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

**FORM S-3**

REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

**OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.  
OHI HEALTHCARE PROPERTIES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Maryland (Omega Healthcare Investors Inc.)**  
**Delaware (OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership)**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

**38-3041398**  
**36-4796206**  
(IRS Employer Identification Number)

**303 International Circle, Suite 200,  
Hunt Valley, MD 21030  
(410) 427-1700**

(Address, including zip code and telephone number, including area code,  
of registrant's principal executive offices)

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**Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public:** From time-to-time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this Form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this Form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this Form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, please check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Section 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.

If this Form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

If this Form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.

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

**Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.**

Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company   
Emerging growth company

**OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership**

Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company   
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of Securities Act.

## PROSPECTUS

**Debt Securities • Common Stock • Preferred Stock****OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership  
Guarantees of Debt Securities**

We may from time-to-time offer and sell debt securities, common stock or preferred stock consisting of securities covered by this prospectus separately or together in any combination that may include other securities set forth in an accompanying prospectus supplement, for sale directly to purchasers or through underwriters, dealers or agents to be designated at a future time. The debt securities issued by us may be fully and unconditionally guaranteed by our subsidiary OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership or other guarantors identified in the accompanying prospectus supplement and the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part.

This prospectus describes the general terms of the securities and the general manner in which we will offer them. We will provide specific terms of any offering of the securities in supplements to this prospectus. The information in the prospectus supplement may supplement, update or change information contained in this prospectus, and we may supplement, update or change any of the information contained in this prospectus by incorporating information by reference. Before you invest, you should carefully read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus or other offering material we authorize relating to the securities and the documents incorporated by reference.

Shares of our common stock are traded on the New York Stock Exchange, which we refer to as the NYSE, under the symbol "OHI." The closing price of our common stock as reported by the NYSE on September 26, 2024, was \$40.46 per share. Unless we state otherwise in a prospectus supplement, we will not list any debt securities or preferred stock on any securities exchange.

Our principal executive offices are located at 303 International Circle, Suite 200, Hunt Valley, MD 21030, and our telephone number is (410) 427-1700.

**Investing in the securities involves risks. See "Risk Factors" beginning on page 5 to read about factors you should consider before investing in our securities.**

**NEITHER THE SEC NOR ANY STATE SECURITIES COMMISSION HAS APPROVED OR DISAPPROVED OF THESE SECURITIES OR PASSED UPON THE ADEQUACY OR ACCURACY OF THIS PROSPECTUS. ANY REPRESENTATION TO THE CONTRARY IS A CRIMINAL OFFENSE.**

We may offer the securities on a continuous or delayed basis in amounts, at prices and on terms determined at the time of offering. We may offer and sell the securities at fixed prices, which may change, or at negotiated prices, or, in the case of our common stock, at prevailing market prices at the time of the sale or prices related to prevailing market prices. Information about the underwriters or agents who will participate in any particular sale of the securities, including any applicable commissions or discounts, will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement. Our net proceeds from the sale of securities also will be set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The date of this prospectus is September 27, 2024.

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### ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of an automatic shelf registration statement on Form S-3 that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) as a “well-known seasoned issuer” as defined in Rule 405 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act. Under this automatic shelf registration process, we may sell, from time-to-time, any combination of the securities described in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement(s) in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities that we may offer. Each time we offer to sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. Each prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. If there is any inconsistency between the information in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplement, you should rely on the information in the prospectus supplement.

Before purchasing any securities, you should carefully read this prospectus, any prospectus supplement and any free writing prospectus or other offering material that we authorize together with the documents incorporated by reference as described under “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference” and the additional information described under the heading “Available Information” below.

You should rely only on the information contained or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and the applicable prospectus supplements. We have not authorized anyone to provide you with different information. Therefore, if anyone provides you with different or inconsistent information, you should not rely on it. We are not making an offer to sell or soliciting an offer to buy securities in any jurisdiction where the offer or sale thereof is not permitted. You should assume that the information in this prospectus is accurate only as of the date of this prospectus. Our business, financial condition, results of operations and prospects may have changed since that date.

Unless otherwise mentioned or unless the context requires otherwise, all references in this prospectus to “the Company,” “Omega,” “we,” “us,” “our” or similar references mean Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., a Maryland corporation, and its subsidiaries, including OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership, which we refer to as the Operating Partnership.

### AVAILABLE INFORMATION

We file annual, quarterly and current reports, proxy statements and other information with the SEC. You may read and copy any document we file with the SEC at its public reference room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You can call the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330 for further information on the operation of the public reference room. Our SEC filings are also available to the public at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov), as well as on our website at [www.omegahealthcare.com](http://www.omegahealthcare.com). You may inspect information that we file with the NYSE at the offices of the NYSE at 20 Broad Street, New York, New York 10005. Information on our website is not incorporated by reference herein, and our web address is included as an inactive textual reference only.

This prospectus constitutes part of a registration statement on Form S-3 filed by Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. under the Securities Act. As allowed by SEC rules, this prospectus does not contain all the information you can find in the registration statement or the exhibits to the registration statement. For further information regarding Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., investors should refer to the registration statement and its exhibits. The full registration statement can be obtained from the SEC as indicated above.

### INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to “incorporate by reference” into this Prospectus the information we file with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you by referring to our other filings with the SEC. The information that we incorporate by reference is considered a part of this prospectus, and information that we file later with the SEC will automatically update and supersede the information contained in this prospectus. We incorporate by reference the following documents we filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, other than information in these documents that is not deemed to be filed with the SEC:

- [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the SEC on February 12, 2024;](#)
- Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended March 31, 2024 and June 30, 2024 filed with the SEC on [May 3, 2024](#) and [August 2, 2024;](#)
- Current Reports on Form 8-K\* filed on [January 2, 2024](#), [March 12, 2024](#), [March 14, 2024](#), [April 15, 2024](#), [June 7, 2024](#) and [September 6, 2024;](#)
- those portions of our [Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on April 23, 2024](#) that are incorporated by reference into Part III of our [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023;](#) and
- the description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on August 4, 1992, and any amendments or reports filed for the purpose of updating that description.

All documents we file with the SEC pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (other than information in such documents that is furnished and not deemed to be filed with the SEC) subsequent to the date of this prospectus and prior to the termination of the offering of our securities as described in this prospectus will be deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus, other than information in the documents that is not deemed to be filed with the SEC. A statement contained in this prospectus or in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference into this prospectus will be deemed to be modified or superseded to the extent that a statement contained in any subsequently filed document that is incorporated by reference into this prospectus, modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statements so modified or superseded will not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this prospectus.

We will provide without charge to each person to whom this prospectus is delivered, upon written or oral request of any person, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated herein by reference, other than exhibits to the documents, unless the exhibits are specifically incorporated by reference into the documents that this prospectus incorporates. Requests for copies in writing or by telephone should be directed to:

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.  
303 International Circle  
Suite 200  
Hunt Valley, MD 21030  
Attn: Chief Financial Officer  
(410) 427-1700

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\* We are not incorporating and will not incorporate by reference into this prospectus past or future information on reports furnished or that will be furnished under Items 2.02 and/or 7.01 of, or otherwise with, Form 8-K.

### CAUTIONARY DISCLOSURE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference herein include forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, which we refer to as the Securities Act and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, which we refer to as the Exchange Act. All statements other than statements of historical facts included in this prospectus and the documents incorporated by reference in this prospectus may constitute forward-looking statements. These statements relate to our expectations, beliefs, intentions, plans, objectives, goals, strategies, future events, performance and underlying assumptions and other statements other than statements of historical facts. In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by the use of forward-looking terminology including, but not limited to, terms such as “may,” “will,” “anticipates,” “expects,” “believes,” “intends,” “should” or comparable terms or the negative thereof or variations thereon or similar terminology. These statements are based on information available on the date of this filing and only speak as to the date hereof and no obligation to update such forward-looking statements should be assumed. Our actual results may differ materially from those reflected in the forward-looking statements included or incorporated in this prospectus. These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual future activities and results of operations to be materially different from those suggested or described in this prospectus. There are a number of factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in such forward-looking statements. These factors include, without limitation:

- (i) those items discussed under “Risk Factors” herein and under “Risk Factors” in Part I, Item 1A to our [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023](#), as supplemented from time-to-time in Part II, Item 1A to our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q;
- (ii) uncertainties relating to the business operations of the operators of our assets, including those relating to reimbursement by third-party payors, regulatory matters and occupancy levels;
- (iii) the long-term impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business and the business of our operators, including without limitation, the levels of staffing shortages, increased costs and decreased occupancy experienced by operators of skilled nursing facilities (“SNFs”) and assisted living facilities (“ALFs”) arising from the pandemic, the ability of our operators to comply with infection control and vaccine protocols and to manage facility infection rates or future infectious diseases, and the sufficiency of government support and reimbursement rates to offset such costs and the conditions related thereto;
- (iv) additional regulatory and other changes in the healthcare sector, including recently issued federal minimum staffing requirements for SNFs that may further exacerbate labor and occupancy challenges for our operators;
- (v) the ability of our operators in bankruptcy to reject unexpired lease obligations, modify the terms of our mortgages and impede our ability to collect unpaid rent or interest during the pendency of a bankruptcy proceeding and retain security deposits for the debtor’s obligations, and other costs and uncertainties associated with operator bankruptcies;
- (vi) changes in tax laws and regulations affecting real estate investment trusts (“REITs”), including as the result of any policy changes driven by the current focus on capital providers to the healthcare industry;
- (vii) our ability to re-lease, otherwise transition, or sell underperforming assets or assets held for sale on a timely basis and on terms that allow us to realize the carrying value of these assets or to redeploy the proceeds therefrom on favorable terms, including due to the potential impact of changes in the SNF and ALF markets or local real estate conditions;
- (viii) the availability and cost of capital to us;
- (ix) changes in our credit ratings and the ratings of our debt securities;
- (x) competition in the financing of healthcare facilities;

- (xi) competition in the long-term healthcare industry and shifts in the perception of various types of long-term care facilities, including SNFs and ALFs;
- (xii) changes in the financial position of our operators;
- (xiii) the effect of economic and market conditions generally and, particularly, in the healthcare industry;
- (xiv) changes in interest rates and the impact of inflation;
- (xv) the timing, amount and yield of any additional investments;
- (xvi) our ability to maintain our status as a REIT; and
- (xvii) the effect of other factors affecting our business or the businesses of our operators that are beyond our or their control, including natural disasters, other health crises or pandemics and governmental action; particularly in the healthcare industry.

The risks set forth above are not exhaustive. Other sections of this prospectus, including the documents that we incorporate by reference herein and therein, may include additional factors that could adversely affect our business and financial performance. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New risk factors emerge from time-to-time and it is not possible for management to predict all risk factors, nor can we assess the impact of all risk factors on our business or the extent to which any factor, or combination of factors, may cause actual results to differ materially from those contained in any forward-looking statements. Given these risks and uncertainties, investors should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements as a prediction of actual results. Investors should also refer to our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and our Current Reports on Form 8-K as we file them with the SEC, and to other materials we may furnish to the public from time-to-time through Current Reports on Form 8-K or otherwise, for a discussion of risks and uncertainties that may cause actual results, performance or achievements to differ materially from those expressed or implied by forward-looking statements. We expressly disclaim any responsibility to update any forward-looking statements to reflect changes in underlying assumptions or factors, new information, future events, or otherwise, and you should not rely upon these forward-looking statements after the date of this prospectus supplement.

## RISK FACTORS

Investing in our securities involves risks. Before you invest in our securities, you should carefully consider the risks described under “Risk Factors” in our [Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023](#), and as supplemented in Part II, Item 1A to our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarterly periods ended [March 31, 2024](#) and [June 30, 2024](#) each of which is incorporated by reference herein, risks identified in any prospectus supplement, as well as the other information contained in or incorporated by reference into this prospectus and any prospectus supplement. The risks and uncertainties described herein and therein are not the only risks and uncertainties we face. See “Available Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference.” If any of the events described in the following risk factors occur, our business, operating results and financial condition could be seriously harmed, and you may lose all or part of your investment.



## THE COMPANY

We are a self-administered real estate investment trust, which we refer to as a REIT, investing in healthcare-related real estate properties located in the United States and the United Kingdom. Our core business is to provide financing and capital to the long-term healthcare industry with a particular focus on skilled nursing facilities, assisted living facilities and to a lesser extent, independent living facilities, rehabilitation and acute care facilities and medical office buildings. Our core portfolio consists of long-term leases and mortgage agreements. We have historically financed investments through borrowings under our revolving credit facilities, private placements or public offerings of our debt and equity securities, the assumption of secured indebtedness, retention of cash flow, or a combination of these methods.

We are structured as an umbrella partnership REIT, which we refer to as an UPREIT, under which all of our assets are owned directly or indirectly, and all of our operations are conducted directly or through the Operating Partnership. Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. is the general partner of the Operating Partnership and has exclusive control over the Operating Partnership's day-to-day management. As of December 31, 2023, we owned approximately 97% of the issued and outstanding units of partnership interest of the Operating Partnership, and other investors owned approximately 3% of the units.

Our principal executive office is located at 303 International Circle, Suite 200, Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030, and our telephone number is (410) 427-1700. Additional information regarding our company is set forth in documents on file with the SEC and incorporated by reference in this prospectus supplement. See "Available Information" and "Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference."

You may also access our filings free of charge on our website at [www.omegahealthcare.com](http://www.omegahealthcare.com), or at the website maintained by the SEC at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov). Information on our website is not incorporated by reference herein, and our web address is included as an inactive textual reference only.

**USE OF PROCEEDS**

Unless otherwise indicated in a prospectus supplement or any free writing prospectus we have authorized for use in connection with a specific offering, we intend to use the net proceeds of any offering of securities sold by us for general corporate purposes.

## DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

We may issue from time-to-time, in one or more offerings, the following securities:

- debt securities;
- guarantees of our debt securities;
- shares of our common stock, par value \$0.10 per share;
- shares of our preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, in one or more series; or
- any combination of the foregoing, individually.

This prospectus contains a summary of certain general terms of the various securities that we may offer. The specific terms of the securities, including the initial offering price and the net proceeds to us, will be described in a prospectus supplement, which may be in addition to or different from the general terms summarized in this prospectus. Where applicable, the prospectus supplement will also describe any material United States federal income tax considerations relating to the securities offered to the extent so required and indicate whether the securities offered are or will be listed on any securities exchange. When we refer to a prospectus supplement, we are also referring to any applicable pricing supplement, free writing prospectus or other offering materials that we authorize, as appropriate, unless the context otherwise requires. The summaries contained in this prospectus, and in any prospectus supplements, do not contain all of the information or restate the agreements under which the securities may be issued and do not contain all of the information that you may find useful. We urge you to read the actual agreements relating to any securities because they, and not the summaries, define your rights as a holder of the securities. The agreements will be on file with the SEC as described under “Available Information” and “Incorporation of Certain Information By Reference.”

## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description, together with the additional information that may be included in any applicable prospectus supplement and in any related free writing prospectus, summarizes the general terms and provisions of the debt securities that we may offer under this prospectus. While the terms summarized below will apply generally to any debt securities that we may offer, the particular terms of any debt securities will be described in more detail in the applicable prospectus supplement. The terms of any debt securities offered under a prospectus supplement may differ from the terms described below. You should read the summary below, the applicable prospectus supplement, the base indenture and applicable supplemental indenture (including the applicable form of debt security) and any related documents before making your investment decision regarding the debt securities.

### General

We may issue debentures, notes, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness, which we refer to as debt securities, from time-to-time in one or more distinct series. The debt securities will be senior debt securities and may be secured or unsecured. Unless otherwise specified in a supplement to this prospectus, the debt securities will be our direct, unsecured obligations and will rank equally with all of our other unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness. We can issue an unlimited amount of debt securities under the indenture that may be in one or more series with the same or various maturities, at par, at a premium, or at a discount.

The debt securities will be issued under an indenture between us and the guarantors, if any, named therein, and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as the initial trustee, which we refer to as the base indenture. We have summarized select portions of the base indenture below. This summary is not complete and is subject to, and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the base indenture and the applicable supplemental indenture (including the form of applicable debt security) relating to the applicable series of debt securities, a form or a copy of each of which is or will be filed or incorporated by reference as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part and incorporated by reference herein.

The terms of each series of debt securities will be established by or pursuant to a supplemental indenture, a resolution duly adopted by our board of directors and set forth or determined in the manner provided in an officer's certificate. The applicable prospectus supplement (including any pricing supplement or term sheet) will set forth the aggregate principal amount and the particular terms of the debt securities or any series thereof, including some or all of the following:

- the identity of the guarantors, if any, who will guarantee the debt securities and the methods for determining, and releasing, such guarantors, if any;
- the title of the series of debt securities;
- any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;
- the date or dates on which the principal of and any premium on the debt securities will be payable or the method for determining the date or dates;
- the rate or rates at which the debt securities will bear interest, if any, the date or dates from which any interest will accrue, the interest payment dates on which any interest will be payable, the record dates for those interest payment dates and the basis upon which interest will be calculated if other than that of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;
- the place or places where payments on the debt securities will be made and the debt securities may be surrendered for registration of transfer or exchange;
- if we will have the option to redeem all or any portion of the debt securities, the terms and conditions upon which the debt securities may be redeemed;
- any sinking fund or other provisions that would obligate us to redeem, repay or purchase the debt securities;
- the denominations in which any registered securities will be issuable, if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof;

- the identity of the trustee for that series of debt securities, if other than U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association;
- the portion of the principal of the debt securities payable upon acceleration of maturity, if other than the entire principal amount;
- whether the amount of any payments on the debt securities may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method and the manner in which such amounts are to be determined;
- whether there are any special rights granted to the holders of the debt securities of the series upon the occurrence of certain specified events;
- any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the events of default in the base indenture;
- if debt securities are to be issuable initially in the form of a temporary global security or global securities, the circumstances under which the temporary global security or global securities can be exchanged for definitive debt securities and whether the definitive debt securities will be registered securities and provisions relating to the payment of interest in respect of any portion of a global security payable in respect of an interest payment date prior to the exchange date;
- to whom any interest on the debt securities will be payable if other than the registered holder;
- the applicability of the legal defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the base indenture, and any provisions in modification of, in addition to or in lieu of such legal defeasance or covenant defeasance provisions;
- whether the debt securities will be issued in certificated or book-entry form and, if the latter, the securities depository;
- whether and under what circumstances we will pay additional amounts to non-United States holders in respect of any tax assessment or government charge;
- any special U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to the debt securities, including, if applicable,
- with respect to any debt securities issued at a discount from, or at a premium to, their stated principal amount;
- whether the debt securities will be convertible or exchangeable and the terms of any conversion or exchange provisions;
- if other than United States dollars, the foreign currency in which payments will be payable and the debt securities will be denominated; and
- any other terms of the debt securities (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended).

Unless otherwise provided with respect to a series of debt securities, the debt securities will be issued only in registered form, without coupons, in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples of \$1,000.

#### **Certificated Debt Securities**

Except as otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, debt securities will not be issued in certificated form. If, however, debt securities are to be issued in certificated form, no service charge will be made for any transfer or exchange of any of those debt securities, but the issuer may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any tax or governmental charge payable in connection therewith.

#### **Global Debt Securities**

The debt securities of a series may be issued in whole or in part in the form of one or more fully registered global securities that will be deposited with the depository identified in the applicable prospectus supplement, which will keep a computerized record of its participants (for example, brokers) whose clients have purchased the debt securities. Each participant will then keep a record of its clients who purchased the debt securities. Unless a global security is exchanged in whole or in part for debt securities in certificated

form, it may not be transferred. However, transfers of the whole security between the depository for that global security and its nominees or their respective successors are permitted.

Unless otherwise provided in the applicable prospectus supplement, The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) will act as depository for each series of global securities, and DTC will register the global securities in the name of its nominee, Cede & Co. Beneficial interests in global securities will be shown on, and transfers of global securities will be effected only through, records maintained by DTC and its participants.

Under the terms of the indenture, our obligations with respect to the debt securities, as well as the obligations of the trustee, run only to persons who are registered holders of debt securities. For example, once we make payment to the registered holder, we have no further responsibility for that payment even if the recipient is legally required to pass the payment along to an individual investor but fails to do so. As an indirect holder, an investor’s rights relating to a global security will be governed by the account rules of the investor’s financial institution and of the depository, as well as general laws relating to transfers of debt securities. Neither we nor the trustee have any responsibility for any aspect of the depository’s actions or for its records of ownership interests in the global security, and neither we nor the trustee supervise the depository in any way.

Debt securities represented by a global security will be exchangeable for debt securities in definitive form of like amount and terms in authorized denominations only if:

- we deliver to the trustee notice from the depository that it is unwilling or unable to continue as depository, and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 120 days;
- we deliver to the trustee notice from the depository that it is no longer a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act, and a successor depository is not appointed by us within 120 days; or
- we determine not to require all of the debt securities of a series to be represented by a global security and notify the trustee of our decision.

#### **Merger Covenant**

Pursuant to the terms of the indenture, the Company may not, directly or indirectly: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another person or entity, or (2) sell, assign, transfer, convey, lease (other than to an unaffiliated operator in the ordinary course of business) or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another person or entity, unless:

- either (a) the Company is the surviving corporation or (b) the person or entity formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made is organized or existing under the laws of the United States of America, any state of the United States of America or the District of Columbia;
- the person or entity formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or the person or entity to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made assumes all of the Company’s obligations under the applicable debt securities and the indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the trustee;
- immediately after such transaction, on a pro forma basis giving effect to such transaction or series of transactions (and treating any obligation of the Company or any subsidiary incurred in connection with or as a result of such transaction or series of transactions as having been incurred at the time of such transaction), no default or event of default exists; and
- the Company delivers an officers’ certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that such consolidation or merger and such supplemental indenture complies with the applicable section of the indenture and that all conditions precedent for such transaction provided in the indenture have been complied with.

Additionally, except in connection with such guarantor’s release (See “Description of Guarantees” herein), no guarantor may consolidate or merge with or into another person or entity, unless:

- such (a) guarantor is the continuing person or (b) the person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than such guarantor) (i) is a corporation or other legal entity organized or existing under the laws of the United States of America, any state of the United States of America or the District of Columbia and (ii) expressly assumes, by a supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the trustee, all of the obligations of such guarantor and guarantee of such guarantor under the indenture; and
- immediately after such transaction, no default or event of default exists.

Upon any consolidation or merger of the Company or any guarantor, or any sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its subsidiaries taken as a whole, in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the successor person or entity formed by such consolidation or into which the Company or such guarantor is merged or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition is made, will succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company or such guarantor (as the case may be) under the indenture, the applicable debt securities or the applicable guarantees, with the same effect as if such successor initially had been named as the Company or a guarantor therein. When a successor assumes all the obligations of its predecessor under the indenture and the applicable debt securities or guarantee following a consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the predecessor in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the predecessor will be released from those obligations.

