no requirement that stockholders sell their shares to the Company. The SRP is only intended to provide interim liquidity for stockholders until a liquidity event occurs, such as the listing of the shares on a national securities exchange, inclusion of the shares for quotation on a national market system, or a merger with a listed company. No assurance can be given that any such liquidity event will occur.

Shares purchased by the Company under the SRP will be canceled and will have the status of authorized but unissued shares. Shares acquired through the SRP will not be re-issued unless they are first registered with the SEC under the Securities Act of 1933 and under appropriate state securities laws, or otherwise issued in compliance with such laws.

## Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the accompanying financial statements of American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. and the notes thereto. As used herein, the terms "we," "our" and "us" refer to American Realty Capital Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and, as required by context, American Realty Capital Operating Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, which we refer to as the "Operating Partnership" and to their subsidiaries. American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. is externally managed by the American Realty Capital Advisors, LLC (a Delaware limited liability company) or the "Advisor."

### Forward-Looking Statements

Certain statements included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q are forward-looking statements. Those statements include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of American Realty Capital Trust, Inc. and members of our management team, as well as the assumptions on which such statements are based, and generally are identified by the use of words such as "may," "will," "seeks," "anticipates," "believes," "estimates," "expects," "plans," "intends" or similar expressions. Actual results may differ materially from those contemplated by such forward-looking statements. Further, forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made, and we undertake no obligation to update or revise forward-looking statements to reflect changed assumptions, the occurrence of unanticipated events or changes to future operating results over time, unless required by law.

Following are some of the risks and uncertainties, although not all risks and uncertainties, that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those presented in our forward-looking statements:

- Neither we nor our Advisor have a prior operating history and our Advisor does not have any experience operating a public company. This inexperience makes our future performance difficult to predict.
- All of our executive officers are also officers, managers and/or holders of a direct or indirect controlling interest in our Advisor, our dealer manager and other affiliated entities. As a result, our executive officers, our Advisor and its affiliates face conflicts of interest, including significant conflicts created by our Advisor's compensation arrangements with us and other investors advised by American Realty Capital affiliates and conflicts in allocating time among us and these other investors. These conflicts could result in unanticipated actions.
- Because investment opportunities that are suitable for us may also be suitable for other American Realty Capital-advised investors, our Advisor and its affiliates face conflicts of interest relating to the purchase of properties and such conflicts may not be resolved in our favor, meaning that we could invest in less attractive properties, which could reduce the investment return to our stockholders.
- If we raise substantially less than the maximum offering in our ongoing initial public offering, we may not be able to invest in a diverse portfolio of real estate assets and the value of an investment in us may vary more widely with the performance of specific assets.
- While we are raising capital and investing the proceeds of our ongoing initial public offering, the high demand for the type of properties we desire to acquire may cause our distributions and the long-term returns of our investors to be lower than they otherwise would.
- We depend on tenants for our revenue, and, accordingly, our revenue is dependent upon the success and economic viability of our tenants.

- Increases in interest rates could increase the amount of our debt payments and limit our ability to pay distributions to our stockholders.

All forward-looking statements should be read in light of the risks identified in our Registration Statement on Form S-11 for the period from August 17, 2007 (dated of inception) to December 31, 2007, filed with the SEC and the risks identified in this quarterly report.

## **Overview**

We are a Maryland corporation that will elect to be taxed as a real estate investment trust, or REIT, beginning with the taxable year ending December 31, 2008. On September 10, 2007, we filed a registration statement on Form S-11 with the SEC to offer a minimum of 750,000 shares and a maximum of 150,000,000 shares of common stock for sale to the public. The SEC declared the registration statement effective on January 25, 2008, at which time we launched our ongoing initial public offering. On March 11, 2008, we broke escrow in our ongoing initial public offering and then commenced our real estate operations. As of September 30, 2008, we issued 1,165,397 shares of common stock, including 339,077 shares issued in connection with an acquisition in March 2008 - see Note 3 Real Estate Acquisitions. Total gross proceeds from these issuances were \$10,523,344. As of September 30, 2008, the aggregate value of all share issuances and subscriptions outstanding was \$13,667,108 based on a per share value of \$10.00. This amount includes stock subscriptions of \$2,103,628 which are maintained at the our third-party escrow agent, to be released when certain escrow requirements have been achieved. As of September 30, 2008, we had not redeemed any shares sold in our ongoing initial public offering pursuant to our share repurchase program. We are dependent upon the net proceeds from the offering to conduct our proposed operations.