For purposes of the foregoing, the transfer (by lease, assignment, sale or otherwise, in a single transaction or series of transactions) of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of one or more guarantors, the capital stock of which constitutes all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company, will be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, any guarantor may convert into a corporation, general or limited partnership, limited liability company or trust organized under the laws of such guarantor's jurisdiction of organization or the laws of the United States of America or any state or jurisdiction thereof.

The foregoing restrictions will not apply to: (1) a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and its subsidiaries; (2) a sale or transfer of assets from a guarantor to the Company; or (3) the consolidation or merger of a guarantor with or into the Company or another guarantor.

#### **Events of Default, Notice and Waiver**

The indenture provides that the following are events of default with respect to any series of debt securities issued thereunder, unless the applicable prospectus supplement states otherwise:

- default in the payment of the principal or premium, if any, on any debt security of that series when due and payable at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption or otherwise;
- default by in the payment of any interest on any debt security of that series;
- failure by the Company in the making of any sinking fund payment required for any debt security of that series when due;
- default by the Company in the performance or breaches of any other term of the indenture or under the securities of that series (other than the defaults described above) for the earlier of 60 consecutive days (or such shorter period specified for a comparable default under any of the Company's existing note indentures) after receipt of notice of default stating they are in breach and stating that such notice is a "Notice of Default" (either the trustee or the holders of more than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the applicable debt securities of that series then outstanding may send the notice);
- certain events of bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization of the Company or its significant subsidiaries; and
- any other event of default provided with respect to the debt securities of that series and described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

The trustee will be required to give notice to the holders of the applicable debt securities within 90 days after a default under the indenture that is known to the trustee, unless the default has been cured or waived. The trustee may withhold notice to the holders of the applicable debt securities of any default, except a default in the payment of the principal of, premium or additional amounts, if any, or interest on the applicable debt securities, if specified responsible officers of the trustee in good faith determine that withholding the notice is in the interest of the holders.

If an event of default with respect to the applicable debt securities has occurred and has not been cured, either the trustee or the holders of at least 25% in principal amount of the applicable debt securities then outstanding may declare the entire principal amount of the applicable debt securities to be due and immediately payable by written notice to the issuer and the trustee. If an event of default occurs because of certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization, the principal amount of all outstanding debt securities will be automatically accelerated, without any action by the trustee or any holder. At any time after the trustee or the holders have accelerated the applicable debt securities, but before a judgment or decree for payment of the money due has been obtained, the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the applicable debt securities then outstanding may, under certain circumstances, rescind and annul such acceleration.

Holders of a majority in principal amount of outstanding debt securities of any series may, subject to some limitations, waive any past default with respect to that series and the consequences of the default (including without limitation waivers obtained in connection with the purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, such debt securities). The prospectus supplement relating to any series of debt securities that are original issue discount securities will describe the particular provisions relating to acceleration of a portion of the principal amount of those original issue discount securities upon the occurrence and continuation of an event of default.

Except in cases of default, where the trustee has some special duties, the trustee is not required to take any action under the indenture at the request of any holders of applicable debt securities unless such holders offer the trustee satisfactory protection from expenses and liability. We refer to this as an "indemnity." If reasonable indemnity is provided, the holders of a majority in principal amount of the applicable debt securities then outstanding may direct the time, method and place of conducting any lawsuit or other formal legal action seeking any remedy available to the trustee. These majority holders may also direct the trustee in performing any other action under the indenture, subject to certain limitations.

Before a holder bypasses the trustee and brings its own lawsuit or other formal legal action or takes other steps to enforce its rights or protect its interests relating to the applicable debt securities, the following must occur:

- the holder must give the trustee written notice that an event of default with respect to the applicable debt securities has occurred and remains uncured;
- the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of all applicable debt securities outstanding must make a written request that the trustee take action because of the default, and must offer reasonable indemnity to the trustee against the cost and other liabilities of taking that action;
- the trustee must have not taken action for 60 days after receipt of the notice and offer of indemnity; and
- the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of all applicable debt securities outstanding must not have given the trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.

However, a holder is entitled at any time to bring a lawsuit for the payment of money due on any debt security after its due date.

Within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, the Company will furnish to the trustee an officers certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Company and its subsidiaries has been made, and to the best of such officers' knowledge, the Company and the guarantors have kept, observed, performed and fulfilled their obligations and covenants under the indenture, or otherwise specifying any default.



### Modification of the Indentures

Except as provided in the next two succeeding paragraphs, the indenture and/or the applicable debt securities and/or guarantees may be amended or supplemented with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding issued under the indenture affected by such amendment or supplement, voting as a single class (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, such debt securities), and any existing default, event of default (other than a default or event of default with respect to the payment of the principal of, or premium or additional amounts, if any, or interest on, the applicable debt securities, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of the indenture or the applicable debt securities and/or guarantees may be waived with the consent of the holders of a majority in principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding issued under the indenture affected thereby, voting as a single class (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a purchase of, or tender offer or exchange offer for, the applicable debt securities).

Without the consent of each holder affected, an amendment or waiver may not (with respect to any debt securities held by a non-consenting holder):

- reduce the principal amount of debt securities whose holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;
- reduce the principal amount, or change the fixed maturity, of any debt security, reduce the rate of, or change the time for payment of, interest or any premium on any debt security or alter the provisions with respect to the redemption thereof (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the number of days before a redemption date that a notice of redemption must be mailed to holders of such debt securities, which may be amended with the written consent of the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding);
- reduce the amount of principal of an original issue discount security that would be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of its maturity;
- waive a default or event of default in the payment of principal of, or interest or premium, or additional amounts, if any, on the debt securities (except a rescission of acceleration of the debt securities by the holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities then outstanding and a waiver of the payment default that resulted from such acceleration);
- make a debt security payable in a currency, currencies or currency unit(s) other than the currency stated in such debt security;
- make any change in the provisions of the indenture relating to waivers of past defaults or the rights of holders of debt securities to receive payments of principal of, or interest or premium, or additional amounts, if any, on such debt securities;
- release any guarantor from any of its obligations under its guarantee of the debt securities or the indenture except in accordance with the terms of the indenture;
- impair the rights of holders to convert their securities, if convertible, upon the terms established pursuant to or in accordance with the provisions of the indenture;
- waive a redemption payment with respect to any debt security; or
- make any change in the amendment and waiver provisions set forth in this paragraph.

Any such consent need only approve the substance, rather than the particular form, of the proposed amendment.

Notwithstanding the preceding, without the consent of any holder of debt securities, the indenture and the debt securities issued thereunder may be amended or supplemented to:

- cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- provide for uncertificated debt securities in addition to or in place of certificated debt securities;

- provide for the assumption of the obligations of the issuer to holders of debt securities in the case of a merger or consolidation of the Company, or the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the issuer and its subsidiaries, taken as a whole;
- add to the covenants of the issuer for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series of debt securities, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of the debt securities of that series);
- add any additional events of default for the benefit of the holders of all or any series of debt securities (and if such events of default are to be for the benefit of less than all series of debt securities, stating that such events of default are expressly being included solely for the benefit of the debt securities of that series); *provided, however*, that in respect of any such additional events of default, such supplemental indenture may provide for a particular period of grace after default (which may be shorter or longer than that allowed in the case of other defaults), may provide for an immediate enforcement upon such default, may limit the remedies available to the trustee upon such default or may limit the right of the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of that or those series of debt securities to which such additional events of default apply to waive such default;
- add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of the indenture, so long as any such addition, change or elimination not otherwise permitted under the indenture shall (i) neither apply to any Securities of any series created prior to the execution of such amendment or supplement and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor modify the rights of the Holders of any such Security with respect to the benefit of such provision or (ii) become effective only when there is no such Security outstanding;
- establish the form or terms of debt securities of any series as permitted by the indenture, including the provisions and procedures relating to debt securities convertible into the Company's common stock;
- evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment under the indenture by a successor trustee with respect to the debt securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of the indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts thereunder by more than one trustee;
- evidence the succession of another entity to the Company or any guarantor and the assumption by the successor of the covenants of the Company or such guarantor (as applicable) contained in the indenture;
- supplement any of the provisions of the indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of debt securities pursuant thereto, *provided* that any such action will not adversely affect the interests of the holders of debt securities of that series or any other series of debt securities in any material respect;
- add additional guarantees with respect to the applicable debt securities;
- release any guarantees with respect to any debt securities in accordance with the provisions of the indenture;
- secure the applicable debt securities;
- make any other change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the holders of debt securities or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under the indenture of any such holder in any material respect;
- with respect to any series of debt securities, to conform the text of such series of the indenture (including any indenture supplemental thereto), the debt securities of any series or the guarantees to any provision of the "Description of the Notes" or "Description of Debt Securities" sections of the prospectus of the Company relating to the indenture or to the prospectus supplement or other like offering document relating to the initial offering of such series of debt securities;
- comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect or maintain the qualification of the indenture under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended;

- comply with the applicable procedures of the depository; or
- provide for the issuance of additional debt securities as permitted by the indenture.

#### **Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance**

When the issuer establishes a series of debt securities, it may provide that the debt securities of that series are subject to the legal defeasance and covenant defeasance provisions of the indenture. If those provisions are made applicable, the issuer may elect either:

- to defease and, together with the guarantor (if any), be legally released from, subject to some limitations, all of their respective obligations with respect to the debt securities of that series (which we sometimes refer to herein as “legal defeasance”); or
- to be released from the obligations to comply with specified covenants and eliminate certain events of default relating to the debt securities of that series as described in the applicable prospectus supplement.

To effect legal defeasance or covenant defeasance, the issuer must irrevocably deposit in trust with the trustee an amount in any combination of funds or government obligations, which, through the payment of principal and interest in accordance with their terms, will provide money sufficient to make payments on the debt securities of that series and any mandatory sinking fund or analogous payments on the debt securities of that series.

Upon such defeasance, the issuer will not be released from obligations:

- to pay additional amounts, if any, on the debt securities of that series upon the occurrence of some events;
- to register the transfer or exchange of the debt securities of that series;
- to replace some of the debt securities of that series;
- to maintain an office relating to the debt securities of that series; or
- to hold moneys for payment in trust.

To establish such a trust, the issuer must, among other things, deliver to the trustee an opinion of counsel to the effect that the holders of the debt securities of that series:

- will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of the legal defeasance or covenant defeasance; and
- will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if the legal defeasance or covenant defeasance had not occurred. In the case of legal defeasance, the opinion of counsel must be based upon a ruling of the Internal Revenue Service (the “IRS”) or a change in applicable U.S. federal income tax law occurring after the date of the indenture.

Government obligations generally mean securities which are:

- direct obligations of the U.S. or of the government that issued the foreign currency in which the applicable debt securities are payable, in each case, where the issuer has pledged its full faith and credit to pay the obligations; or
- obligations of an agency or instrumentality of the U.S. or of the government that issued the foreign currency in which the applicable debt securities are payable, the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the U.S. or that other government.

In any case, the issuer of government obligations cannot have the option to call or redeem the obligations. In addition, government obligations include, subject to certain qualifications, a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any government obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such government obligation held by the custodian for the account of a depository receipt holder.

If the issuer effects covenant defeasance with respect to the debt securities of any series, the amount on deposit with the trustee will be sufficient to pay amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of their stated maturity. However, the debt securities of that series may become due and payable prior to their stated maturity if there is an event of default with respect to a covenant from which the issuer has not been released. In that event, the amount on deposit may not be sufficient to pay all amounts due on the debt securities of that series at the time of the acceleration and the holders of those debt securities will be required to look to the issuer and the guarantors, if any, for repayment of any shortfall.

The applicable prospectus supplement may further describe the provisions, if any, permitting defeasance or covenant defeasance, including any modifications to the provisions described above.

#### **Satisfaction and Discharge**

When the issuer establishes a series of debt securities, it may provide that the debt securities of that series are subject to the satisfaction and discharge provisions of the indenture. If those provisions are made applicable, the indenture will be discharged as to any particular series of debt securities and will cease to be of further effect (except as to surviving rights or registration of transfer or exchange of the notes, as expressly provided for in the indenture) as to all outstanding debt securities of such series when

(1) either:

- all such debt securities theretofore authenticated and delivered (except lost, stolen or destroyed notes which have been replaced or paid and debt securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust or segregated and held in trust by the Company and thereafter repaid to the Company or discharged from such trust) have been delivered to the trustee for cancellation; or
- all debt securities of such series not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation (1) have become due and payable or (2) will become due and payable within one year, or are to be called for redemption within one year, under arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the issuer, and the issuer has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the trustee funds in an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the entire Indebtedness on such debt securities not theretofore delivered to the trustee for cancellation, for principal of, premium, if any, and interest and additional amounts (if any) on such debt securities to the date of maturity or redemption, as the case may be, together with irrevocable instructions from the issuer directing the trustee to apply such funds to the payment thereof at maturity or redemption, as the case may be; provided that with respect to any redemption that requires the payment of any applicable premium thereon, the amount deposited shall be sufficient for purposes of this paragraph to the extent that an amount is deposited with the trustee equal to the applicable premium calculated as of the date of the notice of redemption, with any deficit as of the date of the redemption only required to be deposited with the trustee on or prior to the date of the redemption;

(2) the issuer has paid all other sums payable by the issuer under the indenture which relate to such series of debt securities; and

(3) the issuer has delivered to the trustee an officers' certificate and an opinion of counsel stating that all conditions precedent under the indenture relating to the satisfaction and discharge of the indenture with respect to such series of debt securities have been complied with.

#### **Ranking**

Unless otherwise specified in a supplement to this prospectus, the debt securities will be unsecured senior obligations of the Company and will rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future unsecured senior indebtedness of the Company. The debt securities will be effectively subordinated to all of our and our consolidated subsidiaries' secured indebtedness to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness, and structurally subordinated to all existing and future liabilities (including indebtedness, trade payables and lease obligations) of our non-guarantor subsidiaries.

As of August 31, 2024, we had approximately \$4.9 billion of debt outstanding, consisting of approximately \$4.2 billion of senior unsecured notes and \$478.5 million of unsecured term loans, both of

which would be pari passu in right of payment with any debt securities and the related guarantees of the guarantors, and \$245.2 million of secured indebtedness.

Each guarantor's guarantee of debt securities will be unsecured senior obligations of such guarantor and will rank equally in right of payment with all existing and future unsecured senior indebtedness of such guarantor. The guarantees of our guarantors will be structurally subordinated to all of the secured indebtedness of such guarantors to the extent of the value of the assets securing such indebtedness.

**DESCRIPTION OF GUARANTEES**

The Operating Partnership may fully and unconditionally guarantee our obligations under any series of debt securities issued hereunder. The specific terms of any guarantee will be described in the applicable prospectus supplement, which will also identify the circumstances (if any) under which one or more other subsidiaries of the Company may be required to guarantee the debt securities of that series.

The obligations of the Operating Partnership under its guarantee will be limited to the maximum amount that will not result in its obligations constituting a fraudulent conveyance or fraudulent transfer under federal or state law.

Subject to any modifications, additions or deletions set forth in the applicable prospectus supplement or similar offering document governing any series of debt securities issued hereunder, a guarantor will be automatically and unconditionally released from its obligations under the indenture and the related guarantees:

(1) upon any sale, exchange or transfer to a person or entity not an affiliate of the Company of all of the Capital Stock held by the Company and its subsidiaries in, or all or substantially all of the assets of, such guarantor;

(2) upon the liquidation or dissolution of such guarantor; provided no default or event of default shall occur as a result thereof;

(3) if the Company exercises its legal defeasance option or its covenant defeasance option as described under “Description of Debt Securities — Legal Defeasance and Covenant Defeasance” or if its obligations under the indenture are discharged in accordance with the terms of the indenture as described under “Description of Debt Securities — Satisfaction and Discharge”; or

(4) as otherwise provided in any indenture supplemental to the base indenture;

provided, however, that in the case of clauses (1) and (2) above, (x) such sale or other disposition is made to a person or entity other than the Company or any of its subsidiaries and (y) such sale or disposition is otherwise permitted by the indenture.

At the request of the Company, and upon delivery to the trustee of an officer’s certificate and an opinion of counsel, each stating that all applicable conditions precedent under the indenture relating to such release have been complied with, the trustee will execute any documents reasonably requested by the Company evidencing such release.

Nothing contained in the indenture or in the debt securities will prevent any consolidation or merger of a guarantor with or into the issuer (in which case such guarantor shall no longer be a guarantor) or another guarantor or shall prevent any sale or conveyance of the property of a guarantor as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to the issuer or another guarantor.

## DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

As of September 27, 2024, our only class of outstanding securities registered under the Exchange Act is our common stock, par value \$0.10 per share, which we refer to as the Common Stock.

The following is a description of the material terms of our Common Stock and preferred stock we may offer and is qualified by reference to the provisions of our Articles of Amendment and Restatement, as amended, which we refer to as our Charter, our Amended and Restated Bylaws, which we refer to as the Bylaws, and applicable provisions of relevant Maryland law, including the Maryland General Corporation Law, which we refer to as the MGCL. The terms of any series of preferred stock being offered by us will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series of preferred stock. That prospectus supplement may not restate the articles supplementary that establishes a particular series of preferred stock in its entirety. We urge you to read at that time the articles supplementary because it, and not the description in the prospectus supplement, will define your rights as a holder of preferred stock. The articles supplementary will be filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland and with the SEC.

### **Common Stock**

We are authorized to issue 350,000,000 shares of Common Stock. All shares of our Common Stock participate equally in dividends payable to stockholders of our Common Stock when and as declared by our board of directors and in net assets available for distribution to stockholders of our Common Stock on liquidation or dissolution; have one vote per share on all matters submitted to a vote of the stockholders; and do not have cumulative voting rights in the election of directors. All of our outstanding shares of Common Stock are fully paid and non-assessable. Holders of our Common Stock do not have preference, conversion, exchange or preemptive rights. We may issue additional shares of authorized Common Stock without stockholder approval, subject to applicable rules of the NYSE.

### **Preferred Stock**

We are authorized to issue 20,000,000 shares of our preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share, which we refer to as the Preferred Stock. Under our Charter, our board of directors has the authority to authorize from time-to-time, without further stockholder action, the issuance of shares of our Preferred Stock, in one or more series as the board of directors shall deem appropriate, and to fix the rights, powers and restrictions of the Preferred Stock by resolution and the filing of an amendment to our Charter, including but not limited to the designation of the following:

- the number of shares constituting such series and the distinctive designation thereof;
- the voting rights, if any, of such series;
- the rate of dividends payable on such series, the time or times when such dividends will be payable, the preference to, or any relation to, the payment of dividends to any other class or series of stock and whether the dividends will be cumulative or non-cumulative;
- whether there shall be a sinking or similar fund for the purchase of shares of such series and, if so, the terms and provisions that shall govern such fund;
- the rights of the holders of shares of such series upon the liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Company;
- the rights, if any, of holders of shares of such series to convert such shares into, or to exchange such shares for, shares of any other class or classes or any other series of the same or of any other class or classes of equity shares, the price or prices or rate or rates of conversion or exchange, with such adjustments thereto as shall be provided, at which such shares shall be convertible or exchangeable, whether such rights of conversion or exchange shall be exercisable at the option of the holder of the shares or the Company (or both) or upon the happening of a specified event, and any other terms or conditions of such conversion or exchange; and
- any other preferences, powers and relative participating, optional or other special rights and qualifications, limitations or restrictions of shares of such series.

Except as otherwise provided in any prospectus supplement or articles supplementary, all shares of the same series of Preferred Stock will be identical to each other share of said stock. The shares of different series may differ, including as to ranking, as may be provided in our Charter, or as may be fixed by our board of directors as described above. We may from time-to-time amend our Charter to increase or decrease the number of authorized shares of Preferred Stock.

#### **Certain Effects of Authorized but Unissued Stock**

We may issue additional shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock without stockholder approval, subject to applicable rules of the NYSE, for a variety of corporate purposes, including raising additional capital, corporate acquisitions, the payment of dividends and employee benefit plans. The existence of unissued and unreserved Common and Preferred Stock may enable us to issue shares to persons who are friendly to current management, which could discourage an attempt to obtain control of the Company through a merger, tender offer, proxy contest or otherwise, and protect the continuity of management and possibly deprive you of opportunities to sell your shares at prices higher than the prevailing market prices. We could also use additional shares to dilute the stock ownership of persons seeking to obtain control of the Company.

#### **Restrictions on Ownership and Transfer**

To qualify as a REIT under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended, the “Code”), we must satisfy a number of statutory requirements, including a requirement that no more than 50% in value of our outstanding shares of stock may be owned, actually or constructively, by five or fewer individuals (as defined by the Code to include certain entities such as qualified pension plans) during the last half of a taxable year (other than the first year for which an election to be a REIT has been made). In addition, if we, or an actual or constructive owner of 10% or more of us, actually or constructively owns 10% or more of a tenant of ours (or a tenant of any partnership in which we are a partner), the rent we receive (either directly or through any such partnership) from such tenant will not be qualifying income for purposes of the REIT gross income tests of the Code. Our stock must also be beneficially owned by 100 or more persons during at least 355 days of a taxable year of twelve months or during a proportionate part of a shorter taxable year.

Our Charter provides that, subject to certain exceptions, no person may beneficially or constructively own more than 9.8% in value or in number of shares, whichever is more restrictive, of the outstanding shares of any class or series of our capital stock. Our Charter also prohibits any person from:

- beneficially owning shares of our capital stock to the extent that such beneficial ownership would result in our being “closely held” within the meaning of Section 856(h) of the Code (without regard to whether the ownership interest is held during the last half of the taxable year);
- beneficially or constructively owning shares of our capital stock to the extent such beneficial or constructive ownership would cause us to fail to qualify as a REIT (including, but not limited to, beneficial or constructive ownership that would cause us to actually or constructively own interests in a tenant that is described in Section 856(d)(2)(B) of the Code if the income derived by us from such tenant would cause us to fail to satisfy any of the gross income requirements of Section 856(c) of the Code); or
- transferring shares of our capital stock to the extent that such transfer would result in our shares of capital stock being beneficially owned by fewer than 100 persons (determined without reference to any rules of attribution).

We refer to these restrictions, collectively, as the “ownership limits.” Subject to certain limitations, our board of directors may, in its sole discretion, prospectively or retroactively, exempt one or more persons from the ownership limits, on such terms and subject to such conditions as our board of directors may require.

Our Charter requires that any person who acquires or attempts to acquire shares of our stock in violation of the ownership limits give immediate, or in the event of a proposed or attempted transfer, at least 15 days’ prior, written notice to us. Any attempted transfer of our stock which, if effective, would result in our stock being beneficially owned by fewer than 100 persons will be void ab initio. Any attempted transfer of our stock which, if effective, would result in violation of the ownership limits (or any expected



holder limit) or result in our being “closely held” under Section 856(h) of the Code or otherwise failing to qualify as a REIT, will cause the number of shares causing the violation (rounded to the nearest whole share) to be automatically transferred to a trust for the exclusive benefit of one or more charitable beneficiaries, and the proposed transferee will not acquire any rights in the shares. The trustee of the trust will be appointed by the Company or any successor trustee thereof. Shares of our stock held in the trust will be issued and outstanding shares. The proposed transferee will not benefit economically from ownership of any shares of stock held in the trust, will have no rights to dividends or other distributions and no rights to vote or other rights attributable to the shares of stock held in the trust. The trustee of the trust will have all voting rights and rights to dividends or other distributions with respect to shares held in the trust, which the trustee will exercise for the exclusive benefit of the charitable beneficiary of the trust.

The automatic transfer will be effective as of the close of business on the business day prior to the date of the violative transfer or other event that results in a transfer to the trust. If the transfer to the trust as described above is not automatically effective, for any reason, to prevent violation of the applicable restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock, then the transfer of the shares will be void *ab initio*. Any dividend or other distribution paid prior to our discovery that the shares had been automatically transferred to a trust as described above must be repaid by the recipient to the trustee upon demand. Any dividend or other distribution authorized but unpaid will be paid when due to the trustee. Any dividend or distribution paid to the trustee will be held in trust for the charitable beneficiary.

Subject to Maryland law, effective as of the date that the shares have been transferred to the trust, the trustee shall have the authority, at the trustee’s sole discretion:

- to rescind as void *ab initio* any vote cast by a proposed transferee prior to our discovery that the shares have been transferred to the trust; and
- to recast the vote in accordance with the desires of the trustee acting for the benefit of the charitable beneficiary of the trust.

However, if we have already taken irreversible corporate action, then the trustee may not rescind and recast the vote.

Shares of our stock transferred to the trustee are deemed offered for sale to us, or our designee, at a price per share equal to the lesser of (1) the price per share in the transaction that resulted in the transfer to the trust (or, in the case of a gift or devise, the market price at the time of such gift or devise) and (2) the market price on the date we, or our designee, accepts such offer. We have the right to accept such offer for a period of twenty (20) days after the later of (1) the date of the violative transfer or other event that results in a transfer to the trust and (2) if no notice of a transfer of shares to the trust is received by us, the date we determine in good faith that a violative transfer or other event that results in a transfer to the trust has occurred. Upon a sale to us, the interest of the charitable beneficiary in the shares sold terminates and the trustee must distribute the net proceeds of the sale to the proposed transferee. Any amounts received by the trustee in excess of the amounts paid to the proposed transferee will be paid to the charitable beneficiary.

If we do not purchase the shares held in trust, the trustee must sell the shares to a person designated by the trustee who could own the shares without violating the ownership limit and the other restrictions on ownership and transfer of our stock contained in our Charter. After selling the shares, the trustee must distribute to the proposed transferee an amount equal to the lesser of (1) the price paid by the proposed transferee for the shares (or, in the case of a gift or devise, the market price at the time of such gift or devise) and (2) the sales proceeds (net of commissions and other expenses of sale) received by the trust for the shares.

Every owner of more than 5% (or any lower percentage as required by the Code or the regulations promulgated thereunder or as may be requested by our board of directors in its sole discretion) in number or value of the outstanding shares of our capital stock, within 30 days after the end of each taxable year, is required to give us written notice, stating his or her name and address, the number of shares of each class and series of shares of our capital stock that he or she beneficially owns and a description of the manner in which the shares are held. Each of these owners must provide us with additional information that we may request in order to determine the effect, if any, of his or her beneficial ownership on our status as a REIT and to ensure compliance with the ownership limits. In addition, each stockholder will upon demand be

required to provide us with information that we may request in good faith in order to determine our status as a REIT and to comply with the requirements of any taxing authority or governmental authority or to determine our compliance.

### **Certain Anti-Takeover Provisions**

The following is a description of certain provisions included in our Charter, Bylaws and Maryland law that may have the effect of discouraging unilateral tender offers or other takeover proposals that stockholders might deem to be in their interests or in which they might receive a substantial premium. Our board of directors' authority to issue and establish the terms of currently authorized Preferred Stock, without stockholder approval, may also have the effect of discouraging takeover attempts. The following provisions could also have the effect of insulating current management against the possibility of removal and could, by possibly reducing temporary fluctuations in market price caused by accumulations of shares of our Common Stock, deprive stockholders of opportunities to sell at a temporarily higher market price. Our board of directors believes, however, that these provisions may help assure fair treatment of our stockholders and preserve our assets. These provisions may require persons seeking control of the Company to negotiate with our board of directors regarding the price to be paid for our shares required to obtain control, promote continuity and stability, and enhance the Company's ability to pursue long-term strategies.

#### *Charter and Bylaws*

Our Charter and Bylaws contain certain provisions, including the provisions described below, that may discourage certain types of transactions that involve an actual or threatened change of control of us. Since the terms of our Charter and Bylaws may differ from the general information we are providing, you should only rely on the actual provisions of our Charter and Bylaws.

**Size of Board.** Our Charter specifies that the number of directors shall be six, which number may be increased or decreased as provided in the Bylaws but shall not be less than five nor more than thirteen.

**Election of Directors.** A director is generally elected by the vote of a majority of the votes cast at the meeting at which the election is held, except that, in case of a contested election, directors are elected by the vote of a plurality of the votes present in person or represented by proxy at the meeting. For one of our stockholders to nominate a candidate for director, our Bylaws require that such stockholder give timely notice to us in advance of the meeting. Ordinarily, the stockholder must give notice not less than 90 days nor more than 120 days before the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. The notice must describe various matters regarding the nominee, the stockholder giving the notice and the beneficial owner on whose behalf the nomination is made. Our Charter does not permit cumulative voting in the election of directors. Accordingly, the holders of a majority of the then-outstanding shares of Common Stock can elect all of the directors of the class then being elected at that meeting of stockholders.

**Removal of Directors.** Our Charter and Bylaws provide that stockholders may remove a director only "for cause" at a meeting expressly called for such purpose and with the affirmative vote of not less than two-thirds of the then outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote, subject to any rights of holders of any outstanding series of Preferred Stock or any other series or class of stock to elect additional directors under specified circumstances.

**Filling Vacancies.** Our Bylaws provide that any vacancies on the board of directors, including vacancies by reason of an increase in the number of directors, whether or not sufficient to constitute a quorum, may be filled by a majority vote of the directors then in office even if the remaining directors do not constitute a quorum.

**Limitations on Stockholder Action by Written Consent.** Our Bylaws provide that, except for the election of directors, action may be taken without a meeting of stockholders only if all of the stockholders entitled to vote with respect to the subject matter thereof consent in writing or by electronic transmission to such action being taken or (in respect to the adoption of new Bylaws or the amendment or repeal of the existing Bylaws) by a written consent of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares entitled to vote. The election of directors may not be undertaken by written consent.

Limitations on Calling Stockholder Meetings. Under our Bylaws, special meetings of the stockholders may be called by a majority of our board of directors, the chairman of our board of directors, our chief executive officer or president, or, subject to the satisfaction of certain procedural and informational requirements by the stockholders requiring the meeting, by our secretary upon written request of holders of not less than a majority of the votes entitled to be cast on the business proposed.

Advance Notice Bylaw; Proposal and Nomination Information Requirements; Proxy Access. For a stockholder to bring a proposal before an annual meeting, including director nominations, our Bylaws require that the stockholder give timely notice to us in advance of the meeting. Ordinarily, the stockholder must give notice at least 90 days but not more than 120 days before the first anniversary of the preceding year's annual meeting. Each proponent of a matter to be considered at a stockholder meeting and each stockholder nominating a director must furnish certain information, including his or her ownership of Common Stock, options or any short positions related to our Common Stock and any fees such proponent stands to earn based on the value of the Common Stock or derivatives related to the Common Stock. Each director nominated by a stockholder must certify that he or she is not a party to, and will not become a party to, any agreement with any person or entity in connection with service or action as a director. Such director nominee must also submit a completed director questionnaire provided by us.

Our board of directors may reject any proposals that have not followed these procedures or that are not a proper subject for stockholder action in accordance with the provisions of applicable law.

Our Bylaws also provide that, subject to certain requirements, a stockholder, or group of up to 20 stockholders, owning 3% or more of our outstanding common stock continuously for at least three years, may nominate, and require us to include in our proxy materials for an annual meeting, stockholder-nominated director candidates equal to the greater of two director seats or 20% of the board of directors.

Certain Amendments to our Charter and Bylaws. The provisions of our Charter governing certain business combinations and governing ownership limitations and excess shares may not be amended without the board declaring the amendment advisable and the approval of 80% of the outstanding shares of our capital stock entitled to vote. Our Bylaws may be amended, altered, changed or repealed by (1) a majority of all the outstanding shares of capital stock entitled to vote, unless the Bylaws provide that a higher voting requirement applies, or (2) a majority of our board of directors.

Business Combinations. Our Charter requires that, except in some circumstances, "business combinations" between us and a beneficial holder of 10% or more of our outstanding voting stock, which we refer to as a Related Person, be approved by the affirmative vote of at least 80% of our outstanding voting shares. A "business combination" is defined in our Charter as:

- any merger or consolidation of the Company with or into a Related Person;
- any sale, lease, exchange, transfer or other disposition, including without limitation a mortgage or any other security device, of all or any "Substantial Part" (as defined below) of the assets of the Company (including without limitation any voting securities of a subsidiary) to a Related Person;
- any merger or consolidation of a Related Person with or into the Company;
- any sale, lease, exchange, transfer or other disposition of all or any Substantial Part of the assets of a Related Person to the Company;
- the issuance of any of our securities (other than by way of pro rata distribution to all stockholders) of the Company to a Related Person; and
- any agreement, contract or other arrangement providing for any of the transactions described above.

The term "Substantial Part" means more than 10% of the book value of our total assets as of the end of our most recent fiscal year ending prior to the time the determination is being made.

#### *Maryland Law*

Maryland "Unsolicited Takeovers" under Subtitle 8 of Title 3. The "Unsolicited Takeovers" provisions of Subtitle 8 of Title 3 of the Maryland General Corporation Law permits a Maryland

corporation with a class of equity securities registered under the Exchange Act and at least three independent directors to elect to be subject, by provision in its Charter or Bylaws or a resolution of its board of directors and notwithstanding any contrary provision in the Charter or Bylaws, to any or all of five provisions:

- a classified board of directors;
- a two-thirds vote requirement to remove a director;
- a requirement that the number of directors be fixed only by a vote of directors;
- a requirement that a vacancy on the board of directors be filled only by the remaining directors and for the remainder of the full terms of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred; and
- a majority requirement for the calling of a special meeting of stockholders.

We have elected to be subject to the requirement that a vacancy on the board of directors be filled by the remaining directors and for the remainder of the full term of the class of directors in which the vacancy occurred. Accordingly, the stockholders may not fill any vacancy upon the board of directors.

Pursuant to a resolution of the board, we have elected to affirmatively opt out of Section 3-803 of the MGCL, which permits the board of directors of a Maryland corporation to divide its board into classes without stockholder approval. The board resolution is irrevocable unless it is first approved in the same manner as an amendment to the Charter, which would require the approval of the Company's stockholders by the affirmative vote of a majority of all the votes entitled to be cast on the matter.

The other Subtitle 8 elections are not currently relevant to us because existing provisions in our Charter and Bylaws (unrelated to Subtitle 8) already make us subject to the two-thirds vote requirement for removing a director, a requirement that the number of directors be fixed only by a vote of directors, and a majority requirement for the calling of a special meeting of stockholders. Subject to the voting requirements described herein, we retain our right to opt in to any of the other provisions of Subtitle 8.

Maryland Business Combination Act. Pursuant to Section 5.09 of our Charter, we have opted out of Maryland's statutory "business combination" provisions under the Maryland Business Combination Act. Nevertheless, we cannot assure you that our board of directors will not decide in the future to adopt a resolution electing to be subject to the statutory business combination provisions. An alteration or repeal of the Charter's "opt out" provision, however, would not have any effect on any business combinations that have been consummated or upon any agreements existing at the time of such modification or repeal.

If we were to opt into the Maryland Business Combination Act, certain "business combinations" (including a merger, consolidation, share exchange or, in certain circumstances specified under the statute, an asset transfer or issuance or reclassification of equity securities) between a Maryland corporation and any interested stockholder, or an affiliate of such an interested stockholder, would be prohibited for five years after the most recent date on which the interested stockholder becomes an interested stockholder. Maryland law defines an interested stockholder as:

- any person who beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, 10% or more of the voting power of the corporation's outstanding voting stock; or
- an affiliate or associate of the corporation who, at any time within the two-year period prior to the date in question, was the beneficial owner of 10% or more of the voting power of the then outstanding voting stock of the corporation.

A person is not an interested stockholder under the statute if the board of directors approved in advance the transaction by which the person otherwise would have become an interested stockholder. In approving a transaction, however, a board of directors may provide that its approval is subject to compliance, at or after the time of the approval, with any terms and conditions determined by it.

After such five-year period, any such business combination must be recommended by the board of directors of the corporation and approved by the affirmative vote of at least:

- 80% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of outstanding shares of voting stock of the corporation; and

- two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of voting stock of the corporation other than shares held by the interested stockholder with whom (or with whose affiliate) the business combination is to be effected or held by an affiliate or associate of the interested stockholder.

These supermajority approval requirements do not apply if, among other conditions, the corporation's common stockholders receive a minimum price (as defined in the Maryland General Corporation Law) for their shares and the consideration is received in cash or in the same form as previously paid by the interested stockholder for its shares.

For a description of the Business Combinations provision included in our Charter, see "Charter and Bylaws -Business Combinations" above.

Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act. Pursuant to Section 5.09 of our Charter, we have opted out of Maryland's statutory "control share acquisition" provisions under the Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act. Nevertheless, we cannot assure you that our board of directors will not decide in the future to adopt a resolution electing to be subject to the statutory control share acquisition provisions. An alteration or repeal of the Charter's "opt out" provision, however, would not have any effect on any control share acquisitions that have been consummated or upon any agreements existing at the time of such modification or repeal.

The Maryland Control Share Acquisition Act, if and when applicable to us, would provide that "control shares" of a Maryland corporation acquired in a "control share acquisition" have no voting rights except to the extent approved by a vote of two-thirds of the votes entitled to be cast on the matter. Shares of stock owned by the acquirer, by officers or by directors who are employees of the corporation are excluded from shares entitled to vote on the matter. "Control shares" are voting shares of stock, that, if aggregated with all other shares of stock owned by the acquirer or shares of stock for which the acquirer is able to exercise or direct the exercise of voting power except solely by virtue of a revocable proxy, would entitle the acquirer to exercise direct or indirect voting power in electing directors within one of the following ranges of voting power:

- one-tenth or more, but less than one-third of all voting power;
- one-third or more, but less than a majority of all voting power; or
- a majority or more of all voting power.

Control shares do not include shares the acquiring person is then entitled to vote as a result of having previously obtained stockholder approval. Except as otherwise specified in the statute, a "control share acquisition" means the direct or indirect acquisition of control shares.

Once a person who has made or proposes to make a control share acquisition has undertaken to pay expenses and satisfied other conditions, the person may compel the board of directors to call a special meeting of stockholders to be held within 50 days of the corporation's receipt of demand to consider the voting rights of the shares. If no request for a special meeting is made, the corporation itself may present the question at any stockholders meeting.

If voting rights are not approved at the meeting or if the acquiring person does not deliver an acquiring person statement as required by the statute, then the corporation may be able to redeem any or all of the control shares for fair value, except for control shares for which voting rights previously have been approved. The right of the corporation to redeem control shares is subject to certain conditions and limitations. Fair value is determined without regard to the absence of voting rights for control shares, as of the date of the last control share acquisition by the acquirer or of any meeting of stockholders at which the voting rights of control shares are considered and not approved. If voting rights for control shares are approved at a stockholders meeting and the acquirer becomes entitled to vote a majority of the shares entitled to vote, all other stockholders may exercise appraisal rights. The fair value of the shares as determined for purposes of these appraisal rights may not be less than the highest price per share paid by the acquirer in the control share acquisition. Some of the limitations and restrictions otherwise applicable to the exercise of appraisal rights do not apply in the context of a control share acquisition.

Duties of Directors with Respect to Unsolicited Takeovers. Maryland law provides protection for Maryland corporations against unsolicited takeovers by limiting, among other things, the duties of the

directors in unsolicited takeover situations. The duties of directors of Maryland corporations do not require them to (a) accept, recommend or respond on behalf of the corporation to any proposal by a person seeking to acquire control of the corporation, (b) make a determination under the Maryland business combination or control share acquisition statutes described above, or (c) act or fail to act solely because of the effect the act or failure to act may have on an acquisition or potential acquisition of control of the corporation or the amount or type of consideration that may be offered or paid to the stockholders in an acquisition. Moreover, under Maryland law the act of a director of a Maryland corporation relating to or affecting an acquisition or potential acquisition of control is not subject to any higher duty or greater scrutiny than is applied to any other act of a director. Maryland law also contains a statutory presumption that an act of a director of a Maryland corporation satisfies the applicable standards of conduct for directors under Maryland law.

**Listing**

Shares of Common Stock are listed on the NYSE under the symbol “OHI.”

**Transfer Agent and Registrar**

The transfer agent and registrar for our Common Stock is Computershare Trust Company, N.A.

**MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS****Consequences of an Investment in Our Securities**

The following is a general summary of material U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to us, and to the purchasers of our securities and our election to be taxed as a REIT. It is not tax advice. The summary does not discuss the tax consequences of an investment in our debt securities, but supplemental U.S. federal income tax considerations relevant to holders of debt securities offered by this prospectus may be provided in the prospectus supplement that relates to those securities. The summary is not intended to represent a detailed description of the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to a particular stockholder in view of any person's particular circumstances, nor is it intended to represent a description of the U.S. federal income tax considerations applicable to stockholders subject to special treatment under the federal income tax laws such as insurance companies, pension plans or other tax-exempt organizations (except to the extent summarized below), financial institutions, securities broker-dealers, investors in pass-through entities, expatriates, persons that hold their stock as part of a straddle, hedge, constructive sale or conversion transaction, persons subject to special tax accounting rules under Code Section 451(b), regulated investment companies, persons whose "functional currency" is not the U.S. dollar, and taxpayers subject to alternative minimum taxation.

The following discussion relating to an investment in our securities was based on consultations with Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, our counsel. In the opinion of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, the following discussion, to the extent it constitutes matters of law or legal conclusions (assuming the facts, representations, and assumptions upon which the discussion is based are accurate), accurately represents the material U.S. federal income tax considerations relevant to purchasers of our securities. Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP has not rendered any opinion regarding any effect of such issuance on purchasers of our securities. The sections of the Code relating to the qualification and operation as a REIT are highly technical and complex. The following discussion sets forth the material aspects of the Code sections that govern the federal income tax treatment of a REIT and its stockholders. The information in this section is based on the Code; current, temporary, and proposed Treasury regulations promulgated under the Code; the legislative history of the Code; current administrative interpretations and practices of the Internal Revenue Service, which we refer to as the IRS; and court decisions, in each case, as of the date of this prospectus. In addition, the administrative interpretations and practices of the IRS include its practices and policies as expressed in private letter rulings which are not binding on the IRS, except with respect to the particular taxpayers who requested and received these rulings.

**Taxation of Omega**

*General.* We have elected to be taxed as a REIT under Sections 856 through 860 of the Code, beginning with our taxable year ended December 31, 1992. We believe that we were organized and have operated in such a manner as to qualify for taxation as a REIT under the Code. We intend to continue to operate in a manner that will allow us to maintain our qualification as a REIT, but no assurance can be given that we have operated or will be able to continue to operate in a manner so as to qualify or remain qualified as a REIT.

The sections of the Code that govern the U.S. federal income tax treatment of a REIT are highly technical and complex. The following sets forth the material aspects of those sections. This summary is qualified in its entirety by the applicable Code provisions, rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, and administrative and judicial interpretations thereof.

In the opinion of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, which opinion has been filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus is a part, we were organized in conformity with the requirements for qualification as a REIT, and our current and proposed method of operation will enable us to continue to meet the requirements for continued qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code. This opinion is based on various assumptions and is conditioned upon certain representations made by us as to factual matters concerning our business and properties. Moreover, such qualification and taxation as a REIT depends upon our ability to meet, through actual annual operating results, distribution levels and diversity of stock ownership, the various qualification tests imposed under the Code discussed below, the results of which will not be reviewed by Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP on an ongoing basis.

Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the various results of our operation for any particular taxable year will satisfy such requirements. Further, such requirements may be changed, perhaps retroactively, by legislative or administrative actions at any time. We have neither sought nor obtained any formal ruling from the IRS regarding our qualification as a REIT and presently have no plan to apply for any such ruling. See “Failure to Qualify.”

If we qualify for taxation as a REIT, we generally will not be subject to federal corporate income taxes on our net income that is currently distributed to stockholders. This treatment substantially eliminates the “double taxation” (i.e., taxation at both the corporate and the stockholder levels) that generally results from an investment in a corporation. However, we will be subject to certain federal income taxes as follows: First, we will be taxed at regular corporate rates on any undistributed REIT taxable income, including undistributed net capital gains. Second, if we have (i) net income from the sale or other disposition of “foreclosure property” which is held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business, or (ii) other nonqualifying income from foreclosure property, we will be subject to tax at the highest regular corporate rate (currently 21%) on such income. Third, if we have net income from prohibited transactions (which are, in general, certain sales or other dispositions of property (other than foreclosure property) held primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business by us, (i.e., when we are acting as a dealer)), such income will be subject to a 100% tax. Fourth, if we should fail to satisfy the 75% gross income test or the 95% gross income test (as discussed below), but have nonetheless maintained our qualification as a REIT because certain other requirements have been met, we will be subject to a 100% tax on an amount equal to (a) the gross income attributable to the greater of the amount by which we fail the 75% or 95% test, multiplied by (b) a fraction intended to reflect our profitability. Fifth, if we violate the asset tests (other than certain de minimis violations) or other requirements applicable to REITs, as described below, and yet maintain our qualification to be taxed as a REIT because there is reasonable cause for the failure and other applicable requirements are met, we may be subject to a penalty tax. In that case, the amount of the penalty tax will be at least \$50,000 per failure, and, in the case of certain asset test failures, will be determined as the amount of net income generated by the non-qualifying assets in question multiplied by the highest regular corporate tax rate if that amount exceeds \$50,000 per failure. Sixth, if we should fail to distribute by the end of each year at least the sum of (i) 85% of our REIT ordinary income for such year, (ii) 95% of our REIT capital gain net income for such year, and (iii) any undistributed taxable income from prior periods, we will be subject to a 4% excise tax on the excess of such required distribution over the amounts actually distributed. Seventh, we will be subject to a 100% excise tax on transactions with a taxable REIT subsidiary, which we refer to as a TRS, that are not conducted on an arm’s-length basis. Eighth, if we acquire any asset that is defined as a “built-in gain asset” from a C corporation that is not a REIT (i.e., generally a corporation subject to full corporate-level tax) in a transaction in which the basis of the built-in gain asset in our hands is determined by reference to the basis of the asset (or any other property) in the hands of the C corporation, and we recognize gain on the disposition of such asset during the 15-year period beginning on the date on which such asset was acquired by us, which is defined as the “recognition period,” then, to the extent of the built-in gain (i.e., the excess of (a) the fair market value of such asset on the date such asset was acquired by us over (b) our adjusted basis in such asset on such date), our recognized gain will be subject to tax at the highest regular corporate rate. The results described above with respect to the recognition of built-in gain assume that we will not make an election pursuant to Treasury Regulations Section 1.337(d)-7(c)(5).