We intend to use the proceeds of our ongoing initial public offering to acquire and manage a diverse portfolio of real estate properties consisting primarily of freestanding, single-tenant properties net leased to investment grade and other creditworthy tenants throughout the United States and Puerto Rico as well as certain other real-estate related investments. We plan to own substantially all of our assets and conduct our operations through our Operating Partnership, of which we are the sole general partner. We have no paid employees. Our advisor, American Realty Capital Advisors, LLC, conducts our operations and manages our portfolio of real estate investments.

As of September 30, 2008, we owned 41 properties comprising approximately 433,000 square feet, 100% leased with an initial weighted average remaining lease term of 13.7 years. In constructing our portfolio, we intend to target and derive approximately 50% to 60% of our revenues from investment-grade tenants. Additionally, we intend to target approximately 50% of our revenues from financial institutions.

We intend to continue our strategy of acquiring high quality, single tenant properties through sale leaseback transactions and marketed transactions with in-place long-term leases, and to finance our acquisitions with a combination of equity and debt. We expect to arrange long-term financing on both a secured and unsecured fixed rate basis. We intend to continue to grow our existing relationships and develop new relationships throughout various markets we serve, which we expect will lead to further acquisition opportunities.

Real estate-related investments are higher-yield and higher-risk investments that our advisor will actively manage, if we elect to acquire such investments. The real estate-related investments in which we may invest include: (i) mortgage loans; (ii) equity securities such as common stocks, preferred stocks and convertible preferred securities of real estate companies; (iii) debt securities, such as mortgage-backed securities, commercial mortgages, mortgage loan participations and debt securities issued by other real estate companies; and (iv) certain types of illiquid securities, such as mezzanine loans and bridge loans. While we may invest in any of these real estate-related investments, our advisor, with the support of our Board of Trustees, has elected to suspend all activities relating to acquiring real estate-related investments for an indefinite period based on the current adverse climate affecting the capital markets. Since our inception, we have not acquired any real estate-related investments.

### **Significant Accounting Estimates and Critical Accounting Policies**

Set forth below is a summary of the significant accounting estimates and critical accounting policies that management believes are important to the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Certain of our accounting estimates are particularly important for an understanding of our financial position and results of operations and require the application of significant judgment by our management. As a result, these estimates are subject to a degree of uncertainty. These significant accounting estimates include:

#### ***Revenue Recognition***

Our revenues, which are derived primarily from rental income, include rents that each tenant pays in accordance with the terms of each lease reported on a straightline basis over the initial term of the lease. Since many of our leases provide for rental increases at specified intervals, straightline basis accounting requires us to record a receivable, and include in revenues, unbilled rent receivables that we will only receive if the tenant makes all rent payments required through the expiration of the initial term of the lease.

We continually review receivables related to rent and unbilled rent receivables and determine collectibility by taking into consideration the tenant's payment history, the financial condition of the tenant, business conditions in the industry in which the tenant operates and economic conditions in the area in which the property is located. In the event that the collectibility of a receivable is in doubt, we record an increase in our allowance for uncollectible accounts or record a direct write-off of the receivable in our consolidated statements of operations.

***Investments in Real Estate***

Investments in real estate are recorded at cost. Improvements and replacements are capitalized when they extend the useful life of the asset. Costs of repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation is computed using the straightline method over the estimated useful life of up to 40 years for buildings and improvements, five to ten years for fixtures and improvements and the shorter of the useful life or the remaining lease term for tenant improvements and leasehold interests.

We are required to make subjective assessments as to the useful lives of our properties for purposes of determining the amount of depreciation to record on an annual basis with respect to our investments in real estate. These assessments have a direct impact on our net income because if we were to shorten the expected useful lives of our investments in real estate, we would depreciate these investments over fewer years, resulting in more depreciation expense and lower net income on an annual basis.

We follow Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No.144, "Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets," which established a single accounting model for the impairment or disposal of long-lived assets including discontinued operations. SFAS No.144 requires that the operations related to properties that have been sold or properties that are intended to be sold be presented as discontinued operations in the statement of operations for all periods presented, and properties intended to be sold to be designated as "held for sale" on the balance sheet.