*Requirements for Qualification.* The Code defines a REIT as a domestic corporation, trust or association: (1) which is managed by one or more trustees or directors; (2) the beneficial ownership of which is evidenced by transferable shares, or by transferable certificates of beneficial interest; (3) which would be taxable as a domestic corporation, but for Sections 856 through 859 of the Code; (4) which is neither a financial institution nor an insurance company as defined in provisions of the Code; (5) the beneficial ownership of which is held by 100 or more persons; (6) during the last half year of each taxable year not more than 50% in value of the outstanding stock of which is owned, actually or constructively, by five or fewer individuals (as defined in the Code to include certain entities); and (7) which meets certain other tests, described below, regarding the nature of its income and assets and the amount of its annual distributions to stockholders. The Code provides that conditions (1) to (4), inclusive, must be met during the entire taxable year and that condition (5) must be met during at least 335 days of a taxable year of twelve months, or during a proportionate part of a taxable year of less than twelve months. For purposes of conditions (5) and (6), pension funds and certain other tax-exempt entities are treated as individuals, subject to a “look-through”



exception in the case of condition (6). We may avoid disqualification as a REIT for a failure to satisfy any of these tests if such failure is due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, and we pay a penalty of at least \$50,000 for each such failure.

*Income Tests.* To maintain our qualification as a REIT, we annually must satisfy two gross income requirements. First, at least 75% of our gross income (excluding gross income from prohibited transactions) for each taxable year must be derived directly or indirectly from investments relating to real property or mortgages on real property (including generally “rents from real property,” interest on mortgages on real property and gains on sale of real property and real property mortgages, other than property described in Section 1221(a)(1) of the Code) and income derived from certain types of temporary investments. Second, at least 95% of our gross income (excluding gross income from prohibited transactions) for each taxable year must be derived from such real property investments, dividends, interest, and gain from the sale or disposition of stock or securities other than property held for sale to customers in the ordinary course of business.

Rents received by us will qualify as “rents from real property” in satisfying the gross income requirements for a REIT described above only if several conditions are met. First, the amount of the rent must not be based in whole or in part on the income or profits of any person. However, any amount received or accrued generally will not be excluded from the term “rents from real property” solely by reason of being based on a fixed percentage or percentages of receipts or sales. Second, the Code provides that rents received from a tenant (other than rent from a tenant that is a TRS that meets the requirements described below) will not qualify as “rents from real property” in satisfying the gross income tests if we or an owner (actually or constructively) of 10% or more of the value of our stock, actually or constructively owns 10% or more of such tenant, which is defined as a related party tenant, taking into account certain complex attribution rules. Third, if rent attributable to personal property, leased in connection with a lease of real property, is greater than 15% of the total rent received under the lease, then the portion of rent attributable to such personal property will not qualify as “rents from real property.” Finally, for rents received to qualify as “rents from real property,” we generally must not operate or manage the property or furnish or render services to the tenants of such property, other than through an independent contractor from which we derive no revenue. We may, however, directly perform certain services that are “usually or customarily rendered” in connection with the rental of space for occupancy only and are not otherwise considered “rendered to the occupant” of the property. In addition, we may directly provide a minimal amount of “non-customary” services to the tenants of a property as long as our income from the services does not exceed 1% of our income from the related property. Furthermore, we may own up to 100% of the stock of a TRS, which may provide customary and non-customary services to our tenants without tainting our rental income from the related properties.

The term “interest” generally does not include any amount received or accrued (directly or indirectly) if the determination of such amount depends in whole or in part on the income or profits of any person. However, an amount received or accrued generally will not be excluded from the term “interest” solely by reason of being based on a fixed percentage or percentages of gross receipts or sales. In addition, an amount that is based on the income or profits of a debtor will be qualifying interest income as long as the debtor derives substantially all of its income from the real property securing the debt from leasing substantially all of its interest in such real property, but only to the extent that the amounts received by the debtor would be qualifying “rents from real property” if received directly by a REIT.

If a loan contains a provision that entitles us to a percentage of the borrower’s gain upon the sale of the real property securing the loan or a percentage of the appreciation in the property’s value as of a specific date, income attributable to that loan provision will be treated as gain from the sale of the property securing the loan, which generally is qualifying income for purposes of both gross income tests.

Interest on debt secured by mortgages on real property or on interests in real property generally is qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test. However, if the highest principal amount of a loan outstanding during a taxable year exceeds the fair market value of the real property securing the loan as of the date we agreed to originate or acquire the loan, a portion of the interest income from such loan will not be qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test but will be qualifying income for purposes of the 95% gross income test. The portion of the interest income that will not be qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test will be equal to the portion of the principal amount of the loan that is not secured by real property. A modification of a mortgage loan, if it is deemed significant for income

tax purposes, could be considered to be the deemed issuance of a new mortgage loan that is subject to re-testing under these rules, with the possible re-characterization of the mortgage interest on such loan as non-qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test (but not the 95% gross income test, which is discussed below), as well as non-qualifying assets under the asset test (discussed below) and the deemed exchange of the modified loan for the new loan could result in imposition of the 100% prohibited transaction tax (also discussed below). IRS guidance provides relief in the case of certain existing mortgage loans held by a REIT that are modified in response to certain distressed market conditions such that (i) the modified mortgage loan need not be re-tested for purposes of determining whether the income from the mortgage loan continues to be qualified income for purposes of the 75% gross income test or whether the mortgage loan retains its character as a qualified REIT asset for purposes of the asset test (discussed below), and (ii) the modification of the loan will not be treated as a prohibited transaction. At present, we do not hold any mortgage loans that have been modified, which would require us to take advantage of these rules for special relief. We monitor our mortgage loans and direct financing leases for compliance with the above rules.

*Prohibited Transactions.* We will incur a 100% tax on the net income derived from any sale or other disposition of property, other than foreclosure property, that we hold primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of a trade or business. We believe that none of our assets is primarily held for sale to customers and that a sale of any of our assets would not be in the ordinary course of our business. Whether a REIT holds an asset primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of a trade or business depends, however, on the facts and circumstances in effect from time-to-time, including those related to a particular asset. Nevertheless, we will attempt to comply with the terms of safe-harbor provisions in the federal income tax laws prescribing when an asset sale will not be characterized as a prohibited transaction. The terms of these safe-harbor provisions relate primarily to the number of and/or amount realized with respect to the properties disposed of by a REIT, the period of time the property has been held by the REIT, and/or aggregate expenditures made by the REIT with respect to the property being disposed of. We cannot assure you, however, that we can comply with the safe-harbor provisions or that we will avoid owning property that may be characterized as property that we hold primarily for sale to customers in the ordinary course of a trade or business.

*Foreclosure Property.* We will be subject to tax at the maximum corporate rate on any income from foreclosure property, other than income that otherwise would be qualifying income for purposes of the 75% gross income test, less expenses directly connected with the production of that income. However, gross income from foreclosure property is treated as qualifying for purposes of the 75% and 95% gross income tests. Foreclosure property is any real property, including interests in real property, and any personal property incident to such real property:

- that is acquired by a REIT as the result of the REIT having bid on such property at foreclosure, or having otherwise reduced such property to ownership or possession by agreement or process of law, after there was a default or default was imminent on a lease of such property or on indebtedness that such property secured;
- for which the related loan or lease was acquired by the REIT at a time when the default was not imminent or anticipated; and
- for which the REIT makes a proper election to treat the property as foreclosure property.

Such property generally ceases to be foreclosure property at the end of the third taxable year following the taxable year in which the REIT acquired the property, or longer (for a total of up to six years) if an extension is granted by the Secretary of the Treasury. In the case of a “qualified health care property” acquired solely as a result of termination of a lease, but not in connection with default or an imminent default on the lease, the initial grace period terminates at the end of the second (rather than third) taxable year following the year in which the REIT acquired the property (unless the REIT establishes the need for and the Secretary of the Treasury grants one or more extensions, not exceeding six years in total, including the original two-year period, to provide for the orderly leasing or liquidation of the REIT’s interest in the qualified health care property). This grace period terminates, and foreclosure property ceases to be foreclosure property on the first day:

- on which a lease is entered into for the property that, by its terms, will give rise to income that does not qualify for purposes of the 75% gross income test, or any amount is received or accrued, directly

or indirectly, pursuant to a lease entered into on or after such day that will give rise to income that does not qualify for purposes of the 75% gross income test;

- on which any construction takes place on the property, other than completion of a building or any other improvement, where more than 10% of the construction was completed before default became imminent; or
- which is more than 90 days after the day on which the REIT acquired the property and the property is used in a trade or business that is conducted by the REIT, other than through an independent contractor from whom the REIT itself does not derive or receive any income.

The definition of foreclosure property includes any “qualified health care property,” as defined in Code Section 856(e)(6), acquired by us as the result of the termination or expiration of a lease of such property. We have from time-to-time operated qualified healthcare facilities acquired in this manner for up to two years (or longer if an extension was granted). However, we do not currently own any property with respect to which we have made foreclosure property elections. Properties that we had acquired in a foreclosure or bankruptcy and operated for our own account were treated as foreclosure properties for income tax purposes, pursuant to Code Section 856(e). Gross income from foreclosure properties was classified as “good income” for purposes of the annual REIT income tests upon making the election on the tax return. Once made, the income was classified as “good” for a period of three years, or until the properties were no longer operated for our own account. In all cases of foreclosure property, we utilized an independent contractor to conduct day-to-day operations to comply with certain REIT requirements. In certain cases, we operated these facilities through a taxable REIT subsidiary. For those properties operated through the taxable REIT subsidiary, we utilized an eligible independent contractor to conduct day-to-day operations to comply with certain REIT requirements. As a result of the foregoing, we do not believe that our participation in the operation of nursing homes increased the risk that we would fail to qualify as a REIT. We cannot predict whether, in the future, our income from foreclosure property will be significant and whether we could be required to pay a significant amount of tax on that income.

*Hedging Transactions.* From time-to-time, we may enter into hedging transactions with respect to one or more of our assets or liabilities. Our hedging activities may include entering into interest rate swaps, caps and floors, options to purchase these items and futures and forward contracts. To the extent that we enter into an interest rate swap or cap contract, option, futures contract, forward rate agreement, or any similar financial instrument to hedge our indebtedness incurred to acquire or carry “real estate assets,” any periodic income or gain from the disposition of that contract is excluded for purposes of the 95% gross income test and the 75% gross income test, provided that specified requirements are met, including the requirement that the instrument is entered into during the ordinary course of our business and the instrument is properly identified as a hedge along with the risk that it hedges within prescribed time periods. To the extent that we hedge with other types of financial instruments, or in other situations, it is not entirely clear how the income from those transactions will be treated for purposes of the gross income tests. We have structured and intend to continue to structure any hedging transactions in a manner that does not jeopardize our status as a REIT.

*TRS Income.* A TRS may earn income that would not be qualifying income if earned directly by the parent REIT. Both the subsidiary and the REIT must jointly elect to treat the subsidiary as a TRS. A corporation of which a TRS directly or indirectly owns more than 35% of the voting power or value of the stock will automatically be treated as a TRS. Overall, no more than 20% of the value of a REIT’s assets may consist of securities of one or more TRSs. A TRS will pay income tax at regular corporate rates on any income that it earns. In addition, certain rules limit the deductibility of interest paid or accrued by a TRS to its parent REIT to assure that the TRS is subject to an appropriate level of corporate taxation. The rules also impose a 100% excise tax on transactions between a TRS and its parent REIT or the REIT’s operators that are not conducted on an arm’s-length basis. As stated above, we do not lease any of our facilities to any of our TRSs.

*Failure to Satisfy, Income Tests.* If we fail to satisfy one or both of the 75% or 95% gross income tests for any taxable year, we may nevertheless qualify as a REIT for such year if we are entitled to relief under certain provisions of the Code. These relief provisions will be generally available if our failure to meet such tests was due to reasonable cause and not due to willful neglect, we attach a schedule of the sources of our

income to our tax return, and any incorrect information on the schedule was not due to fraud with intent to evade tax. It is not possible, however, to state whether in all circumstances we would be entitled to the benefit of these relief provisions. Even if these relief provisions apply, we would incur a 100% tax on the gross income attributable to the greater of the amounts by which we fail the 75% and 95% gross income tests, multiplied by a fraction intended to reflect our profitability and we would file a schedule with descriptions of each item of gross income that caused the failure.

*Asset Tests.* At the close of each quarter of our taxable year, we must also satisfy the following tests relating to the nature of our assets. First, at least 75% of the value of our total assets must be represented by real estate assets including (i) our allocable share of real estate assets held by partnerships in which we own an interest, (ii) stock or debt instruments held for less than one year purchased with the proceeds of a stock offering or long-term (at least five years) debt offering of our company, and (iii) debt instruments (whether or not secured by real property) that are issued by a “publicly offered REIT” (i.e. a REIT that is required to file annual and periodic reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), cash, cash items and government securities. Second, of our investments not included in the 75% asset class, the value of our interest in any one issuer’s securities may not exceed 5% of the value of our total assets. Third, we may not own more than 10% of the voting power or value of any one issuer’s outstanding securities (subject to the discussion below regarding TRSs and QRSs). Fourth, no more than 20% of the value of our total assets may consist of the securities of one or more TRSs. Fifth, no more than 25% of the value of our total assets may consist of the securities of TRSs and other non-TRS taxable subsidiaries and other assets that are not qualifying assets for purposes of the 75% asset test. Sixth, no more than 25% of the total value of our assets may be represented by “nonqualified publicly offered REIT debt instruments” (i.e. real estate assets that would cease to be real estate assets if debt instruments issued by publicly offered REITs were not included in the definition of real estate assets).

For purposes of the second and third asset tests, the term “securities” does not include our equity or debt securities of a qualified REIT subsidiary, a TRS, or equity interest in any partnership, but does include our proportionate share of any securities held by any partnership of which we are a partner. Furthermore, for purposes of determining whether we own more than 10% of the value of only one issuer’s outstanding securities, the term “securities” does not include: (i) any loan to an individual or an estate; (ii) any Code Section 467 rental agreement; (iii) any obligation to pay rents from real property; (iv) certain government issued securities; (v) any security issued by another REIT; and (vi) our debt securities in any partnership, not otherwise excepted under (i) through (v) above, (A) to the extent of our interest as a partner in the partnership or (B) if 75% of the partnership’s gross income is derived from sources described in the 75% income test set forth above.

If the outstanding principal balance of a mortgage loan exceeds the fair market value of the real property securing the loan, a portion of such loan likely will not be a qualifying real estate asset for purposes of the 75% test. The non-qualifying portion of that mortgage loan will be equal to the portion of the loan amount that exceeds the value of the associated real property. As discussed above under the 75% gross income test, IRS guidance provides relief from re-testing certain mortgage loans held by a REIT that have been modified as a result of certain distressed market conditions with respect to real property. At present, we do not hold any mortgage loans that have been modified, which would require us to take advantage of these rules for special relief.

After initially meeting the asset tests at the close of any quarter, we will not lose our status as a REIT for failure to satisfy any of the asset tests at the end of a later quarter solely by reason of changes in asset values. If the failure to satisfy the asset tests results from an acquisition of securities or other property during a quarter, the failure can be cured by disposition of sufficient non-qualifying assets within 30 days after the close of that quarter.

Subject to certain de minimis exceptions, we may avoid REIT disqualification in the event of certain failures under the asset tests, provided that (i) we file a schedule with a description of each asset that caused the failure, (ii) the failure was due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, (iii) we dispose of the assets within 6 months after the last day of the quarter in which the identification of the failure occurred (or the requirements of the rules are otherwise met within such period) and (iv) we pay a tax on the failure equal to the greater of (A) \$50,000 per failure and (B) the product of the net income generated by the assets that

caused the failure for the period beginning on the date of the failure and ending on the date we dispose of the asset (or otherwise satisfy the requirements) multiplied by the highest applicable corporate tax rate.

*Annual Distribution Requirements.* To qualify as a REIT, we are required to distribute dividends (other than capital gain dividends) to our stockholders in an amount at least equal to (A) the sum of (i) 90% of our “REIT taxable income” (computed without regard to the dividends paid deduction and our net capital gain) and (ii) 90% of the net income (after tax), if any, from foreclosure property, minus (B) the excess of the sum of certain items of noncash income over 5% of our REIT taxable income, computed without regard to our net capital gains and the deduction for dividends paid.

Such distributions must be paid in the taxable year to which they relate, or in the following taxable year if declared before we timely file our tax return for such year and paid on or before the first regular dividend payment after such declaration. In order for distributions to be counted as satisfying the annual distribution requirements for REITs, and to provide us with a REIT-level tax deduction, unless (for distributions made in taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014) we qualify as a “publicly offered REIT,” the distributions must not be “preferential dividends.” A dividend is not a preferential dividend if the distribution is (i) pro rata among all outstanding shares of stock within a particular class and (ii) in accordance with any preferences among different classes of stock as set forth in our organizational documents. To the extent that we do not distribute all of our net capital gain or distribute at least 90%, but less than 100% of our “REIT taxable income,” as adjusted, we will be subject to tax thereon at regular corporate tax rates. Furthermore, if we fail to distribute during a calendar year, or by the end of January following the calendar year in the case of distributions with declaration and record dates falling in the last three months of the calendar year, at least the sum of:

- 85% of our REIT ordinary income for such year;
- 95% of our REIT capital gain income for such year; and
- any undistributed taxable income from prior periods,

we will incur a 4% nondeductible excise tax on the excess of such required distribution over the amounts we actually distribute. We may elect to retain and pay income tax on the net long-term capital gain we receive in a taxable year. If we so elect, we will be treated as having distributed any such retained amount for purposes of the 4% excise tax described above. We have made, and we intend to continue to make, timely distributions sufficient to satisfy the annual distribution requirements. We may also be entitled to pay and deduct deficiency dividends in later years as a relief measure to correct errors in determining our taxable income. Although we may be able to avoid income tax on amounts distributed as deficiency dividends, we will be required to pay interest to the IRS based upon the amount of any deduction we take for deficiency dividends.

The availability to us of, among other things, depreciation deductions with respect to our owned facilities depends upon the treatment by us as the owner of such facilities for federal income tax purposes, and the classification of the leases with respect to such facilities as “true leases” rather than financing arrangements for federal income tax purposes. The questions of whether we are the owner of such facilities, and the leases are true leases for federal tax purposes, are essentially factual matters. We believe that we will be treated as the owner of each of the facilities that we lease, and such leases will be treated as true leases for federal income tax purposes. However, no assurances can be given that the IRS will not successfully challenge our status as the owner of our facilities subject to leases, and the status of such leases as true leases, asserting that the purchase of the facilities by us and the leasing of such facilities merely constitute steps in secured financing transactions in which the lessees are owners of the facilities and we are merely a secured creditor. In such event, we would not be entitled to claim depreciation deductions with respect to any of the affected facilities.

*Reasonable Cause Savings Clause.* We may avoid disqualification in the event of a failure to meet certain requirements for REIT qualification if the failures are due to reasonable cause and not willful neglect, and if the REIT pays a penalty of \$50,000 for each such failure. This reasonable cause safe harbor is not available for failures to meet the 95% and 75% gross income tests or the asset tests.

#### **Failure to Qualify**

If we fail to qualify as a REIT in any taxable year, and the reasonable cause relief provisions do not apply, we will be subject to tax on our taxable income at regular corporate rates. Distributions to stockholders

in any year in which we fail to qualify will not be deductible and our failure to qualify as a REIT would reduce the cash available for distribution by us to our stockholders. In addition, if we fail to qualify as a REIT, all distributions to stockholders will be taxable as ordinary income, to the extent of current and accumulated earnings and profits. However, in such a case, subject to certain limitations of the Code, corporate distributees may be eligible for the dividends-received deduction with respect to dividends that we make, and in the case of an individual, trust, or an estate, dividends are treated the same as capital gain income, which currently is subject to a maximum income tax rate that is lower than regular income tax rates. In addition, in the case of an individual, trust or an estate, to the extent such taxpayer's unearned income (including dividends) exceeds certain threshold amounts, the 3.8% tax on certain "net investment income" also will apply to dividend income. Unless entitled to relief under specific statutory provisions, we would also be disqualified from taxation as a REIT for the four taxable years following the year during which qualification was lost. It is not possible to state whether in all circumstances we would be entitled to such statutory relief. Failure to qualify could result in our incurring indebtedness or liquidating investments in order to pay the resulting taxes.

#### **Other Tax Matters**

We own and operate a number of properties through subsidiaries and the classification of such subsidiaries varies for federal income tax purposes as described in this section. Some of these subsidiaries elected to be taxed as REITs beginning with the calendar year ending December 31, 2015. The stock of the REIT subsidiaries, and dividends received from the REIT subsidiaries, will qualify under the asset tests and income tests, respectively, as described above; provided that such subsidiaries maintain their REIT qualification.

Our REIT subsidiaries own and operate a number of properties through subsidiaries, known as qualified REIT subsidiaries, which we refer to as QRSs. Code Section 856(i) provides that a corporation that is QRS shall not be treated as a separate corporation, and all assets, liabilities, and items of income, deduction, and credit of a QRS shall be treated as assets, liabilities and such items (as the case may be) of the REIT. Thus, in applying the tests for REIT qualification to our REIT subsidiaries described in this prospectus under the heading "Taxation of Omega," the QRSs will be ignored, and all assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction, and credit of such QRSs will be treated as assets, liabilities and items of income, deduction, and credit of our REIT subsidiaries.

In the case of a REIT that is a partner in a partnership (such as our Operating Partnership), such REIT is treated as owning its proportionate share of the assets of the partnership and as earning its allocable share of the gross income of the partnership for purposes of the applicable REIT qualification tests. Thus, our proportionate share of the assets, liabilities, and items of income of our Operating Partnership and any other partnership, joint venture, or limited liability company that is treated as a partnership for federal income tax purposes in which we own an interest, directly or indirectly, will be treated as our assets and gross income for purposes of applying the various REIT qualification requirements.

#### **Taxation of Taxable U.S. Holders That Are Not Tax-Exempt**

*Distribution.* So long as Omega qualifies for taxation as a REIT, distributions on shares of Omega's stock made to U.S. holders out of the current or accumulated earnings and profits allocable to these distributions (and not designated as capital gain dividends) will be includable as ordinary income for federal income tax purposes. None of these distributions will be eligible for the dividends-received deduction for corporate U.S. holders. Additionally, Omega's ordinary dividends will generally not qualify as qualified dividend income, which, for individuals, trusts and estates, is included in the computation of net capital gain, which can be taxed at rates that are lower than ordinary income rates. Any distribution declared by Omega in October, November or December of any year on a specified date in any such month shall be treated as both paid by Omega and received by Omega's stockholders on December 31 of that year, provided that the distribution is actually paid by Omega no later than January 31 of the following year. Distributions made by Omega in excess of current or accumulated earnings and profits will be treated as a nontaxable return of capital to the extent of a U.S. holder's basis and will reduce the basis of the U.S. holder's shares. Any distributions by Omega in excess of current or accumulated earnings and profits and in excess of a U.S. holder's basis in the U.S. holder's shares will be treated as gain from the sale of Omega's shares. See "Disposition of Stock of Omega" below.