Long-lived assets are carried at cost and evaluated for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate such an evaluation is warranted or when they are designated as held for sale. Valuation of real estate is considered a "critical accounting estimate" because the evaluation of impairment and the determination of fair values involve a number of management assumptions relating to future economic events that could materially affect the determination of the ultimate value, and therefore, the carrying amounts of our real estate. Additionally, decisions regarding when a property should be classified as held for sale are also highly subjective and require significant management judgment.

Events or changes in circumstances that could cause an evaluation for impairment include the following:

- a significant decrease in the market price of a long-lived asset;
- a significant adverse change in the extent or manner in which a long-lived asset is being used or in its physical condition;
- a significant adverse change in legal factors or in the business climate that could affect the value of a long-lived asset, including an adverse action or assessment by a regulator;
- an accumulation of costs significantly in excess of the amount originally expected for the acquisition or construction of a long-lived asset; and
- a current-period operating or cash flow loss combined with a history of operating or cash flow losses or a projection or forecast that demonstrates continuing losses associated with the use of a long-lived asset.

We review our portfolio on an on-going basis to evaluate the existence of any of the aforementioned events or changes in circumstances that would require us to test for recoverability. In general, our review of recoverability is based on an estimate of the future undiscounted cash flows, excluding interest charges, expected to result from the property's use and eventual disposition. These estimates consider factors such as expected future operating income, market and other applicable trends and residual value expected, as well as the effects of leasing demand, competition and other factors. If impairment exists due to the inability to recover the carrying value of a property, an impairment loss is recorded to the extent that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value of the property. We are required to make subjective assessments as to whether there are impairments in the values of our investments in real estate. These assessments have a direct impact on our net income because recording an impairment loss results in an immediate negative adjustment to net income.

#### ***Purchase Price Allocation***

Pursuant to SFAS No.141, "Business Combinations," we follow the purchase method of accounting for all business combinations. To ensure that intangible assets acquired and liabilities assumed in a purchase method business combination can be recognized and reported apart from goodwill, we ensure that the applicable criteria specified in SFAS No.141 are met.

We allocate the purchase price of acquired properties to tangible and identifiable intangible assets acquired based on their respective fair values. Tangible assets include land, buildings, equipment and tenant improvements on an as-if vacant basis. We utilize various estimates, processes and information to determine the as-if vacant property value. Estimates of value are made using customary methods, including data from appraisals, comparable sales, discounted cash flow analysis and other methods. Identifiable intangible assets include amounts allocated to acquired leases for above- and below-market lease rates, the value of in-place leases, and the value of customer relationships.

Amounts allocated to land, buildings, equipment and fixtures are based on cost segregation studies performed by independent third-parties or on our analysis of comparable properties in our portfolio. Depreciation is computed using the straightline method over the estimated life of 40 years for buildings, five to ten years for building equipment and fixtures, and the lesser of the useful life or the remaining lease term for tenant improvements.

Above-market and below-market in-place lease values for owned properties are recorded based on the present value (using an interest rate which reflects the risks associated with the leases acquired) of the difference between the contractual amounts to be paid pursuant to the in-place leases and 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. The capitalized above-market lease values are amortized as a reduction of rental income over the remaining non-cancelable terms of the respective leases. The capitalized below-market lease values are amortized as an increase to rental income over the initial term and any fixed-rate renewal periods in the respective leases. The aggregate value of intangible assets related to in-place leases is primarily the difference between the property valued with existing in-place leases adjusted to market rental rates and the property valued as if vacant. Factors considered by us in our analysis of the in-place lease intangibles include an estimate of carrying costs during the expected lease-up period for each property, taking into account current market conditions and costs to execute similar leases. In estimating carrying costs, we include real estate taxes, insurance and other operating expenses and estimates of lost rentals at market rates during the expected lease-up period, which typically ranges from six to 18 months. We also estimate costs to execute similar leases including leasing commissions, legal and other related expenses.

The aggregate value of intangibles assets related to customer relationship is measured based on our evaluation of the specific characteristics of each tenant's lease and our overall relationship with the tenant. Characteristics considered by us in determining these values include the nature and extent of our existing business relationships with the tenant, growth prospects for developing new business with the tenant, the tenant's credit quality and expectations of lease renewals, among other factors.

The value of in-place leases is amortized to expense over the initial term of the respective leases, which range primarily from 2 to 20 years. The value of customer relationship intangibles is amortized to expense over the initial term and any renewal periods in the respective leases, but in no event does the amortization period for intangible assets exceed the remaining depreciable life of the building. If a tenant terminates its lease, the unamortized portion of the in-place lease value and customer relationship intangibles is charged to expense.

In making estimates of fair values for purposes of allocating purchase price, we utilize a number of sources, including independent appraisals that may be obtained in connection with the acquisition or financing of the respective property and other market data. We also consider information obtained about each property as a result of our pre-acquisition due diligence, as well as subsequent marketing and leasing activities, in estimating the fair value of the tangible and intangible assets acquired and intangible liabilities assumed. The allocations presented in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets are substantially complete; however, there are certain items that we will finalize once we receive additional information. Accordingly, these allocations are subject to revision when final information is available, although we do not expect future revisions to have a significant impact on our financial position or results of operations.

## **Results of Operations**

### ***Three Months Ended September 30, 2008***

As of September 30, 2008, the Company owned 41 properties which are 100% leased. The Company acquired 7 properties in two separate transactions during the quarter ended September 30, 2008. A National City Bank location was acquired on September 16, 2008. A transaction involving 6 properties 100% occupied by Rite Aid occurred on September 29, 2008. The property operating results outlined below include the partial period we owned these investment assets during the period.

#### *Rental Income*

Rental income of approximately \$1,594,000 was recognized during the three months ended September 30, 2008. This rental income includes a partial quarter of revenue derived from the properties we acquired in September 2008.

#### *Property Management Fees to Affiliate*

American Realty Capital Properties, LLC has elected to waive the property management fees for the three months ended September 30, 2008. Such fees represent amounts paid to our affiliated property manager, American Realty Capital Properties, LLC, to manage and lease our properties.

#### *General and Administrative Expenses*

General and administrative expenses of approximately \$19,000 were incurred during the three months ended September 30, 2008. The majority of such expenses included \$48,000 of insurance expense amortization of our directors and officers' insurance policy, \$20,000 of board member compensation and \$11,000 of professional fees. These expenses are offset by a \$60,000 reimbursement of various organizational and offering costs by the Advisor.

#### *Depreciation and Amortization Expense*

Depreciation and amortization expense of approximately \$857,000 was recognized during the three months ended September 30, 2008. This expense includes a partial quarter of depreciation and amortization incurred from the properties we acquired in September 2008.

#### *Interest Expense*

Interest expense of approximately \$1,387,000 was recognized during the three months ended September 30, 2008. Such amount includes a partial quarter of interest expense relating to the debt incurred to fund a portion of the properties we acquired in September 2008.



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Our property acquisitions during the three months ended September 30, 2008 were financed in part with short-term and long-term obligations as discussed in Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements. Our interest expense in future periods will vary based on our level of future borrowings, which will depend on the level of proceeds raised in the Offering, the cost of borrowings, and the opportunity to acquire real estate assets which meet our investment objectives.

*Other Income*

During the three months ended September 30, 2008, the Company recorded \$177,000 of losses related to marking its derivative instruments to market.

*Funds From Operations*

We consider funds from operations (“FFO”) a useful indicator of the performance of a REIT. Because FFO calculations exclude such factors as depreciation and amortization of real estate assets and gains or losses from sales of operating real estate assets (which can vary among owners of identical assets in similar conditions based on historical cost accounting and useful-life estimates), they facilitate comparisons of operating performance between periods and between other REITs in our peer group. Accounting for real estate assets in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (“GAAP”) implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictability over time. Since real estate values have historically risen or fallen with market conditions, many industry investors and analysts have considered the presentation of operating results for real estate companies that use historical cost accounting to be insufficient by themselves. As a result, we believe that the use of FFO, together with the required GAAP presentations, provide a more complete understanding of our performance relative to our peers and a more informed and appropriate basis on which to make decisions involving operating, financing, and investing activities. Other REITs may not define FFO in accordance with the current National Association of Real Estate Investment Trust’s (“NAREIT”) definition (as we do) or may interpret the current NAREIT definition differently than we do. Consequently, our presentation of FFO may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures presented by other REITs.

FFO is a non-GAAP financial measure and does not represent net income as defined by GAAP. FFO does not represent cash flows from operations as defined by U.S. GAAP, it is not indicative of cash available to fund all cash flow needs and liquidity, including our ability to pay distributions and should not be considered as an alternative to net income, as determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP, for purposes of evaluating our operating performance.