*Qualified REIT Dividends.* Distributions that we make to our U.S. holders out of current or accumulated earnings and profits that we do not designate as “capital gain dividends” or “qualified dividend income” (as described below) for tax years beginning before January 1, 2026, generally will entitle individuals, trusts and estates to the 20% pass-through deduction. Corporate stockholders are not entitled to the pass-through deduction or the dividends-received deduction with respect to our distributions. A noncorporate U.S. holder’s ability to claim the deduction equal to 20% of qualifying dividends received may be limited by the U.S. holder’s particular circumstances. In addition, for any noncorporate U.S. holder that claims a deduction in respect of qualifying dividends, the maximum threshold for the accuracy-related penalty with respect to substantial understatements of income tax could be reduced from 10% to 5%.

*Capital Gains Dividends.* Distributions to U.S. holders that are designated as capital gain dividends will be taxed as long-term capital gains (to the extent they do not exceed Omega’s actual net capital gain for the taxable year), without regard to the period for which a U.S. holder held Omega’s shares. However, a corporate U.S. holder, may be required to treat a portion of some capital gain dividends as ordinary income. If Omega elects to retain and pay income tax on any net long-term capital gain, each of Omega’s U.S. holders would include in income, as long-term capital gain, its proportionate share of this net long-term capital gain. Each of Omega’s U.S. holders would also receive a refundable tax credit for its proportionate share of the tax paid by Omega on such retained capital gains and increase the basis of its shares of Omega’s stock in an amount equal to the amount of includable capital gains reduced by the share of refundable tax credit.

*Disposition of Stock of Omega.* Upon any taxable sale or other disposition of any shares of Omega’s stock, a U.S. holder will generally recognize capital gain or loss equal to the difference between the amount realized on the sale or exchange and the U.S. holder’s adjusted tax basis in such shares of Omega’s stock. This gain will be capital gain if the U.S. holder held such shares of Omega’s stock as a capital asset and will be long-term capital gain or loss if such U.S. holder held such shares for more than one (1) year.

*3.8% Tax on Net Investment Income.* Certain U.S. holders of Omega’s stock who are individuals, estates or trusts and whose income exceeds certain thresholds will be required to pay a 3.8% tax on certain “net investment income” including dividends on Omega’s stock and capital gains from the sale or other disposition of Omega’s stock.

#### **Taxation of Tax-Exempt Stockholders**

Tax-exempt entities are generally exempt from federal income taxation. However, they are subject to taxation on their unrelated business taxable income, which we refer to as UBTI. Distributions made by Omega to a U.S. holder that is a tax-exempt entity (such as an individual retirement account, which we refer to as an IRA, or a 401(k) plan) generally should not constitute UBTI, unless such tax-exempt U.S. holder has financed the acquisition of its shares with “acquisition indebtedness” within the meaning of the Code, or the shares are otherwise used in an unrelated trade or business conducted by such U.S. holder.

However, for tax-exempt stockholders that are social clubs, voluntary employee benefit associations, supplemental unemployment benefit trusts and qualified group legal services plans exempt from federal income taxation under Sections 501(c)(7), (c)(9), (c)(17) and (c)(20) of the Code, respectively, income from an investment in Omega will constitute UBTI unless the organization properly sets aside or reserves such amounts for purposes specified in the Code.

Special rules apply to certain tax-exempt pension funds (including 401(k) plans but excluding IRAs or government pension plans) that own more than 10% (measured by value) of a “pension-held REIT.” Such a pension fund may be required to treat a certain percentage of all dividends received from the REIT during the year as UBTI. The percentage is equal to the ratio of the REIT’s gross income (less direct expenses related thereto) derived from the conduct of unrelated trades or businesses determined as if the REIT were a tax-exempt pension fund (including income from activities financed with “acquisition indebtedness”), to the REIT’s gross income (less direct expenses related thereto) from all sources. The special rules will not require a pension fund to recharacterize a portion of its dividends as UBTI unless the percentage computed is at least 5%.

A REIT will be treated as a “pension-held REIT” if the REIT is predominantly held by tax-exempt pension funds and if the REIT would otherwise fail to satisfy the five or fewer test discussed above. A

REIT is predominantly held by tax-exempt pension funds if at least one tax-exempt pension fund holds more than 25% (measured by value) of the REIT's stock or beneficial interests, or if one or more tax-exempt pension funds (each of which owns more than 10% (measured by value) of the REIT's stock or beneficial interests) own in the aggregate more than 50% (measured by value) of the REIT's stock or beneficial interests. Omega believes that it will not be treated as a pension-held REIT. However, because the shares of Omega are publicly traded, no assurance can be given that Omega is not or will not become a pension-held REIT.

#### **Information Reporting Requirements and Backup Withholding Tax**

Omega will report to its U.S. holders and to the IRS the amount of dividends paid during each calendar year and the amount of tax withheld, if any, with respect thereto. Generally, backup withholding will apply to such dividends if:

- you fail to furnish a TIN in the prescribed manner;
- the IRS notifies us that the TIN furnished by you is incorrect;
- the IRS notifies us that you are subject to backup withholding because you failed to report properly the receipt of reportable interest or dividend payments; or
- you fail to certify under penalties of perjury that you are not subject to backup withholding.

A U.S. holder who does not provide Omega with the holder's correct taxpayer identification number also may be subject to penalties imposed by the IRS. Backup withholding is not an additional tax and any amounts withheld will be allowed as a refund or credit against the U.S. holder's United States federal income tax liability, provided that the required information is timely furnished to the IRS. In addition, Omega may be required to withhold a portion of any capital gain distributions made to U.S. holders who fail to certify their non-foreign status to Omega. Additional issues may arise pertaining to information reporting and backup withholding with respect to non-U.S. holders, and non-U.S. holders should consult their tax advisors with respect to any such information reporting and backup withholding requirements.

#### **Taxation of Non-U.S. Holders**

The rules governing non-U.S. holders are complex, and the following discussion is intended only as a summary of such rules. Non-U.S. holders should consult with their own tax advisors to determine the impact of United States federal, state, and local income tax laws on an investment in stock of Omega, including any reporting requirements.

*Distributions Not Attributable to Gain from the Sale or Exchange of a "United States Real Property Interest."* Distributions made by Omega to non-U.S. holders that are not attributable to gain from the sale or exchange by Omega of United States real property interests, which we refer to as USRPI, and that are not designated by Omega as capital gain dividends will be treated as ordinary income dividends to non-U.S. holders to the extent made out of current or accumulated earnings and profits of Omega. Generally, such ordinary income dividends will be subject to United States withholding tax at the rate of 30% on the gross amount of the dividend paid unless reduced or eliminated by an applicable United States income tax treaty. Omega expects to withhold United States income tax at the rate of 30% on the gross amount of any such dividends paid to a non-U.S. holder unless a lower treaty rate applies and the non-U.S. holder has filed an applicable IRS Form W-8 with Omega, certifying the non-U.S. holder's entitlement to treaty benefits.

If the investment in our stock is treated as effectively connected with a non-U.S. holder's conduct of a U.S. trade or business, the non-U.S. holder generally will be subject to a tax at the graduated rates applicable to ordinary income, in the same manner as a U.S. holder is taxed with respect to ordinary dividend income (and also may be subject to the 30% branch profits tax in the case of a non-U.S. holder that is a foreign corporation that is not entitled to any treaty exemption). In general, a non-U.S. holder will not be considered to be engaged in a U.S. trade or business solely as a result of its ownership of our stock unless we are provided with an IRS Form W-8ECI by such non-U.S. Holder.

Distributions made by Omega in excess of its current and accumulated earnings and profits to a non-U.S. holder who owns not more than 10% of the stock of Omega (after application of certain ownership rules) will not be subject to U.S. income or withholding tax. If it cannot be determined at the time a



distribution is made whether or not such distribution will be in excess of Omega's current and accumulated earnings and profits, the distribution will be subject to withholding at the rate applicable to a dividend distribution (i.e., 30% or lower treaty rate). However, the non-U.S. holder may seek a refund from the IRS of any amount withheld if it is subsequently determined that such distribution was, in fact, in excess of Omega's then current and accumulated earnings and profits by filing a U.S. federal income tax return.

*Distributions Attributable to Gain from the Sale or Exchange of a "United States Real Property Interest."* So long as Omega's stock continues to be regularly traded on an established securities market located in the United States, such as the NYSE, distributions to a non-U.S. holder holding not more than 10% at all times during the one-year period ending on the date of the distribution will not be treated as attributable to gain from the sale or exchange of a USRPI. See "Distributions Not Attributable to Gain from the Sale or Exchange of a 'United States Real Property Interest.'"

Distributions made by Omega to non-U.S. holders that are attributable to gain from the sale or exchange of any USRPI will be taxed to a non-U.S. holder under the Foreign Investment in Real Property Tax Act of 1980, which we refer to as FIRPTA. Under FIRPTA, such distributions are taxed to a non-U.S. holder as if the distributions were gains "effectively connected" with a United States trade or business. Accordingly, a non-U.S. holder will be taxed on distributions made by Omega that are attributable to gain from the sale or exchange of any USRPI at the normal capital gain rates applicable to a U.S. holder. Distributions subject to FIRPTA also may be subject to a 30% branch profits tax when made to a corporate non-U.S. holder that is not entitled to a treaty exemption. Omega is required to withhold 21% of any distribution that is attributable to gain from the sale or exchange by Omega of any USRPI, whether or not designated by Omega as a capital gains dividend. Such amount is creditable against the non-U.S. holder's FIRPTA tax liability. Distributions to certain non-U.S. publicly traded shareholders that meet certain record-keeping and other requirements ("qualified shareholders" are exempt from FIRPTA, except to the extent owners of such qualified shareholders that are not also qualified shareholders own, actually or constructively, more than 10% of our common stock. Furthermore, distributions to "qualified foreign pension funds" or entities all of the interests of which are held by "qualified foreign pension funds" are exempt from FIRPTA. Non-U.S. holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the application of these rules.

*Sale or Disposition of Stock of Omega.* Generally, gain recognized by a non-U.S. holder upon the sale or exchange of stock of Omega will not be subject to United States taxation unless such stock constitutes a USRPI within the meaning of the FIRPTA. The stock of Omega will not constitute a USRPI so long as Omega is a "domestically controlled REIT." A "domestically controlled REIT" is a REIT in which at all times during a specified testing period less than 50% in value of its stock or beneficial interests are held directly or indirectly by non-U.S. holders. For purposes of determining if we are domestically-controlled, we may assume that any shareholder owning less than 5% of our stock is a U.S. person unless we have actual knowledge that such shareholder is not a U.S. person. Omega believes that generally it has been and will continue to be a "domestically controlled REIT," and therefore that the sale of stock of Omega will generally not be subject to taxation under FIRPTA. However, because the stock of Omega is publicly traded, no assurance can be given that Omega is or will continue to be a "domestically controlled REIT."

If Omega does not constitute a "domestically controlled REIT," gain arising from the sale or exchange by a non-U.S. holder of stock of Omega would be subject to United States taxation under FIRPTA as a sale of a USRPI unless (i) the stock of Omega is regularly traded on an established securities market, such as the NYSE, located in the United States and (ii) the selling non-U.S. holder's interest (after application of certain constructive ownership rules) in Omega is not more than 10% at all times during the five years preceding the sale or exchange. If gain on the sale or exchange of the stock of Omega were subject to taxation under FIRPTA, the non-U.S. holder would be subject to regular United States income tax with respect to such gain in the same manner as a U.S. holder (subject to the possible application of the 30% branch profits tax in the case of foreign corporations), and the purchaser of the stock of Omega (including Omega) would be required to withhold and remit to the IRS 15% of the gross purchase price. Additionally, in such case, distributions on the stock of Omega to the extent they represent a return of capital or capital gain from the sale of the stock of Omega, rather than dividends, would be subject to a 15% withholding tax. Capital gains not subject to FIRPTA will nonetheless be taxable in the United States to a non-U.S. holder in two cases:

- if the non-U.S. holder's investment in the stock of Omega is effectively connected with a United States trade or business conducted by such non-U.S. holder, the non-U.S. holder will be subject to the same treatment as a U.S. holder with respect to such gain; or
- if the non-U.S. holder is a nonresident alien individual who was present in the United States for 183 days or more during the taxable year and has a "tax home" in the United States, the nonresident alien individual will be subject to the same treatment as a U.S. holder with respect to such gain.

In addition, dispositions of our stock by qualified shareholders are exempt from FIRPTA, except to the extent owners of such qualified shareholders that are not also qualified shareholders own, actually or constructively, more than 10% of our stock. An actual or deemed disposition of our stock by such qualified shareholders may also be treated as a dividend. Furthermore, dispositions of our stock by "qualified foreign pension funds" or entities all of the interests of which are held by "qualified foreign pension funds" are exempt from FIRPTA. Non-U.S. holders are urged to consult their tax advisors regarding the applicability of these rules.

#### **Foreign Account Tax Compliance Act**

Sections 1471 through 1474 of the Code, which we refer to as FATCA, impose a 30% U.S. federal withholding tax on payments of dividends on our stock made to (i) a "foreign financial institution," as defined under such rules, unless such institution enters into an agreement with the Treasury Department to, among other things, collect and provide to it substantial information regarding such institution's United States financial account holders, including certain account holders that are non-U.S. entities with United States owners or, in the case of a foreign financial institution in a jurisdiction that has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the United States, such institution complies with the requirements of such agreement and (ii) a "non-financial foreign entity," as defined under such rules, unless such entity provides the paying agent with a certification that it does not have any substantial United States owners or a certification identifying the direct and indirect substantial United States owners of the entity, unless in each case, an exemption applies.

While withholding under FATCA may also apply to payments of gross proceeds from a sale or other disposition of our stock, under proposed Treasury regulations, withholding on payments of gross proceeds is not required. Although such regulations are not final, applicable withholding agents may rely on the proposed regulations until final regulations are issued.

#### **Possible Legislative or Other Actions Affecting Tax Consequences**

Prospective holders of our securities should recognize that the present federal income tax treatment of investment in Omega may be modified by legislative, judicial or administrative action at any time and that any of these actions may affect investments and commitments previously made. The rules dealing with federal income taxation are constantly under review by persons involved in the legislative process and by the IRS and the Treasury Department, resulting in revisions of regulations and revised interpretations of established concepts as well as statutory changes. Revisions in federal tax laws and interpretations thereof could adversely affect the tax consequences of investment in Omega.

#### **State and Local Taxes**

We may be and you may be subject to state or local taxes in other jurisdictions such as those in which we may be deemed to be engaged in activities or own property or other interests. The state and local tax treatment of us may not conform to the federal income tax consequences discussed above.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may sell the securities in and outside the United States in any one or more of the following ways:

- to the public through underwriting syndicates led by one or more managing underwriters;
- directly to investors, including through a specific bidding, auction or other process;
- to investors through agents;
- directly to agents;
- to or through brokers or dealers;
- to one or more underwriters acting alone for resale to investors or to the public; and
- through a combination of any such methods of sale.

If we sell securities to a dealer acting as principal, the dealer may resell such securities at varying prices to be determined by such dealer in its discretion at the time of resale without consulting with us and such resale prices may not be disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement.

Any underwritten offering may be on a best efforts or a firm commitment basis. We may also offer securities through subscription rights distributed to our stockholders on a pro rata basis, which may or may not be transferable. In any distribution of subscription rights to stockholders, if all of the underlying securities are not subscribed for, we may then sell the unsubscribed securities directly to third parties or may engage the services of one or more underwriters, dealers or agents, including standby underwriters, to sell the unsubscribed securities to third parties.

Sales of the securities may be effected from time-to-time in one or more transactions, including negotiated transactions:

- at a fixed price or prices, which may be changed;
- at market prices prevailing at the time of sale;
- at prices related to the prevailing market prices; or
- at negotiated prices.

Any of the prices may represent a discount from the then prevailing market prices.

In the sale of the securities, underwriters or agents may receive compensation from us in the form of underwriting discounts or commissions and may also receive compensation from purchasers of the securities, for whom they may act as agents, in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions. Underwriters may sell the securities to or through dealers, and such dealers may receive compensation in the form of discounts, concessions or commissions from the underwriters and/or commissions from the purchasers for whom they may act as agents. Discounts, concessions and commissions may be changed from time-to-time. Dealers and agents that participate in the distribution of the securities may be deemed to be underwriters under the Securities Act, and any discounts, concessions or commissions they receive from us and any profit on the resale of securities they realize may be deemed to be underwriting compensation under applicable federal and state securities laws.

The applicable prospectus supplement will, where applicable:

- identify any such underwriter, dealer or agent;
- identify any managing underwriter or underwriters;
- describe any compensation in the form of discounts, concessions, commissions or otherwise received from us by each such underwriter or agent and in the aggregate by all underwriters and agents;
- describe any discounts, concessions or commissions allowed or reallocated or paid to participating dealers;
- identify the amounts underwritten; and
- identify the nature of the underwriter's or underwriters' obligation to take the securities.

Unless otherwise specified in the related prospectus supplement, each series of securities will be a new issue with no established trading market. It is possible that one or more underwriters may make a market in the securities, but such underwriters will not be obligated to do so and may discontinue any market making at any time without notice. No assurance can be given as to the liquidity of, or the trading market for, any offered securities.

We may enter into derivative transactions with third parties, or sell securities not covered by this prospectus to third parties in privately negotiated transactions. If disclosed in the applicable prospectus supplement, in connection with those derivative transactions third parties may sell securities covered by this prospectus and such prospectus supplement, including in short sale transactions. If so, the third party may use securities pledged by us or borrowed from us or from others to settle those short sales or to close out any related open borrowings of securities and may use securities received from us in settlement of those derivative transactions to close out any related open borrowings of securities. If the third party is or may be deemed to be an underwriter under the Securities Act, it will be identified in the applicable prospectus supplements.

Until the distribution of the securities is completed, rules of the SEC may limit the ability of any underwriters and selling group members to bid for and purchase the securities. As an exception to these rules, underwriters are permitted to engage in some transactions that stabilize the price of the securities. Such transactions consist of bids or purchases for the purpose of pegging, fixing or maintaining the price of the securities.

Underwriters may engage in overallocation. If any underwriters create a short position in the securities in an offering in which they sell more securities than are set forth on the cover page of the applicable prospectus supplement, the underwriters may reduce that short position by purchasing the securities in the open market.

The lead underwriters may also impose a penalty bid on other underwriters and selling group members participating in an offering. This means that if the lead underwriters purchase securities in the open market to reduce the underwriters' short position or to stabilize the price of the securities, they may reclaim the amount of any selling concession from the underwriters and selling group members who sold those securities as part of the offering. In general, purchases of a security for the purpose of stabilization or to reduce a short position could cause the price of the security to be higher than it might be in the absence of such purchases. The imposition of a penalty bid might also have an effect on the price of a security to the extent that it were to discourage resales of the security before the distribution is completed.

We do not make any representation or prediction as to the direction or magnitude of any effect that the transactions described above might have on the price of the securities. In addition, we do not make any representation that underwriters will engage in such transactions or that such transactions, once commenced, will not be discontinued without notice.

Under agreements into which we may enter, underwriters, dealers and agents who participate in the distribution of the securities may be entitled to indemnification by us against or contribution towards certain civil liabilities, including liabilities under the applicable securities laws. Underwriters, dealers and agents may engage in transactions with us, perform services for us or be our tenants in the ordinary course of business.

If indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, we will authorize underwriters or other persons acting as our agents to solicit offers by particular institutions to purchase securities from us at the public offering price set forth in such prospectus supplement pursuant to delayed delivery contracts providing for payment and delivery on the date or dates stated in such prospectus supplement. Each delayed delivery contract will be for an amount no less than, and the aggregate amounts of securities sold under delayed delivery contracts shall be not less nor more than, the respective amounts stated in the applicable prospectus supplement. Institutions with which such contracts, when authorized, may be made include commercial and savings banks, insurance companies, pension funds, investment companies, educational and charitable institutions and others, but will in all cases be subject to our approval. The obligations of any purchaser under any such contract will be subject to the conditions that (a) the purchase of the securities shall not at the time of delivery be prohibited under the laws of any jurisdiction in the United States to which the purchaser

is subject, and (b) if the securities are being sold to underwriters, we shall have sold to the underwriters the total amount of the securities less the amount thereof covered by the contracts. The underwriters and such other agents will not have any responsibility in respect of the validity or performance of such contracts.

To comply with applicable state securities laws, the securities offered by this prospectus will be sold, if necessary, in such jurisdictions only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers. In addition, securities may not be sold in some states unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Underwriters, dealers or agents that participate in the offer of securities, or their affiliates or associates, may have engaged or engage in transactions with and perform services for us, our Operating Partnership or our affiliates in the ordinary course of business for which they may have received or receive customary fees and reimbursement of expenses.

### LEGAL MATTERS

Unless otherwise indicated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of the securities offered hereby will be passed upon for us and the Operating Partnership by Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Atlanta, Georgia, and/or Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler, P.A., Baltimore, Maryland. In addition, the description of material federal income tax consequences contained in this prospectus under the heading “Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations” is based upon the opinion of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP, Atlanta, Georgia.

### EXPERTS

The consolidated financial statements of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. appearing in Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.’s [Annual Report \(Form 10-K\) for the year ended December 31, 2023](#) (including schedules appearing therein), and the effectiveness of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.’s internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2023, have been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, as set forth in their reports thereon, included therein, and incorporated herein by reference. Such financial statements and schedules are, and audited financial statements to be included in subsequently filed documents will be, incorporated herein in reliance upon the reports of Ernst & Young LLP pertaining to such financial statements and the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of the respective dates to the extent covered by consents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission given on the authority of such firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

**PART II**  
**INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS**

**Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.**

The following table sets forth the costs and expenses to be paid by the Company in connection with the offering of the securities registered. All amounts are estimates except for the registration fee.

SEC Registration Fee	\$	*
Rating Agency Fees		**
Trusting Fees and Expenses		**
Accounting Fees and Expenses		**
Legal Fees and Expenses		**
Printing and Filing Expenses		**
Transfer Fees and Expenses		**
Miscellaneous		**
Total	\$	**

\* Deferred in reliance on Rules 456(b) and 457(r) of the Securities Act

\*\* An estimate of the aggregate amount of these expenses will be reflected in the applicable prospectus supplement

**Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers**

The charter and bylaws of Omega provide for indemnification of directors and officers to the fullest extent permitted by Maryland law.