FFO is presented in the following table for the periods ended as indicated:

	<b>Three Months Ended June 30, 2008</b>	<b>Three Months Ended September 30, 2008</b>
Net loss	\$ (454,369)	\$ (845,124)
Add:		
Depreciation of real estate assets	616,517	717,410
Amortization of intangible lease assets	119,966	139,777
Mark-to-market adjustment (1)	(196,816)	176,656
FFO	\$ 85,298	\$ 188,719
Dividends paid (2)	\$ 79,899	\$ 174,021
FFO coverage ratio	106.8%	108.5%

FFO payout ratio	93.7%	92.2%
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- (1) the Company excludes non-cash mark-to-market adjustments relating to its hedging activities from its FFO calculation.
  - (2) includes shares issued under the DRIP.
  - (3) FFO is not applicable for the three months ended March 31, 2008, as no dividend were paid during such period.

***Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008***

As of September 30, 2008, the Company owned 41 properties which are 100% leased. We acquired a Federal Express distribution center on March 5, 2008. A sale leaseback transaction involving 15 properties 100% occupied by Harleysville National Bank occurred on March 12, 2008. A sale leaseback transaction involving 18 properties 100% occupied by Rockland Trust Company occurred on May 2, 2008. A National City Bank location was acquired on September 16, 2008. A transaction involving 6 properties 100% occupied by Rite Aid occurred on September 29, 2008. The property operating results outlined below relate to the partial period we owned these investment assets during the period.

***Rental Income***

Rental income of approximately \$3,156,000 was recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. This rental income is derived from the leased properties we acquired in March, May and September 2008.

***Property Management Fees to Affiliate***

Property management fees to affiliate of approximately \$4,000 were incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Such fees represent amounts paid to our affiliated property manager, American Realty Capital Properties, LLC, to manage and lease our properties. American Realty Capital Properties, LLC has elected to waive the property management fees for the nine months ended September 30, 2008.

***General and Administrative Expenses***

General and administrative expenses of approximately \$292,000 were incurred during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. The majority of such expenses includes approximately \$59,000 reimbursed to the Advisor relating to various organizational and offering costs, which is net of the \$60,000 refunded from the Advisor in the third quarter of 2008, \$127,000 of insurance expense amortization of our directors and officers' insurance policy, \$59,000 of board member compensation and \$35,000 of professional fees.

***Depreciation and Amortization Expense***

Depreciation and amortization expense of approximately \$1,765,000 was recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. This expense relates to depreciation and amortization incurred from the properties we acquired in March, May and September 2008.

***Interest Expense***

Interest expense of approximately \$2,759,000 was recognized during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Such amount relates to interest expense incurred on debt obligations assumed and/or borrowed to fund a portion of the properties we acquired in March, May and September 2008.

Our property acquisitions during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 were financed in part with short-term and long-term obligations as discussed in Note 4 to our consolidated financial statements. Our interest expense in future periods will vary based on our level of future borrowings, which will depend on the level of proceeds raised in the Offering, the cost of borrowings, and the opportunity to acquire real estate assets which meet our investment objectives.

***Other Income***

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, the Company recorded \$20,000 of gains related to marking its derivative instruments to market.

### **Cash Flows for the Nine Months Ended September 30, 2008**

During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, net cash provided by operating activities was approximately \$1,291,000. The level of cash flows provided by operating activities is affected by both the timing of interest payments and amount of borrowings outstanding during the period. It is also affected by the receipt of scheduled rent payments and disbursement of deposits required in connection with property acquisitions. Prepaid expenses and other assets increased by approximately \$751,000 principally resulting from a deposit paid to secure financing on a portfolio expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2008 and the partial pre-funding of our Directors and Officers' insurance policy. This amount is offset by the increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses of approximately \$1,312,000, the majority of which relates to professional fees, accrued interest and finance coordination fees, as well as an increase in deferred rent and liabilities of approximately \$554,000, primarily representing rent payments received in advance of the respective due date.

Net cash used in investing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2008 totaled approximately \$49,068,000 relating to investment properties acquired during the period.

Net cash provided by financing activities totaled approximately \$48,651,000 during the nine months ended September 30, 2008. Such amount consisted primarily of net proceeds from mortgage notes payable, issuance of a convertible redeemable preferred obligation, our related party credit facility, and our related party notes payable of approximately \$26,294,000, \$3,995,000, \$7,148,000 and \$6,500,000, respectively. During the period, we issued 1,145,397 shares of common stock which generated approximately \$7,272,000 of gross proceeds, reduced by approximately \$1,292,000 of related offering costs and commissions. Net cash of approximately \$168,000 was used for shareholder dividends. Net cash was reduced by approximately \$50,000 related to restricted cash.

### **Liquidity and Capital Resources**

We expect to continue to raise capital through the sale of our common stock and to utilize the net proceeds from the sale of our common stock and proceeds from secured financings to complete future property acquisitions. As of September 30, 2008, we issued 1,165,397 shares of common stock, including 339,077 shares issued in connection with an acquisition in March 2008 - see Note 3 Real Estate Acquisitions. Total gross proceeds from these issuances were \$10,523,344. As of September 30, 2008, the aggregate value of all share issuances and subscriptions outstanding was \$13,667,108 based on a per share value of \$10.00. This amount includes stock subscriptions of \$2,103,628 which are maintained at our third-party escrow agent, to be released when certain escrow requirements have been achieved.

The amount of distributions payable to our stockholders is determined by our board of directors and is dependent on a number of factors, including funds available for distribution, financial condition, capital expenditure requirements, as applicable and annual distribution requirements needed to qualify and maintain our status as a REIT under the Code. Operating cash flows are expected to increase as additional properties are acquired in our investment portfolio.

Our principal demands for funds will continue to be for property acquisitions, either directly or through investment interests, for the payment of operating expenses and distributions, and for the payment of interest on our outstanding indebtedness and other investments. Generally, cash needs for items other than property acquisitions are expected to be met from operations, and cash needs for property acquisitions are expected to be met from the public offering of our shares. However, there may be a delay between the sale of our shares and our purchase of properties, which could result in a delay in the benefits to our stockholders, if any, of returns generated from our operations. Our Advisor evaluates potential acquisitions of real estate and real estate related assets and engages in negotiations with sellers and borrowers on our behalf. Investors should be aware that after a purchase contract is executed that contains specific terms, the property will not be purchased until the successful completion of due diligence and negotiation of final

binding agreements. During this period, we may decide to temporarily invest any unused proceeds from the Offering in certain investments that could yield lower returns than the properties. These lower returns may affect our ability to make distributions.

We expect to meet our future short-term operating liquidity requirements through net cash provided by our current property operations and the operations of properties to be acquired in the future. Management also expects that our properties will generate sufficient cash flow to cover operating expenses and the payment of a monthly distribution. Other potential future sources of capital include proceeds from secured or unsecured financings from banks or other lenders, proceeds from the sale of properties and undistributed funds from operations.

In February 2008, the Board of Directors declared a dividend for each monthly period commencing 30 days subsequent to acquiring our initial portfolio of real estate investments, payable in cash on the 21st day following each month end to stockholders of record at the close of business each day during the applicable period. The dividend will be calculated based on stockholders of record each day during the applicable period at a rate of \$0.00178082191 per day, and will equal a daily amount that, if paid each day for a 365-day period, would equal a 6.5% annualized rate based on the share price of \$10.00. In August 2008, the Board of Directors modified the dividend payment date to the second business day of the following month.

The Company, our Board of Directors and Advisor share a similar philosophy with respect to paying our dividend. The dividend should principally be derived from cash flows generated from real estate operations. During the nine months ended September 30, 2008, dividends paid totaled \$253,919, inclusive of \$85,962 of common shares issued under the DRIP. Our related party Advisor has agreed to waive certain fees during the current period which resulted in the Company's FFO fully covering the dividends that were paid out during such period. These waived fees included asset management and property management of \$212,489 and \$30,557, respectively. In addition, the Advisor waived reimbursement it was entitled to during the period for organizational and offering expenses which totaled \$11,306. The fees and reimbursement that were waived relating to the activity during the three months ended September 30, 2008 are not deferrals and accordingly, will not be paid by the Company.

The payment terms of our loan obligations vary. In general, principal and interest is payable monthly with all unpaid principal and interest due at maturity. Certain of our mortgage loans have initial payments of interest only but require principal repayment in subsequent years. Our loan agreements stipulate that we comply with specific reporting and financial covenants. As of September 30, 2008, we were in compliance with the debt covenants under our loan agreements.