Section 2-418 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Maryland generally permits indemnification of any director or officer with respect to any proceedings unless it is established that: (a) the act or omission of the director or officer was material to the matter giving rise to the proceeding and was either (i) committed in bad faith or (ii) the result of active and deliberate dishonesty; (b) the director or officer actually received an improper personal benefit in money, property or services; or (c) in the case of a criminal proceeding, the director or officer had reasonable cause to believe that the act or omission was unlawful. The indemnity may include judgments, penalties, fines, settlements, and reasonable expenses actually incurred by the director or officer in connection with the proceedings. However, a corporation may not indemnify a director or officer who shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, or who instituted a proceeding against the corporation (unless such proceeding was brought to enforce the indemnification provisions of Section 2-418, or the charter, bylaws, a resolution of the board of directors of the corporation or an agreement approved by the board of directors). In addition, a director may not be indemnified under Section 2-418 in respect of any proceeding charging improper personal benefit to the director, whether or not involving action in the director's official capacity, in which the director was adjudged to be liable on the basis that personal benefit was improperly received. The termination of any proceeding by judgment, order or settlement does not create a presumption that the director or officer did not meet the requisite standard of conduct required for permitted indemnification. The termination of any proceeding by conviction, or plea of nolo contendere or its equivalent, or an entry of an order of probation prior to judgment, creates a rebuttable presumption that the director or officer did not meet that standard of conduct. A director or officer who has been successful on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding referred to above shall be indemnified against any reasonable expenses incurred by the director or officer in connection with the proceeding. As noted below, the SEC may limit the corporation's obligation to provide this indemnification.

Omega has also entered into indemnity agreements with the officers and directors of the registrant that provide that the registrant will, subject to certain conditions, pay on behalf of the indemnified party any amount which the indemnified party is or becomes legally obligated to pay because of any act or omission or neglect or breach of duty, including any actual or alleged error or misstatement or misleading statement,

which the indemnified party commits or suffers while acting in the capacity as an officer or director of the registrant. Once an initial determination is made by the registrant that a director or officer did not act in bad faith or for personal benefit, the indemnification provisions contained in the charter, bylaws, and indemnity agreements would require the registrant to advance any reasonable expenses incurred by the director or officer, and to pay the costs, judgments, and penalties determined against a director or officer in a proceeding brought against them.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act is permitted to directors and officers of Omega pursuant to the above-described provisions, Omega understands that the SEC is of the opinion that such indemnification contravenes federal public policy as expressed in said act and therefore is unenforceable.

**Item 16. Exhibits.**

A list of exhibits included as part of this registration statement is set forth in the Exhibit Index and is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 17. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) To reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information in this registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the Commission pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and

(iii) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

*provided, however,* that paragraphs (a)(1)(i), (ii), and (iii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those paragraphs is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the Commission by the registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(4) That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act to any purchaser:

(i) If the registrant is relying on Rule 430B:

(A) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and



(B) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which that prospectus relates, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof. *Provided, however,* that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

(5) That, for the purpose of determining liability of the registrant under the Securities Act to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

(i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;

(ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned registrant;

(iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned registrant; and

(iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned registrant to the purchaser.

(6) That, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to section 13(a) or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial *bona fide* offering thereof.

(7) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-3 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Hunt Valley, State of Maryland, on this 27th day of September, 2024.

**OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS, INC.**

Registrant

By: /s/ C. Taylor PickettC. Taylor Pickett  
Chief Executive Officer**OHI HEALTHCARE PROPERTIES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP**

Co-Registrant

By: /s/ C. Taylor PickettC. Taylor Pickett  
Chief Executive Officer**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

**KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS**, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Robert O. Stephenson and Gail D. Makode, or either of them, his or her true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, for them and in their name, place and stead, in any and all capacities stated below, to sign any and all amendments to this registration statement (including post-effective amendments), and any additional registration statement filed pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for the offerings contemplated by this registration statement, and all documents and instruments necessary or advisable in connection therewith, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, granting unto either of said attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform in the name and on behalf of the undersigned each and every act and thing necessary or advisable to be done in and about the premises, as fully as to all intents and purposes as each of the undersigned might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that either of said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or his or her substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on the 27th day of September, 2024.

Signature	Position
<u>/s/ C. Taylor Pickett</u> C. Taylor Pickett	Chief Executive Officer and Director (Principal Executive Officer)
<u>/s/ Robert O. Stephenson</u> Robert O. Stephenson	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
<u>/s/ Neal A. Ballew</u> Neal A. Ballew	Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Position</u>
<u>/s/ Craig R. Callen</u> Craig R. Callen	Chairman of the Board
<u>/s/ Kapila K. Anand</u> Kapila K. Anand	Director
<u>/s/ Dr. Lisa C. Egbuonu-Davis</u> Dr. Lisa C. Egbuonu-Davis	Director
<u>/s/ Barbara B. Hill</u> Barbara B. Hill	Director
<u>/s/ Kevin J. Jacobs</u> Kevin J. Jacobs	Director
<u>/s/ Edward Lowenthal</u> Edward Lowenthal	Director
<u>/s/ Stephen D. Plavin</u> Stephen D. Plavin	Director
<u>/s/ Burke W. Whitman</u> Burke W. Whitman	Director

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description of Exhibit
1.1	Form of Underwriting Agreement.*
3.1	<a href="#">Articles of Amendment and Restatement of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., as amended. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3ASR filed on September 3, 2015).</a>
3.2	<a href="#">Articles Supplementary of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. filed with the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland on November 5, 2019. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, filed November 8, 2019).</a>
3.3	<a href="#">Amended and Restated Bylaws of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. as of October 21, 2022 (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed with the SEC on October 21, 2022).</a>
3.4	<a href="#">Certificate of Limited Partnership of OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.121 to the Company's Form S-4 filed with the SEC on April 16, 2015).</a>
3.5	<a href="#">Second Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership by and among Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., OHI Healthcare Properties Holdco, Inc., and Aviv Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.11 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K, filed on April 3, 2015).</a>
4.1	<a href="#">Form of Indenture.+</a>
4.2	Form of Articles Supplementary for Preferred Stock.*
5.1	<a href="#">Opinion of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP.+</a>
5.2	<a href="#">Opinion of Shapiro Sher Guinot &amp; Sandler, P.A.+</a>
8.1	<a href="#">Opinion of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP regarding certain tax matters.+</a>
22.1	<a href="#">Subsidiary guarantors of guaranteed securities. (Incorporated by reference to Exhibit 22.1 to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on February 12, 2024).</a>
23.1	<a href="#">Consent of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1).</a>
23.2	<a href="#">Consent of Shapiro Sher Guinot &amp; Sandler, P.A. (included in Exhibit 5.2).</a>
23.3	<a href="#">Consent of Ernst &amp; Young LLP.+</a>
23.4	<a href="#">Consent of Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP (included in Exhibit 8.1).</a>
24.1	<a href="#">Powers of Attorney (included in the signature page hereto).</a>
25.1	<a href="#">Statement of Eligibility of Trustee on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, of the trustee under the Form of Indenture referenced in Exhibit 4.1.+</a>
107	<a href="#">Calculation of Filing Fee Table.+</a>

\* To the extent required, to be filed either by a post-effective amendment to the registration statement or as an exhibit to a Current Report on Form 8-K or Form 10-Q pursuant to Item 601 of Regulation S-K and incorporated by reference herein.

+ Filed herewith.

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.  
and each of the Guarantors named herein

INDENTURE

Dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 202[●]

Senior Debt Securities

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association,

Trustee

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CROSS-REFERENCE TABLE\*

<b>Trust Indenture Act Section</b>	<b>Indenture Section</b>
310(a)(1)	7.10
(a)(2)	7.10
(a)(3)	N.A.
(a)(4)	N.A.
(a)(5)	7.08; 7.10
(b)	7.08; 7.10
(c)	N.A.
311(a)	7.11
(b)	7.11
(c)	N.A.
312(a)	2.06
(b)	12.03
(c)	12.03
313(a)	7.06
(b)(2)	7.06; 7.07
(c)	4.03, 7.06; 12.02
(d)	7.06
314(a)(4)	4.03; 4.04; 12.02; 12.05
(c)(1)	N.A.
(c)(2)	N.A.
(c)(3)	N.A.
(e)	12.05
(f)	N.A.
315(a)	7.01(b); 7.02(b)
(b)	7.05; 12.02
(c)	7.01
(d)	6.05; 7.01(c)
(e)	6.11
316(a) (last sentence)	2.10

(a)(1)(A)	6.05
(a)(1)(B)	6.04
(a)(2)	N.A.
(b)	6.07
(c)	12.16
317(a)(1)	6.08
(a)(2)	6.09
(b)	2.05
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(b)	12.01
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INDENTURE dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 202[●] among Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the “**Company**”), the Guarantors (as defined herein) parties hereto from time to time and U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, as trustee (the “**Trustee**”).

The Company, as issuer (the “**Issuer**”), deems it necessary to issue from time to time for its lawful purposes senior debt securities (the “**Securities**”) evidencing its unsecured and unsubordinated indebtedness, and has duly authorized the execution and delivery of this Indenture to provide for the issuance from time to time of the Securities, unlimited as to principal amount, to bear interest at such rate or pursuant to such formula, to mature at such times and to have such other provisions, including the benefit of guarantees, as shall be fixed as hereinafter provided.

For and in consideration of the premises and the purchase of the Securities by the Holders thereof, it is mutually covenanted and agreed, for the equal and proportionate benefit of all Holders of the Securities, as follows:

ARTICLE 1  
DEFINITIONS AND INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE

*Section 1.01* Definitions.

“**Additional Amounts**” means, when used with respect to a Security of a series issued with the benefits provided by Section 4.05, as specified as contemplated by Section 2.02, all additional amounts which are required to be paid by the Issuer in respect of certain taxes, duties, levies, imposts, assessments or other governmental charges imposed on Holders specified pursuant to said Section 4.05 and the Board Resolution or indenture supplemental hereto under which such Security shall be issued.

“**Affiliate**” means, as applied to any Person, any other Person directly or indirectly controlling, controlled by, or under direct or indirect common control with, such Person. For purposes of this definition, “**control**” (including, with correlative meanings, the terms “**controlling**,” “**controlled by**” and “**under common control with**”), as applied to any Person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through the ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise.

“**Agent**” means any Registrar, co-registrar, Paying Agent or additional paying agent.

“**Applicable Procedures**” means, with respect to any transfer or exchange of or for beneficial interests in any Global Security, the rules and procedures of the Depository, Euroclear and Clearstream that apply to such transfer or exchange.

“**Authorized Newspaper**” means a newspaper, printed in the English language or in an official language of the country of publication, customarily published on each Business Day, whether or not published on Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, and of general circulation in the City of New York and each other place (if any) in connection with which the term is used or in the financial community of each such place. Whenever successive publications are required to be made in Authorized Newspapers, the successive publications may be made in the same or in different Authorized Newspapers in the same city meeting the foregoing requirements and in each case on any Business Day.

“**Bankruptcy Law**” means Title 11, U.S. Code or any similar federal or state law for the relief of debtors.

“**Board of Directors**” means:

- (1) with respect to a corporation, the Board of Directors of the corporation;
- (2) with respect to a partnership, the Board of Directors of the general partner of the partnership or the board or committee of the general partner of the partnership serving a similar function; and
- (3) with respect to any other Person, the board or committee of such Person serving a similar function.

“**Board Resolutions**” means, with respect to any Person, a copy of resolutions certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of such Person, to have been duly adopted by the Board of Directors of such Person and to be in full force and effect on the date of such certification and delivered to the Trustee.

“**Business Day**” means, when used with respect to any Place of Payment or any other particular location referred to in this Indenture, in a supplemental indenture hereto or in the Securities of a series, unless otherwise specified with respect to any Securities as contemplated by Section 2.02, any day, other than a Saturday or Sunday, that is neither a legal holiday nor a day on which banking institutions in New York, Maryland or that Place of Payment or particular location are authorized or required by law, regulation or executive order to close.

“**Capital Stock**” means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated, whether voting or non-voting), including partnership interests, whether general or limited, in the equity of such Person, whether outstanding on the Closing Date or issued thereafter, including, without limitation, all Common Stock and Preferred Stock; *provided, however*, that leases of real property that provide for contingent rent based on the financial performance of the tenant shall not be deemed to be Capital Stock.

“**Capitalized Lease**” means, as applied to any Person, any lease of any property, whether real, personal or mixed, of which the discounted present value of the rental obligations of such Person as lessee, in conformity with GAAP, is required to be capitalized on the balance sheet of such Person as a finance lease.

“**Capitalized Lease Obligations**” means the discounted present value of the rental obligations under a Capitalized Lease as reflected on the balance sheet of such Person as determined in conformity with GAAP.

“**Clearstream**” means Clearstream Banking, S.A., or its successor.

“**Closing Date**” means, with respect to any series of Securities, the date on which the initial Securities of such series are issued.

“**Common Stock**” means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated, whether voting or non-voting) that have no preference on liquidation or with respect to distributions over any other class of Capital Stock, including partnership interests, whether general or limited, of such Person’s equity, whether outstanding on the Closing Date or issued thereafter, including, without limitation, all series and classes of common stock.

“**Company**” has the meaning stated in the preamble to this Indenture.

“**Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee**” will be at the address of the Trustee specified in Section 12.02 or such other address as to which the Trustee may give notice to the Issuer.

“**Custodian**” means the Trustee, as custodian with respect to the Securities in global form, or any successor entity thereto.

“**Default**” means, with respect to Securities of any series, any event that is, or with the passage of time or the giving of notice or both would be, an Event of Default.

“**Definitive Security**” means a certificated Security registered in the name of the Holder thereof and issued in accordance with Section 2.07, substantially in the form established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto or pursuant to Board Resolutions in accordance with Section 2.02 except that such Security shall not bear the Global Security Legend and shall not have any related schedule of exchanges of interests in the global security attached thereto.

“**Depository**” means, with respect to Securities issuable or issued in whole or in part in global form, the Person specified in Section 2.04 as the Depository with respect to the Securities, and any and all successors thereto appointed as Depository hereunder and having become such pursuant to the applicable provision of this Indenture.

“**Disqualified Stock**”, when used with respect to Securities of any series, shall have the meaning given to such term in the Board Resolution or indenture supplemental hereto under which such Securities shall be issued.

“**Equity Interests**” means Capital Stock and all warrants, options or other rights to acquire Capital Stock (but excluding any debt security that is convertible into, or exchangeable for, Capital Stock).

“**Euroclear**” means Euroclear Bank S.A./N.V., as operator of the Euroclear system, or its successor.

“**Exchange Act**” means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

“**Existing Note Indentures**” means the indenture governing the Issuer’s 4.500% senior notes due 2025, the indenture governing the Issuer’s 5.250% senior notes due 2026, the indenture governing the Issuer’s 4.500% senior notes due 2027, the indenture governing the Issuer’s 4.750% senior notes due 2028, the indenture governing the Issuer’s 3.625% senior notes due 2029, the indenture governing the Issuer’s 3.375% senior notes due 2031, and the indenture governing the Issuer’s 3.250% senior notes due 2033 (each an “**Existing Note Indenture**”), as each such Existing Note Indenture may be supplemented from time to time.

“**Fair Market Value**” means, with respect to any asset, the price (after taking into account any liabilities relating to such assets) which could be negotiated in an arm’s-length free market transaction between a willing seller and a willing buyer, neither of which is under pressure or compulsion to complete the transaction. Fair Market Value shall be determined by the Board of Directors of the Company in good faith.

“**Foreign Currency**” means any currency, currency unit or composite currency issued by the government of one or more countries other than the United States of America or by any recognized confederation or association of such governments.

“**GAAP**” means generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America as in effect as of the date of this indenture, including, without limitation, those set forth in the opinions and pronouncements of the Accounting Principles Board of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and statements and pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board or in such other statements by such other entity as approved by a significant segment of the accounting profession. Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, all terms of an accounting or financial nature and all ratios and computations contained or referred to in this Indenture shall be computed in conformity with GAAP applied on a consistent basis.

“**Global Security**” means a permanent global Security substantially in the form of established by one or more indentures supplemental hereto or pursuant to Board Resolutions in accordance with Section 2.02 that bears the Global Security Legend and that has a schedule of exchanges of interests in the Global Security attached thereto, and that is deposited with or on behalf of and registered in the name of the Depository.

“**Global Security Legend**” means the legend set forth in Section 2.07(f), which is required to be placed on all Global Securities issued under this Indenture.

**“Government Obligations”** means securities which are (1) direct obligations of the United States of America or the government which issued the Foreign Currency in which the Securities of a particular series are payable, for the payment of which its full faith and credit is pledged or (2) obligations of a Person controlled or supervised by and acting as an agency or instrumentality of the United States of America or such government which issued the Foreign Currency in which the Securities of that series are payable, the payment of which is unconditionally guaranteed as a full faith and credit obligation by the United States of America or such other government, which, in either case, are not callable or redeemable at the option of the issuer thereof, and shall also include a depository receipt issued by a bank or trust company as custodian with respect to any such Government Obligation or a specific payment of interest on or principal of any such Government Obligation held by such custodian for the account of the holder of a depository receipt, *provided* that (except as required by law) such custodian is not authorized to make any deduction from the amount payable to the holder of such depository receipt from any amount received by the custodian in respect of the Government Obligation or the specific payment of interest on or principal of the Government Obligation evidenced by such depository receipt.

**“Guarantee”** means any obligation, contingent or otherwise, of any Person directly or indirectly guaranteeing any Indebtedness of any other Person and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, any obligation, direct or indirect, contingent or otherwise, of such Person:

(1) to purchase or pay (or advance or supply funds for the purchase or payment of) such Indebtedness of such other Person (whether arising by virtue of partnership arrangements, or by agreements to keep-well, to purchase assets, goods, securities or services (unless such purchase arrangements are on arm’s-length terms and are entered into in the ordinary course of business), to take-or-pay, or to maintain financial statement conditions or otherwise); or

(2) entered into for purposes of assuring in any other manner the obligee of such Indebtedness of the payment thereof or to protect such obligee against loss in respect thereof (in whole or in part);

*provided, however*, that the term “Guarantee” shall not include endorsements for collection or deposit in the ordinary course of business. The term “Guarantee” used as a verb has a corresponding meaning.

**“Guarantors”** means, when used with respect to a Security of a series issued with the benefit of Securities Guarantees as specified as contemplated by Section 2.02, (i) each Subsidiary that is a guarantor of Indebtedness under the Existing Note Indentures on the Closing Date, (ii) the Partnership and each other Subsidiary of the Company that becomes a guarantor of such Security in compliance with the provisions of Section 10.03 of this Indenture and (iii) each Person executing a supplemental indenture after the date hereof in which such Person agrees to be bound by the terms of this Indenture as a Guarantor and (iv) in each case, their respective successors and assigns; *provided, however*, that any Person constituting a Guarantor as described herein shall cease to constitute a Guarantor when its Securities Guarantee is released in accordance with the terms of this Indenture.

**“Holder”** means a Person in whose name a Security is registered.

“**Incur**” means, with respect to any Indebtedness or other obligation of any Person, to create, assume, guarantee or otherwise become liable in respect of such Indebtedness or other obligation. For purposes of this definition, “Incurrence” and “Incurred” have correlative meanings.

“**Indebtedness**” means, with respect to any Person at any date of determination (without duplication):

- (1) all indebtedness of such Person for borrowed money;
- (2) all obligations of such Person evidenced by bonds, debentures, notes or other similar instruments;
- (3) the face amount of letters of credit or other similar instruments, excluding obligations with respect to letters of credit (including trade letters of credit) securing obligations (other than obligations described in (1) or (2) above or (4), (5) or (6) below) entered into in the ordinary course of business of such Person to the extent such letters of credit are not drawn upon or, if drawn upon, to the extent such drawing is reimbursed no later than the third Business Day following receipt by such Person of a demand for reimbursement;
- (4) all unconditional obligations of such Person to pay amounts representing the balance deferred and unpaid of the purchase price of any property (which purchase price is due more than six months after the date of placing such property in service or taking delivery and title thereto), except any such balance that constitutes an accrued expense or Trade Payable;
- (5) all Capitalized Lease Obligations;
- (6) all Indebtedness of other Persons secured by a Lien on any asset of such Person, whether or not such Indebtedness is assumed by such Person; *provided, however*, that the amount of such Indebtedness shall be the lesser of (A) the Fair Market Value of such asset at that date of determination and (B) the amount of such Indebtedness;

and also includes, to the extent not otherwise included, any non-contingent obligation of such Person to be liable for, or to pay, as obligor, guarantor or otherwise (other than for purposes of collection in the ordinary course of business), Indebtedness of the types referred to in items (1) through (6) above of another Person (it being understood that Indebtedness shall be deemed to be Incurred by such Person whenever such Person shall create, assume, guarantee (on a non-contingent basis) or otherwise become liable in respect thereof). In addition,

- (a) the amount outstanding at any time of any Indebtedness issued with original issue discount shall be deemed to be the face amount with respect to such Indebtedness less the remaining unamortized portion of the original issue discount of such Indebtedness at the date of determination in conformity with GAAP, and



(b) Indebtedness shall not include any liability for federal, state, local or other taxes.

“**Indenture**” means this Indenture, as amended or supplemented from time to time by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof, and shall include the terms of particular series of Securities established as contemplated by Section 2.02; *provided, however*, that, if at any time more than one Person is acting as Trustee under this instrument, “Indenture” as used with respect to any one or more series of Securities for which such Person is Trustee, means this Indenture, as amended and supplemented from time to time by one or more indentures supplemental hereto entered into pursuant to the applicable provisions hereof and shall include the terms of such one or more series of Securities for which such Person is Trustee established as contemplated by Section 2.02, exclusive, however, of any provisions or terms which relate solely to other series of Securities for which such Person is Trustee, regardless of when such terms or provisions were adopted, and exclusive of any provisions or terms adopted by means of one or more indentures supplemental hereto executed and delivered after such Person had become such Trustee but to which such Person, as such Trustee, was not a party.

“**Indexed Security**” means a Security the terms of which provide that the principal amount thereof payable at maturity may be more or less than the principal face amount thereof at original issuance.

“**Indirect Participant**” means a Person who holds a beneficial interest in a Global Security through a Participant.

“**interest**” means, with respect to any series of Securities, interest on such Securities; *provided*, however, when used with respect to an Original Issue Discount Security which by its terms bears interest only after maturity, interest means interest payable after maturity, and, when used with respect to a Security which provides for the payment of Additional Amounts, interest includes such Additional Amounts.

“**Interest Payment Date**” has the meaning set forth in the Securities, or in the supplemental indenture pursuant to which such series of Securities are issued.

“**Interest Rate Agreement**” means any interest rate protection agreement, interest rate future agreement, interest rate option agreement, interest rate swap agreement, interest rate cap agreement, interest rate collar agreement, interest rate hedge agreement, option or future contract or other similar agreement or arrangement with respect to interest rates.