Our Advisor may, with approval from our independent board of directors, seek to borrow short-term capital that, combined with secured mortgage financing, exceeds our targeted leverage ratio. Such short-term borrowings may be derived from the \$10.0 million revolving credit facility established between principals of the Advisor and the O.P. or the \$10.0 million unsecured credit facility established between ARC Bridge and the REIT as described in Note 9 of our financial statements— Related-Party Transactions and Arrangements. In addition, short-term borrowings may be obtained from third-parties on a case-by-case basis as acquisition opportunities present themselves simultaneous with our capital raising efforts. We view the use of short-term borrowings as an efficient and accretive means of acquiring real estate in advance of raising equity capital. Accordingly, we can take advantage of buying opportunities as we expand our fund raising activities. As additional equity capital is obtained, these short-term borrowings will be repaid. As of September 30, 2008, we had \$6.5 million of notes due to two principals of the Advisor outstanding, borrowing of approximately \$7.1 million under our related party unsecured credit facility, approximately \$4.0 million of mezzanine notes payable, and approximately \$4.0 million of convertible redeemable preferred equity. Excluding such short-term borrowings, our leverage ratio approximated 72% (secured mortgage notes payable as a percentage of total real estate investments, at cost) as of September 30, 2008.

As of September 30, 2008, we had cash and cash equivalents of approximately \$875,000, which we expect to be used primarily to invest in additional real estate, pay operating expenses and pay stockholder distributions.

### Contractual Obligations

The following is a summary of our contractual obligations as of September 30, 2008:

#### Payments Due During the Years Ending December 31

Contractual Obligations	Total	Remainder of 2008	2009-2010	2011-2012	Thereafter
Mortgage notes payable (1)	\$ 77,067,200	\$ 125,988	\$ 1,077,952	\$ 2,856,749	\$ 73,006,511
Short-term mezzanine notes payable (1)	3,953,796	—	3,953,796	—	—
Short-term convertible redeemable preferred obligations			3,995,000		
Related party notes payable (1)(3)	6,500,000	—	6,500,000	—	—
Related party credit facility (1)	7,147,587		7,147,587		
Purchase obligations (2)		—	—	—	—
	\$ 98,663,583	\$ 125,988	\$ 22,674,335	\$ 2,856,749	\$ 73,006,511

- (1) Amounts include principal payments only. We incurred interest expense of approximately \$2,686,000, excluding amortization of deferred financing costs, during the nine months ended September 30, 2008, and expect to incur interest in future periods on outstanding debt obligations.
- (2) The Company has agreed to purchase a portfolio of 50 PNC bank branches located in Pennsylvania. The transaction is expected to close in the fourth quarter of 2008.
- (3) In November 2008, the related party approved an extension of the repayment period of an additional six months.

### Election as a REIT

We will elect to be taxed as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Internal Revenue Code commencing with our taxable year ending December 31, 2008. If we qualify for taxation as a REIT, we generally will not be subject to federal corporate income tax to the extent we distribute our REIT taxable income to our stockholders, and so long as we distribute at least 90% of our REIT taxable income. REITs are subject to a number of other organizational and operational requirements. Even if we qualify for taxation as a REIT, we may be subject to certain state and local taxes on our income and property, and federal income and excise taxes on our undistributed income. We believe we are organized and operating in such a manner as to qualify to be taxed as a REIT for the taxable year ending December 31, 2008.

### Inflation

Some of our leases contain provisions designed to mitigate the adverse impact of inflation. These provisions generally increase rental rates during the terms of the leases either at fixed rates or indexed escalations (based on the Consumer Price Index or other measures). We may be adversely impacted by inflation on the leases that do not contain indexed escalation provisions. In addition, our net leases require the tenant to pay its allocable share of operating expenses, including common area maintenance costs, real estate taxes and insurance. This may reduce our exposure to increases in costs and operating expenses resulting from inflation.

### Related-Party Transactions and Agreements

We have entered into agreements with American Realty Capital II, LLC and its wholly-owned affiliates, whereby we pay certain fees or reimbursements to our Advisor or its affiliates for acquisition fees and expenses, organization and offering costs, sales commissions, dealer manager fees, asset and property management fees and reimbursement of operating costs. See Note 9 to our consolidated financial statements included in this report for a discussion of the various related-party transactions, agreements and fees.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

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

**Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk**

We are exposed to interest rate changes primarily as a result of long-term debt used to acquire properties. 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 may borrow at fixed rates or variable rates with the lowest margins available and in some cases, the ability to convert variable rates to fixed rates. With regard to variable rate financing, we will assess interest rate cash flow risk by continually identifying and monitoring changes in interest rate exposures that may adversely impact expected future cash flows and by evaluating hedging opportunities. At September 30, 2008, our interest rate exposure was mitigated by various hedging instruments - See Note 5 and Note 7.