“**Investment**” in any Person means any direct or indirect advance, loan or other extension of credit (including, without limitation, by way of Guarantee or similar arrangement, but excluding advances to customers in the ordinary course of business that are, in conformity with GAAP, recorded as accounts receivable on the consolidated balance sheet of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries) or capital contribution to (by means of any transfer of cash or other property (tangible or intangible) to others or any payment for property or services solely for the account or use of others, or otherwise), or any purchase or acquisition of Capital Stock, bonds, notes, debentures or other similar instruments issued by, such Person.

“**Issuer**” means, when used with respect to Securities of any series, the Company and any and all successors thereto, as applicable.

“**Lien**” means (without duplication) any lien, mortgage, trust deed, deed of trust, deed to secure debt, pledge, security interest, assignment for collateral purposes, deposit arrangement, or other security agreement, excluding any right of setoff but including, without limitation, any conditional sale or other title retention agreement, any finance lease having substantially the same economic effect as any of the foregoing, and any other like agreement granting or conveying a security interest; *provided*, that for purposes hereof, “Lien” shall not include any mortgage that has been defeased by the Company or any of its Subsidiaries in accordance with the provisions thereof through the deposit of cash, cash equivalents or marketable securities (it being understood that cash collateral shall be deemed to include cash deposited with a trustee with respect to third party indebtedness).

“**NASDAQ**” means the National Market System of the National Association of Securities Dealers, Inc. Automated Quotations System.

“**Officer**” means, with respect to any Person, the chairman of the board, the chief executive officer, the president, the chief operating officer, the chief financial officer, the treasurer, any assistant treasurer, the secretary or any vice-president of such Person.

“**Officers’ Certificate**” means a certificate signed on behalf of the Issuer or any Guarantor (as the case may be) by two Officers of such entity, one of whom must be the principal executive officer, the principal financial officer, the treasurer or the principal accounting officer of such entity (or, in the case of the Partnership, of the general partner of the Partnership), that meets the requirements of Section 2.03, 8.04 or 13.05, as applicable.

“**Opinion of Counsel**” means a written opinion from legal counsel who is reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. The counsel may be an employee of or counsel to the Trustee, or to the Company or any of its Subsidiaries.

“**Original Issue Discount Security**” means any Security which provides for an amount less than the principal amount thereof to be due and payable upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.02.

“**Outstanding**”, when used with respect to Securities of a series, shall have the meaning ascribed thereto in Section 2.09.

“**Participant**” means, with respect to the Depository, Euroclear or Clearstream, a Person who has an account with the Depository, Euroclear or Clearstream, respectively (and, with respect to DTC, shall include Euroclear and Clearstream).

“**Partnership**” means OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership.

“**Person**” means any individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, incorporated or unincorporated association, joint-stock company, trust, unincorporated organization or government or other agency or political subdivision thereof or other entity of any kind.

“**Place of Payment**” means, when used with respect to the Securities of or within any series, the place or places where the principal of (and premium, if any) and interest on such Securities are payable as specified as contemplated by Section 2.02.

“**Preferred Stock**” means, with respect to any Person, any and all shares, interests, participations or other equivalents (however designated, whether voting or non-voting) that have a preference on liquidation or with respect to distributions over any other class of Capital Stock, including preferred partnership interests, whether general or limited, or such Person’s preferred or preference stock, whether outstanding on the Closing Date or issued thereafter, including, without limitation, all series and classes of such preferred or preference stock.

“**principal**” means, with respect to Securities, the principal of and premium, if any, on such Securities.

“**Record Date**” has the meaning set forth in the Securities, or in the supplemental indenture pursuant to which such Securities are issued.

“**redeem**” means, with respect to any series of Securities, to redeem, repurchase, purchase, defease, retire, discharge or otherwise acquire or retire such Securities (or any portion thereof) for value; and “**redemption**” shall have a correlative meaning; *provided, however*, that this definition shall not apply for purposes of Section 5 of the Securities or Article Three of this Indenture.

“**Redemption Date**,” when used with respect to any Securities to be redeemed, means the date fixed for such redemption pursuant to this Indenture, the applicable Securities and the supplemental indenture pursuant to which such Securities are issued.

“**Redemption Price**,” when used with respect to any Securities to be redeemed, means the price fixed for such redemption, payable in immediately available funds, pursuant to the supplemental indenture providing for the issuance of such Securities, and to such Securities.

“**Responsible Officer**,” when used with respect to the Trustee, means any officer within the Corporate Trust Administration of the Trustee (or any successor group of the Trustee) or any other officer of the Trustee customarily performing functions similar to those performed by any of the above designated officers and also means, with respect to a particular corporate trust matter, any other officer to whom such matter is referred because of his knowledge of and familiarity with the particular subject.

“**SEC**” means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission.

“**Securities Act**” means the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or any successor statute or statutes thereto.

“**Securities Guarantee**” means the Guarantee by each Guarantor of the Issuer’s payment obligations under this Indenture or any indenture supplemental thereto, and on the Securities of any series, executed pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture as so supplemented.

“**Security**” has the meaning stated in the preamble to this Indenture and, more particularly, means any Security or Securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture; *provided, however*, that if at any time there is more than one Person acting as Trustee under this Indenture, “*Securities*” with respect to this Indenture as to which such Person is Trustee shall have the meaning stated in the preamble to this Indenture and shall more particularly mean Securities authenticated and delivered under this Indenture, exclusive, however, of Securities of any series as to which such Person is not Trustee.

“**Significant Subsidiary**” means any Subsidiary that is a “significant subsidiary”, if any, of the Company, as such term is defined in Regulation S-X under the Securities Act (or in any rule promulgated thereunder or under any successor rule).

“**Stated Maturity**” means:

- (1) with respect to any debt security, the date specified in such debt security as the fixed date on which the final installment of principal of such debt security is due and payable; and
- (2) with respect to any scheduled installment of principal of or interest on any debt security, the date specified in such debt security as the fixed date on which such installment is due and payable.

“**Subsidiary**” means, with respect to any Person, any corporation, association or other business entity of which more than 50% of the voting power of the outstanding Voting Stock is owned, directly or indirectly, by such Person (either separately or together with one or more other Subsidiaries of such Person) and the accounts of which would be consolidated with those of such Person in its consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP, if such statements were prepared as of such date.

“**TIA**” means the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 (15 U.S.C. §§ 77aaa-77bbb), as amended, as in effect on the date on which this Indenture is qualified under the TIA; *provided, however*, that if the Trust Indenture Act is amended after such date, “TIA” means, to the extent required by any such amendment, the Trust Indenture Act as so amended.

“**Trade Payables**” means, with respect to any Person, any accounts payable or any other indebtedness or monetary obligation to trade creditors created, assumed or Guaranteed by such Person or any of its Subsidiaries arising in the ordinary course of business in connection with the acquisition of goods or services.

“**Trading Day,**” with respect to Common Stock, means (1) if the Common Stock is listed or admitted for trading on the New York Stock Exchange or another national securities exchange, a day on which the New York Stock Exchange or such other national securities exchange is open for business or (2) if the Common Stock is quoted on the National Market System of the NASDAQ, a day on which trades may be made on such National Market System or (3) otherwise, any day other than a Saturday or Sunday or a day on which banking institutions in the State of New York are authorized or obligated by law or executive order to close.

“**Trustee**” means the Person named as the “**Trustee**” in the preamble to this Indenture until a successor Trustee shall have become such pursuant to the applicable provisions of this Indenture, and thereafter “**Trustee**” shall mean or include each Person who is then a Trustee hereunder; *provided, however*, that if at any time there is more than one such Person, “**Trustee**” as used with respect to the Securities of any series shall mean only the Trustee with respect to Securities of that series.

“**Voting Stock**” means with respect to any Person, Capital Stock of any class or kind ordinarily having the power to vote for the election of directors, managers or other voting members of the governing body of such Person.

“**Wholly Owned**” means, with respect to any Subsidiary of any Person, the ownership of all of the outstanding Capital Stock of such Subsidiary (other than any director’s qualifying shares or Investments by individuals mandated by applicable law) by such Person and/or one or more Wholly Owned Subsidiaries of such Person.

*Section 1.02 Other Definitions.*

<b>Term</b>	<b>Defined in Section</b>
“ <b>Authentication Order</b> ”	2.03
“ <b>Covenant Defeasance</b> ”	8.03
“ <b>DTC</b> ”	2.04
“ <b>Event of Default</b> ”	6.01
“ <b>Legal Defeasance</b> ”	8.02
“ <b>Notice of Default</b> ”	6.01
“ <b>Paying Agent</b> ”	2.04
“ <b>Registrar</b> ”	2.04

*Section 1.03 Incorporation by Reference of Trust Indenture Act.*

Whenever this Indenture refers to a provision of the TIA, the provision is incorporated by reference in and made a part of this Indenture.

The following TIA terms used in this Indenture have the following meanings:

“**indenture securities**” means the Securities;

“**indenture security holder**” means a Holder of a Security;

“**indenture to be qualified**” means this Indenture;

“**indenture trustee**” or “**institutional trustee**” means the Trustee; and

“obligor” on the Securities and the Securities Guarantees means the Issuer and the Guarantors, respectively, and any successor obligor upon the Securities and the Securities Guarantees, respectively.

All other terms used in this Indenture that are defined by the TIA, defined by TIA reference to another statute or defined by SEC rule under the TIA have the meanings so assigned to them.

*Section 1.04 Rules of Construction.*

Unless the context otherwise requires:

- (1) a term has the meaning assigned to it;
- (2) an accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP;
- (3) the term “or” is not exclusive;
- (4) terms in the singular include the plural, and terms in the plural include the singular;
- (5) “will” shall be interpreted to express a command;
- (6) provisions shall apply to successive events and transactions;
- (7) references to “Sections” or “Articles” herein refer to the corresponding Sections or Articles of this Indenture, unless otherwise specified; and
- (8) references to sections of or rules under the Securities Act will be deemed to include substitute, replacement of successor sections or rules adopted by the SEC from time to time.

ARTICLE 2  
THE SECURITIES

*Section 2.01 Form, Dating and Denominations*

(a) *General.* The Securities of each series will be substantially in such forms as shall be established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto or approved from time to time by or pursuant to Board Resolutions in accordance with Section 2.02, shall have such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as are required or permitted by this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto, and may have such letters, numbers or other marks of identification or designation and such legends or endorsements placed thereon as the Issuer may deem appropriate and as are consistent with the provisions of this Indenture, or as may be required to comply with any law or with any rule or regulation made pursuant thereto or with any rule or regulation of any stock exchange on which the Securities may be listed, or to conform to usage. Each Security will be dated the date of its authentication. Except as specified as contemplated by Section 2.02 in respect of Securities of any series, the Securities shall be in denominations of \$1,000 and integral multiples thereof.

The terms and provisions contained in the Securities will constitute, and are hereby expressly made, a part of this Indenture and the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee, by their execution and delivery of this Indenture, expressly agree to such terms and provisions and to be bound thereby.

However, to the extent any provision of any Security conflicts with the express provisions of this Indenture, the provisions of this Indenture shall govern and be controlling.

(b) *Form of Trustee's Certificate of Authentication.* Subject to Section 2.03, the Trustee's certificate of authentication shall be in substantially the following form:

This is one of the Securities of the series designated therein referred to in the within-mentioned Indenture.

[U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION],  
as Trustee

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

(c) *Global Securities.* If Securities of or within a series are issued in global form, as specified as contemplated by Section 2.02, then, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 2.01(a) and clause (15) of Section 2.02, any such Security shall represent such of the Outstanding Securities of that series as shall be specified therein and shall include the Global Security Legend and a related schedule of exchanges of interests in the Global Securities attached thereto. Securities issued in definitive form will not include such legend or schedule. Each Global Security may provide that it shall represent the Outstanding Securities as will be specified therein and each Global Security shall provide that it represents the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Securities from time to time endorsed thereon and that the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Securities represented thereby may from time to time be reduced or increased, as appropriate, to reflect exchanges and redemptions. Any endorsement of a Global Security to reflect the amount of any increase or decrease in the aggregate principal amount of Outstanding Securities represented thereby will be made by the Trustee or the Custodian, at the direction of the Trustee, in accordance with instructions given by the Holder thereof as required by Section 2.07.

*Section 2.02 Amount Unlimited; Issuable in Series.*

The aggregate principal amount of Securities which may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture is unlimited.

The Securities may be issued in one or more series. There shall be established in one or more Board Resolutions or pursuant to authority granted by one or more Board Resolutions and, subject to Section 2.03, set forth, or determined in the manner provided, in an Officers' Certificate, or established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto, prior to the issuance of Securities of any series, any or all of the following, as applicable (each of which (except for the matters set forth in clauses (1), (2), (3) and (14) below), if so provided, may be determined from time to time by the Issuer with respect to unissued Securities of the series when issued from time to time):

(1) the identity of the Guarantor(s), if any, of the Securities of the series and the terms and conditions, if any, in addition to those provided in Article 10, upon which such Guarantors may be added or released;

- (2) the title of the Securities of the series (which shall distinguish the Securities of the series from all other series of Securities);
- (3) any limit upon the aggregate principal amount of the Securities of the series that may be authenticated and delivered under this Indenture (except for Securities authenticated and delivered upon registration of transfer of, or in exchange for, or in lieu of, other Securities of the series pursuant to Section 2.07, 2.08, 2.11, 3.07 or 9.05);
- (4) the date or dates, or the method by which such date or dates will be determined or extended, on which the principal of and any premium on the Securities of the series shall be payable;
- (5) the rate or rates at which the Securities of the series shall bear interest, if any, or the method by which such rate or rates shall be determined, the date or dates from which such interest shall accrue or the method by which such date or dates shall be determined, the interest payment dates on which such interest will be payable, and the basis upon which interest shall be calculated if other than that of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months;
- (6) the place or places, if any, other than or in addition to the Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, where the principal of (and premium, if any), interest, if any, on, and Additional Amounts, if any, payable in respect of, Securities of the series shall be payable, Securities of the series may be surrendered for registration of transfer, Securities of the series may be surrendered for exchange or conversion and notices or demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Securities of the series and this Indenture may be served;
- (7) if applicable, the period or periods within which, the price or prices at which, and other terms and conditions upon which Securities of the series may be redeemed, in whole or in part, at the option of the Issuer;
- (8) the obligation, if any, of the Issuer to redeem, repay or purchase Securities of the series pursuant to any sinking fund or analogous provision or at the option of a Holder thereof, and the period or periods within which or the date or dates on which, the price or prices at which, and other terms and conditions upon which Securities of the series shall be redeemed, repaid or purchased, in whole or in part, pursuant to such obligation;



(9) if other than denominations of \$1,000 and any integral multiple thereof, the denominations in which any Securities of the series shall be issuable;

(10) the identity of the Trustee, if other than U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, and the identity of each Registrar and/or Paying Agent, if other than the Trustee;

(11) if other than the principal amount thereof, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of the series that shall be payable upon declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.02 or, if applicable, the portion of the principal amount of Securities of the series that is convertible in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture or the method by which such portion shall be determined;

(12) whether the amount of payments of principal of (and premium, if any) or interest, if any, on the Securities of the series may be determined with reference to an index, formula or other method (which index, formula or method may be based, without limitation, on one or more currencies, currency units, composite currencies, commodities, equity indices or other indices), and the manner in which such amounts shall be determined;

(13) provisions, if any, granting special rights to the Holders of Securities of the series upon the occurrence of such events as may be specified;

(14) any deletions from, modifications of or additions to the Events of Default or covenants of the Issuer with respect to Securities of the series, whether or not such Events of Default or covenants are consistent with the Events of Default or covenants set forth herein;

(15) whether any Securities of the series are to be issuable initially in temporary global form and the date as of which any temporary global Security representing Outstanding Securities of the series shall be dated if other than the date of original issuance of the first Security of the series to be issued, and whether any Securities of the series are to be issuable in permanent global form and, if so, whether owners of beneficial interests in any such permanent global Security may exchange such interests for Definitive Securities of that series of like tenor of any authorized form and denomination or transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Security and vice versa and if so, the circumstances under which any such exchange or transfer may occur, if other than in the manner provided in Section 2.07 and the identity of the Depositary;

(16) the Person to whom any interest on any Security of the series shall be payable, if other than the Person in whose name such Security (or one or more predecessor Securities) is registered at the close of business on the Record Date for such interest and the extent to which, or the manner in which, any interest payable on a temporary global Security on an interest payment date will be paid;

(17) the applicability, if any, of Sections 8.02 and/or 8.03 to the Securities of the series and any provisions in modification of, in addition to or in lieu of any of the provisions of Article 8;

(18) if the Securities of the series are to be issuable in definitive form (whether upon original issue or upon exchange of a temporary Security of the series) only upon receipt of certain certificates or other documents or satisfaction of other conditions, then the form and/or terms of such certificates, documents or conditions;

(19) whether and under what circumstances the Issuer will pay Additional Amounts as contemplated by Section 4.05 on the Securities of the series to any Holder who is not a United States person (including any modification to the definition of such term) in respect of any tax, assessment or governmental charge and, if so, whether the Issuer will have the option to redeem such Securities rather than pay such Additional Amounts (and the terms of any such option);

(20) the provisions, if any, relating to the conversion or exchange of the Securities of the series, including, without limitation, the initial conversion or exchange price or rate, the conversion or exchange period; provisions as to whether conversion or exchange will be mandatory, at the option of the Holders thereof or at the option of the Company; the events requiring the adjustment of the applicable conversion price or exchange price; any requirements relative to reservation of shares for purposes of conversion or exchange; provisions affecting conversion or exchange if such Securities of the series are redeemed and any other provision in addition to or in lieu of those set forth in this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto relative to such obligation);

(21) if other than U.S. Dollars, the Foreign Currency in which payment of the principal of, premium (if any), interest and Additional Amounts (if any) on the Securities of the series shall be payable or in which such Securities shall be denominated and the particular provisions applicable thereto; and

(22) any other terms of the Securities of the series (which terms shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of the TIA).

All Securities of any one series shall be substantially identical except as to denomination and except as may otherwise be provided in or pursuant to such Board Resolution (subject to Section 2.03) and set forth in such Officers' Certificate or in any such indenture supplemental hereto. All Securities of any one series need not be issued at the same time and, unless otherwise provided, a series may be reopened, without the consent of the Holders, for issuances of additional Securities of such series.

If any of the terms of the Securities of any series are established by action taken pursuant to one or more Board Resolutions, a copy of an appropriate record of such action(s) shall be certified by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Issuer and delivered to the Trustee at or prior to the delivery of the Officers' Certificate setting forth the terms of the Securities of such series.

*Section 2.03 Execution and Authentication.*

One Officer (who shall have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate actions) must sign the Securities of any series for the Issuer by manual or facsimile signature. One Officer of a Guarantor (who shall have been duly authorized by all requisite corporate or other applicable entity actions) shall sign the Securities Guarantee for such Guarantor by manual or facsimile signature.

If an Officer whose signature is on a Security no longer holds that office at the time a Security is authenticated, the Security will nevertheless be valid.

A Security will not be valid until authenticated by the manual signature of the Trustee. The signature will be conclusive evidence that the Security has been authenticated under this Indenture.

The Trustee will, upon receipt at any time or from time to time of a written order of the Issuer signed by an Officer (an "Authentication Order"), authenticate Securities of any series for original issue up to the aggregate principal amount set forth in such Authentication Order. The Trustee may appoint an authenticating agent acceptable to the Issuer to authenticate Securities. An authenticating agent may authenticate Securities whenever the Trustee may do so. Each reference in this Indenture to authentication by the Trustee includes authentication by such agent. An authenticating agent has the same rights as an Agent to deal with Holders or an Affiliate of the Issuer.

In authenticating Securities of any series, and accepting the additional responsibilities under this Indenture in relation to such Securities, the Trustee shall be entitled to receive, and (subject to Sections 315(a) through 315(d) of the TIA) shall be fully protected in relying upon,

- (a) an Opinion of Counsel to the effect that:
  - (i) the form or forms and terms of such Securities have been established in conformity with the provisions of this Indenture;
  - (ii) the authentication and delivery of such Securities by the Trustee are authorized under the provisions of this Indenture; and
  - (iii) such Securities, when authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and issued by the Issuer in the manner and subject to any conditions specified in such Opinion of Counsel, will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Issuer; and
- (b) an Officers' Certificate stating that all conditions precedent provided for in this Indenture relating to the issuance of such Securities have been complied with and that, to the best of the knowledge of the signers of such Certificate, no Event of Default with respect to any of the Securities shall have occurred and be continuing.

*Section 2.04 Registrar and Paying Agent.*

The Issuer will maintain in each Place of Payment for Securities of any series an office or agency where such Securities may be presented for registration of transfer or for exchange (the “Registrar”) and an office or agency where such Securities may be presented for payment (the “Paying Agent”). The Registrar will keep a register of the Securities of that series and of their transfer and exchange. The Issuer may appoint one or more co-registrars and one or more additional paying agents. The term “Registrar” includes any co-registrar and the term “Paying Agent” includes any additional paying agent. The Issuer may change any Paying Agent or Registrar without notice to any Holder. The Issuer will notify the Trustee in writing of the name and address of any Agent not a party to this Indenture. If the Issuer fails to appoint or maintain another entity as Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such. The Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries may act as Paying Agent or Registrar.

The Issuer initially appoints The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) to act as Depository with respect to the Global Securities.

The Issuer initially appoints the Trustee to act as the Registrar and the Paying Agent and to act as the Custodian with respect to the Global Securities.

The Issuer shall enter into an appropriate agency agreement with any Agent not a party to this Indenture, which agreement shall implement the provisions of this Indenture that relate to such Agent. The Issuer shall notify the Trustee, in advance, of the name and address of any such Agent. If the Issuer fails to maintain a Registrar or Paying Agent, the Trustee shall act as such.

*Section 2.05 Paying Agent to Hold Money in Trust.*

The Issuer will require each Paying Agent for Securities of a series other than the Trustee to agree in writing that the Paying Agent will hold in trust for the benefit of Holders or the Trustee all money held by the Paying Agent for the payment of principal, premium, interest or Additional Amounts, if any, on the Securities of that series, and will notify the Trustee of any default by the Issuer in making any such payment. While any such default continues, the Trustee may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. The Issuer at any time may require a Paying Agent to pay all money held by it to the Trustee. Upon payment over to the Trustee, the Paying Agent (if not the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries) will have no further liability for the money. If the Issuer or any of its Subsidiaries acts as the Paying Agent, it will segregate and hold in a separate trust fund for the benefit of the Holders all money held by it as Paying Agent. Upon any bankruptcy or reorganization proceedings relating to the Issuer, the Trustee will serve as Paying Agent for the Securities.

*Section 2.06 Holder Lists.*

The Trustee in respect of Securities of a series will preserve in as current a form as is reasonably practicable the most recent list available to it of the names and addresses of all Holders of Securities of that series and shall otherwise comply with Section 312(a) of the TIA. If the Trustee is not the Registrar of such Securities, the Issuer will furnish to the Trustee at least two (2) Business Days before each Interest Payment Date, and at such other times as the Trustee may request in writing, a list in such form and as of such date as the Trustee may reasonably require of the names and addresses of the Holders of such Securities, which list may be conclusively relied upon by the Trustee.