We do not have any foreign operations and thus we are not exposed to foreign currency fluctuations.



**PART II  
OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings**

We are not a party to, and none of our properties are subject to, any material pending legal proceedings.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

There have been no material changes from the risk factors set forth in our Annual Report on Form S-11 for period from August 17, 2007 (date of inception) to September 30, 2008.

**Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds**

**Share Redemption Program**

Our board of directors has adopted a share repurchase program that enables our stockholders to sell their shares to us in limited circumstances. In order to provide stockholders with the benefit of interim liquidity, stockholders who have held their shares for at least one year and who purchased their shares from us or received the shares through a non-cash transaction, not in the secondary market, may present all or a portion of the holder's shares to us for repurchase. At that time, we may, subject to the conditions and limitations, redeem the shares presented for repurchase for cash to the extent that we have sufficient funds available to us to fund such repurchase. Upon the death or disability of a stockholder, upon request, we will waive the one-year holding requirement. Shares repurchased in connection with the death or disability of a stockholder will be repurchased at a purchase price equal to the price actually paid for the shares during the offering, or if not engaged in the offering, the current net asset value of the shares if higher. During any calendar year, the number of shares we will repurchase will be limited to the proceeds in the distribution reinvestment plan; provided, however, that shares subject to a repurchase requested upon the death or disability of a stockholder will not be subject to this cap. The cash available for repurchase of our shares will be limited to the proceeds from the sale of shares pursuant to our distribution reinvestment plan legally available for the repurchase of our stock.

No shares were redeemed under this program during the quarter ended September 30, 2008.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities**

None

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

None

**Item 5. Other Information**

None

**Item 6. Exhibits**

The exhibits listed on the Exhibit Index (following the signatures section of this report) are included, or incorporated by reference, in this quarterly report.



**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

American Realty Capital Trust, Inc.  
*(Registrant)*

By: /s/ Nicholas S. Schorsch

Nicholas S. Schorsch  
*Chief Executive Officer and President*

By: /s/ Brian S. Block

Brian S. Block  
*Senior Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer*

Date: November 14, 2008

EXHIBIT INDEX

The following exhibits are included, or incorporated by reference, in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2008 (and are numbered in accordance with Item 601 of Regulation S-K).

Exhibit No.	Description
31.1	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer of the Company pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
31.2	Certification of the Principal Financial Officer of the Company pursuant to Securities Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a), as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (filed herewith).
32	Written statements of the Principal Executive Officer and Principal Financial Officer of the Company pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
10.8(a)	Agreement for Transfer of Membership Interest between ARC Growth Fund I, LLC, and American Realty Capital Operating Partnership, L.P., dated September 16, 2008. (Transfer to the Operating Partnership of an indirect interest in National City portfolio. Amends exhibit previously filed as exhibit 10.8 to the Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Form S-11, dated September 3, 2008.)
10.8(b)	Agreement for Transfer of Membership Interests between ARC Growth Fund I, LLC, and American Realty Capital Operating Partnership, L.P., dated September 16, 2008. (Transfer to the Operating Partnership of an indirect interest in National City portfolio. Amends exhibit previously filed as exhibit 10.8 to the Post-Effective Amendment No. 2 to Form S-11, dated September 3, 2008.)
10.9(a)	Agreement of Assignment of Membership Interests by and among Milestone Partners Limited, and American Realty Capital Holdings, LLC, and American Realty Capital Operating Partnership, L.P., dated September 29, 2008. (Transfer to the Operating Partnership of an indirect interest in the Rite Aid portfolio.)
10.9(b)	Consent to Transfer Agreement among ARC RACADOH001, LLC, ARC RACAROH001, LLC, ARC RAELPOH001, LLC, ARC RALISOH001, LLC, ARC RACARPA001, LP, ARC RAPITPA001, LP, American Realty Capital Holdings, LLC, Milestone Partners Limited, American Realty Capital Operating Partnership, L.P., and Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated September 29, 2008. (Transfer of mortgage to Operating Partnership in the Rite Aid portfolio.)