*Section 2.07 Transfer and Exchange.*

(a) *Transfer and Exchange of Global Securities.* A Global Security may not be transferred as a whole except by the Depository to a nominee of the Depository, by a nominee of the Depository to the Depository or to another nominee of the Depository, or by the Depository or any such nominee to a successor Depository or a nominee of such successor Depository. All Global Securities will be exchanged by the Issuer for Definitive Securities if:

(1) the Issuer delivers to the Trustee notice from the Depository that it is unwilling or unable to continue to act as Depository or that it is no longer a clearing agency registered under the Exchange Act and, in either case, a successor Depository is not appointed by the Issuer within 120 days after the date of such notice from the Depository; or

(2) the Issuer in its sole discretion determines that the Global Securities (in whole but not in part) should be exchanged for Definitive Securities and delivers a written notice to such effect to the Trustee.

Upon the occurrence of either of the preceding events in subparagraph (1) or (2) above, Definitive Securities shall be issued in such names as the Depository shall instruct the Trustee. Global Securities also may be exchanged or replaced, in whole or in part, as provided in Sections 2.08 and 2.11. Every Security authenticated and delivered in exchange for, or in lieu of, a Global Security or any portion thereof, pursuant to this Section 2.07 or Section 2.08 or 2.11, shall be authenticated and delivered in the form of, and shall be, a Global Security. A Global Security may not be exchanged for another Security other than as provided in this Section 2.07(a), provided, however, that beneficial interests in a Global Security may be transferred and exchanged as provided in Section 2.07(b) or Section 2.07(c).

(b) *Transfer and Exchange of Beneficial Interests in the Global Securities.* The transfer and exchange of beneficial interests in the Global Securities will be effected through the Depository, in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture and the Applicable Procedures. Transfers of beneficial interests in the Global Securities also will require compliance with either Section 2.07(b)(1) or Section 2.07(b)(2), as applicable, as well as one or more of the other following paragraphs, as applicable:

(1) *Transfer of Beneficial Interests in the Same Global Security.* Beneficial interests in any Global Security may be transferred to Persons who take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in the same Global Security. No written orders or instructions shall be required to be delivered to the Registrar to effect the transfers described in this Section 2.07(b)(1).

(2) *All Other Transfers and Exchanges of Beneficial Interests in Global Securities.* In connection with all transfers and exchanges of beneficial interests that are not subject to Section 2.07(b)(1), above, the transferor of such beneficial interest must deliver to the Registrar either:

(i) both:

(A) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depository in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depository to credit or cause to be credited a beneficial interest in another Global Security in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and

(B) instructions given in accordance with the Applicable Procedures containing information regarding the Participant account to be credited with such increase; or

(ii) both:

(A) a written order from a Participant or an Indirect Participant given to the Depository in accordance with the Applicable Procedures directing the Depository to cause to be issued a Definitive Security in an amount equal to the beneficial interest to be transferred or exchanged; and

(B) instructions given by the Depository to the Registrar containing information regarding the Person in whose name such Definitive Security shall be registered to effect the transfer or exchange referred to in (1) above. Upon satisfaction of all of the requirements for transfer or exchange of beneficial interests in Global Securities contained in this Indenture and the Securities or otherwise applicable under the Securities Act, the Trustee shall adjust the principal amount of the relevant Global Security(s) pursuant to Section 2.07(g).

(c) *Transfer or Exchange of Beneficial Interests for Definitive Securities.* If any holder of a beneficial interest in a Global Security is entitled to exchange such beneficial interest for a Definitive Security or to transfer such beneficial interest to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a Definitive Security of the same series and of like tenor and principal amount of authorized form and denomination, as specified as contemplated by Section 2.02(15), then, upon satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 2.07(b)(2), the Trustee will cause the aggregate principal amount of the applicable Global Security to be reduced accordingly pursuant to Section 2.07(g), and the Issuer will execute and the Trustee will authenticate and deliver to the Person designated in the instructions a Definitive Security in the appropriate principal amount. Any Definitive Security issued in exchange for a beneficial interest pursuant to this Section 2.07(c) will be registered in such name or names and in such authorized denomination or denominations as the holder of such beneficial interest requests through instructions to the Registrar from or through the Depository and the Participant or Indirect Participant. The Trustee will deliver such Definitive Securities to the Persons in whose names such Securities are so registered.

(d) *Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Securities for Beneficial Interests.* If at any time a Holder of a Definitive Security is entitled to exchange such Security for a beneficial interest in a Global Security or transfer such Definitive Security to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in a Global Security of the same series and of like tenor and principal amount of authorized form and denomination, as specified as contemplated by Section 2.02(15), then, upon receipt of a request for such an exchange or transfer, the Trustee will cancel the applicable Definitive Security and increase or cause to be increased the aggregate principal amount of one of the appropriate Global Securities. If any such exchange or transfer from a Definitive Security to a beneficial interest is effected pursuant to this Section 2.07(d) at a time when a Global Security has not yet been issued, the Issuer will issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with Section 2.03, the Trustee will authenticate one or more Global Securities in an aggregate principal amount equal to the principal amount of the Definitive Security proposed to be so exchanged or transferred.

(e) *Transfer and Exchange of Definitive Securities for Definitive Securities.* Upon request by a Holder of Definitive Securities and such Holder's compliance with the provisions of this Section 2.07(e), the Registrar will register the transfer of such Holder's Definitive Securities to a Person who takes delivery thereof in the form of one or more Definitive Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations and of like aggregate principal amount or the exchange of such Holder's Definitive Securities for Definitive Securities of the same series, of any authorized denominations and of like aggregate principal amount. Prior to such registration of transfer or exchange, the requesting Holder must present or surrender to the Registrar the Definitive Securities duly endorsed or accompanied by a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Registrar duly executed by such Holder or by its attorney, duly authorized in writing. A Holder of Definitive Securities may transfer such Securities. Upon receipt of a request to register such a transfer, the Registrar shall register the Definitive Securities pursuant to the instructions from the Holder thereof.

(f) *Global Security Legend.* The following legend will appear on the face of all Global Securities issued under this Indenture unless specifically stated otherwise in the applicable provisions of one or more indentures supplemental hereto or approved from time to time by or pursuant to Board Resolutions in accordance with Section 2.02:

“THIS GLOBAL SECURITY IS HELD BY THE DEPOSITARY (AS DEFINED IN THE INDENTURE GOVERNING THIS SECURITY) OR ITS NOMINEE IN CUSTODY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE BENEFICIAL OWNERS HEREOF, AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE TO ANY PERSON UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES EXCEPT THAT (1) THE TRUSTEE MAY MAKE SUCH NOTATIONS HEREON AS MAY BE REQUIRED PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07 OF THE INDENTURE, (2) THIS GLOBAL SECURITY MAY BE EXCHANGED IN WHOLE BUT NOT IN PART PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.07(a) OF THE INDENTURE, (3) THIS GLOBAL SECURITY MAY BE DELIVERED TO THE TRUSTEE FOR CANCELLATION PURSUANT TO SECTION 2.12 OF THE INDENTURE AND (4) THIS GLOBAL SECURITY MAY BE TRANSFERRED TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY WITH THE PRIOR WRITTEN CONSENT OF THE ISSUER.

UNLESS AND UNTIL IT IS EXCHANGED IN WHOLE OR IN PART FOR SECURITIES IN DEFINITIVE FORM, THIS SECURITY MAY NOT BE TRANSFERRED EXCEPT AS A WHOLE BY THE DEPOSITARY TO A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY A NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY TO THE DEPOSITARY OR ANOTHER NOMINEE OF THE DEPOSITARY OR BY THE DEPOSITARY OR ANY SUCH NOMINEE TO A SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY OR A NOMINEE OF SUCH SUCCESSOR DEPOSITARY. UNLESS THIS CERTIFICATE IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITARY TRUST COMPANY (55 WATER STREET, NEW YORK, NEW YORK) (“DTC”), TO THE ISSUER OR ITS AGENT FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE OR PAYMENT, AND ANY CERTIFICATE ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER NAME AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.”

(g) *Cancellation and/or Adjustment of Global Securities.* At such time as all beneficial interests in a particular Global Security have been exchanged for Definitive Securities or a particular Global Security has been redeemed, repurchased or canceled in whole and not in part, each such Global Security will be returned to or retained and canceled by the Trustee in accordance with [Section 2.12](#). At any time prior to such cancellation, if any beneficial interest in a Global Security is exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Security or for Definitive Securities, the principal amount of Securities represented by such Global Security will be reduced accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Security by the Trustee or by the Depository at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such reduction; and if the beneficial interest is being exchanged for or transferred to a Person who will take delivery thereof in the form of a beneficial interest in another Global Security, such other Global Security will be increased accordingly and an endorsement will be made on such Global Security by the Trustee or by the Depository at the direction of the Trustee to reflect such increase.

(h) *General Provisions Relating to Transfers and Exchanges.*

(1) To permit registrations of transfers and exchanges, the Issuer will execute and the Trustee will authenticate Global Securities and Definitive Securities upon receipt of an Authentication Order in accordance with [Section 2.03](#) or at the Registrar’s request.

(2) No service charge will be made to a Holder of a Global Security or to a Holder of a Definitive Security for any registration of transfer or exchange, but the Issuer may require payment of a sum sufficient to cover any transfer tax or similar governmental charge payable in connection therewith (other than any such transfer taxes or similar governmental charge payable upon exchange or transfer pursuant to [Sections 2.11](#), [3.07](#), and [9.05](#)). The Registrar will not be required to register the transfer of or exchange any Security selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part.



(3) All Global Securities and Definitive Securities issued upon any registration of transfer or exchange of Global Securities or Definitive Securities will be the valid obligations of the Issuer, evidencing the same debt, and entitled to the same benefits under this Indenture, as the Global Securities or Definitive Securities surrendered upon such registration of transfer or exchange.

(4) The Issuer will not be required:

(i) to issue, to register the transfer of or to exchange any Securities during a period beginning at the opening of business 15 days before the day of any selection of Securities for redemption under Section 3.03 and ending at the close of business on the day of selection;

(ii) to register the transfer of or to exchange any Security selected for redemption in whole or in part, except the unredeemed portion of any Security being redeemed in part;

(iii) to register the transfer of or to exchange a Security between a Record Date and the next succeeding Interest Payment Date; or

(iv) to register the transfer of any Security which has been surrendered for repayment at option of Holder, except the portion, if any, of such Security not to be so repaid.

(5) Prior to due presentment for the registration of a transfer of any Security, the Trustee, any Agent and the Issuer may deem and treat the Person in whose name any Security is registered as the absolute owner of such Security for the purpose of receiving payment of principal of and interest on such Securities and for all other purposes, and none of the Trustee, any Agent or the Issuer shall be affected by notice to the contrary.

(6) The Trustee will authenticate Global Securities and Definitive Securities in accordance with the provisions of Section 2.03.

(7) All orders and instructions required to be submitted to the Registrar or the Issuer pursuant to this Section 2.07 to effect a registration of transfer or exchange may be submitted by facsimile.

*Section 2.08 Replacement Securities.*

If any mutilated Security is surrendered to the Trustee or the Issuer or the Trustee receives evidence to its satisfaction of the destruction, loss or theft of any Security, the Issuer will issue and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, will authenticate a replacement Security if the Trustee's requirements are met. If required by the Trustee or the Issuer, an indemnity bond or other indemnity must be supplied by the Holder that is sufficient in the judgment of the Trustee and the Issuer to protect the Issuer, the Trustee, any Agent and any authenticating agent from any loss that any of them may suffer if a Security is replaced. The Issuer may charge for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses in replacing a Security, including reasonable fees and expenses of counsel and of the Trustee.

Every replacement Security is an additional obligation of the Issuer and will be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture equally and proportionately with all other Securities duly issued hereunder.

Notwithstanding the provisions of the previous two paragraphs, in case any such mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen Security has become or is about to become due and payable, the Issuer in its discretion may, instead of issuing a new Security, pay such Security.

The provisions of this Section 2.08 are exclusive and shall preclude (to the extent lawful) all other rights and remedies with respect to the replacement or payment of lost, destroyed or wrongfully taken Securities.

*Section 2.09 Outstanding Securities.*

The Securities "Outstanding" at any time are all the Securities authenticated by the Trustee except for:

- (1) Securities theretofore cancelled by the Trustee or delivered to the Trustee for cancellation;
- (2) Securities, or portions thereof, for whose payment or redemption or repayment at the option of the Holder money in the necessary amount has been theretofore deposited with the Trustee or any Paying Agent (other than the Issuer) in trust or set aside and segregated in trust by the Issuer (if the Issuer shall act as its own Paying Agent) for the Holders of such Securities, *provided* that if such Securities are to be redeemed, notice of such redemption has been duly given pursuant to this Indenture or provision therefor satisfactory to the Trustee has been made;
- (3) Securities, except to the extent provided in Sections 8.02 and 8.03, with respect to which the Issuer has effected defeasance and/or covenant defeasance as provided in Article 8; and
- (4) Securities which have been paid pursuant to Section 4.01 or 11.01 or in exchange for or in lieu of which other Securities have been authenticated and delivered pursuant to this Indenture, other than any such Securities in respect of which there shall have been presented to the Trustee proof satisfactory to it that such Securities are held by a *bona fide* purchaser in whose hands such Securities are valid obligations of the Issuer;

*provided, however,* that in determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of the Outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, and for the purpose of making the calculations required by Section 313 of the TIA, (i) the principal amount of an Original Issue Discount Security that may be counted in making such determination or calculation and that shall be deemed to be Outstanding for such purpose shall be equal to the amount of principal thereof that would be (or shall have been declared to be) due and payable, at the time of such determination, upon a declaration of acceleration of the maturity thereof pursuant to Section 6.02, (ii) the principal amount of any Indexed Security that may be counted in making such determination or calculation and that shall be deemed Outstanding for such purpose shall be equal to the principal face amount of such Indexed Security at original issuance, unless otherwise provided with respect to such Security as contemplated by Section 2.02, and (iii) Securities owned by the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Issuer or of such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding to the extent provided in Section 2.10.

*Section 2.10 Treasury Securities.*

In determining whether the Holders of the requisite principal amount of Outstanding Securities have given any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, waiver or consent, and for the purpose of making the calculations required by Section 313 of the TIA, Securities owned by the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Issuer or of such other obligor shall be disregarded and deemed not to be Outstanding, except that in determining whether the Trustee shall be protected in making such calculation or in relying upon any such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent or waiver, only Securities which the Trustee shall have been informed in writing are so owned shall be so disregarded. Securities so owned which have been pledged in good faith may be regarded as Outstanding if the pledgee establishes to the satisfaction of the Trustee the pledgee's right so to act with respect to such Securities and that the pledgee is not the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Securities or any Affiliate of the Issuer or of such other obligor.

*Section 2.11 Temporary Securities.*

Until certificates representing Securities are ready for delivery, the Issuer may prepare and the Trustee, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, will authenticate temporary Securities. Temporary Securities will be substantially in the form of certificated Securities but may have variations that the Issuer considers appropriate for temporary Securities and as may be reasonably acceptable to the Trustee. Without unreasonable delay, the Issuer will prepare and the Trustee will authenticate Definitive Securities in exchange for temporary Securities. Until so exchanged, temporary Securities shall have the same rights under this Indenture as Definitive Securities.

Holders of temporary Securities will be entitled to all of the benefits of this Indenture.

*Section 2.12 Cancellation.*

The Issuer at any time may deliver Securities to the Trustee for cancellation. The Registrar and Paying Agent will forward to the Trustee any Securities surrendered to them for registration of transfer, exchange or payment. The Trustee and no one else will cancel all Securities surrendered for registration of transfer, exchange, payment, replacement or cancellation and will dispose of canceled Securities (subject to the record retention requirement of the Exchange Act). The Issuer may not issue new Securities to replace Securities that it has paid or that have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation, except for replacement Securities for mutilated Securities pursuant to Section 2.08.

*Section 2.13 Defaulted Interest.*

If the Issuer defaults in a payment of interest on the Securities of any series, it will pay the defaulted interest in any lawful manner plus, to the extent lawful, interest payable on the defaulted interest, to the Persons who are Holders of Securities of that series on a subsequent special record date, in each case at the rate provided in the Securities of that series and in Section 4.01. The Issuer will notify the Trustee in writing of the amount of defaulted interest proposed to be paid on each Security of that series and the date of the proposed payment. The Issuer will fix or cause to be fixed each such special record date and payment date, *provided* that no such special record date may be less than ten days prior to the related payment date for such defaulted interest. At least 15 days before the special record date, the Issuer (or, upon the written request of the Issuer, the Trustee in the name and at the expense of the Issuer) will mail or cause to be mailed to Holders of Securities of that series a notice that states the special record date, the related payment date and the amount of such interest to be paid on such Securities.

*Section 2.14 CUSIP and ISIN Numbers.*

The Issuer in issuing the Securities may use “CUSIP” or “ISIN” numbers, and if so, the Trustee shall use the “CUSIP” or “ISIN” numbers in notices of redemption or exchange as a convenience to Holders; *provided, however*, that any such notice may state that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the “CUSIP” or “ISIN” numbers printed in the notice or on the Securities, and that reliance may be placed only on the other identification numbers printed on the Securities. The Issuer will promptly notify the Trustee of any change in the “CUSIP” or “ISIN” numbers for the Securities of any series.

*Section 2.15 Deposit of Moneys*

Subject to the provisions of the Securities of the applicable series, prior to 10:00 a.m. New York City time on each Interest Payment Date, Stated Maturity, Redemption Date and Payment Date with respect to such Securities, the Issuer shall have deposited with the Paying Agent of that series in immediately available funds money sufficient to make cash payments, if any, due on such Interest Payment Date, Stated Maturity, Redemption Date and Payment Date, as the case may be, in a timely manner which permits the Paying Agent to remit payment to the Holders of such Securities on such Interest Payment Date, Stated Maturity, Redemption Date and Payment Date, as the case may be.

ARTICLE 3  
REDEMPTION AND PREPAYMENT

*Section 3.01 Applicability of Article.*

Securities of any series which are redeemable before their maturity shall be redeemable in accordance with their terms and (except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.02 for Securities of any series) in accordance with this Article 3.

*Section 3.02 Notices to Trustee.*

The election of the Issuer to redeem or purchase in an offer to purchase Securities of any series shall be evidenced by a Board Resolution.

The Issuer shall, at least 30 days prior to the Redemption Date fixed by the Issuer (unless a shorter notice shall be satisfactory to the Trustee), notify the Trustee of such Redemption Date and of the principal amount of Securities of that series to be redeemed by delivering to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate setting forth:

- (1) the paragraph of the Securities and/or Section of this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto pursuant to which the redemption shall occur;
  - (2) the Redemption Date;
  - (3) the principal amount of Securities of that series to be redeemed, plus accrued interest and Additional Amounts, if any, to the Redemption Date;
- and
- (4) the Redemption Price, including any make-whole amount or premium, if applicable.

*Section 3.03 Selection of Securities to Be Redeemed.*

If less than all of the Securities of any series are to be redeemed or purchased in an offer to purchase at any time, the Trustee will select the particular Securities for redemption or purchase from the Outstanding Securities of that series not previously called for redemption, as follows:

- (1) if the Securities of that series are listed on any national securities exchange, in compliance with the requirements of the principal national securities exchange on which such Securities are listed; or
- (2) if the Securities of that series are not listed on any national securities exchange, on a *pro rata* basis, by lot or by such method as the Trustee shall deem fair and appropriate.

In the event of partial redemption by lot, the particular Securities to be redeemed will be selected, unless otherwise provided in this Indenture, not less than 10 nor more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date by the Trustee.

The Trustee will promptly notify the Issuer in writing of the Securities selected for redemption or purchase and, in the case of any Security selected for partial redemption or purchase, the principal amount thereof to be redeemed or purchased. Securities and portions of Securities of any series selected will be in amounts equal to the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series or any integral multiple thereof; *provided, however*, that if all of the Outstanding Securities of a Holder are to be redeemed or purchased, the entire amount of such Securities held by such Holder, even if not a multiple of the minimum authorized denomination for Securities of that series, shall be redeemed or purchased. Except as provided in the preceding sentence, provisions of this Indenture that apply to Securities called for redemption or purchase also apply to portions of Securities called for redemption or purchase.

*Section 3.04 Notice of Redemption.*

At least 10 days but not more than 60 days before a Redemption Date, unless a shorter period is specified by the terms of that series as contemplated by Section 2.02, the Issuer will mail or cause to be mailed, by first class mail, a notice of redemption to each Holder whose Securities are to be redeemed at its registered address, except that redemption notices may be mailed more than 60 days prior to a Redemption Date if the notice is issued in connection with a defeasance of the Securities or a satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture pursuant to Article 8 or Article 11 of this Indenture. Any notice that is mailed to the Holders of Securities in the manner herein provided shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the Holder receives such notice.

The notice will identify the Securities to be redeemed and will state:

- (1) the Redemption Date;
- (2) the Redemption Price, including the accrued interest and Additional Amounts, if any, to the Redemption Date and any make-whole amount or premium, if applicable;
- (3) if any Security is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Security to be redeemed and that, after the Redemption Date upon surrender of such Security, a new Security or Securities of the same series and tenor in principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion will be issued upon cancellation of the original Security;
- (4) the name and address of the Paying Agent;
- (5) that Securities called for redemption must be surrendered to the Paying Agent at the Place of Payment to collect the Redemption Price plus accrued interest and Additional Amounts, if any, to be paid, or to convert (if applicable);
- (6) that, unless the Issuer defaults in making such redemption payment, interest on Securities called for redemption ceases to accrue on and after the Redemption Date, and the only remaining right of the Holders of such Securities is to receive payment of the applicable Redemption Price plus accrued interest and Additional Amounts, if any, upon surrender to the Paying Agent of the Securities redeemed;

(7) the paragraph of the Securities and/or Section of this Indenture or any indenture supplemental hereto pursuant to which the Securities called for redemption are being redeemed;

(8) if any Security is being redeemed in part, the portion of the principal amount of such Security to be redeemed and that, after the Redemption Date, and upon surrender and cancellation of such Security, a new Security or Securities of the same series in aggregate principal amount equal to the unredeemed portion thereof will be issued;

(9) if fewer than all the Securities of any series are to be redeemed, the identification of the particular Securities (or portion thereof) to be redeemed, as well as the aggregate principal amount of Securities of such series to be redeemed and the aggregate principal amount of Securities of such series to be outstanding after such partial redemption;

(10) that no representation is made as to the correctness or accuracy of the CUSIP number, if any, listed in such notice or printed on the Securities; and

(11) that the redemption is for a sinking fund, if applicable.

At the Issuer's request, the Trustee will give the notice of redemption in the Issuer's name and at their expense; *provided, however*, that the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee, at least 25 days (or such shorter period of time as is satisfactory to the Trustee) prior to the Redemption Date, an Officers' Certificate requesting that the Trustee give such notice and setting forth the information to be stated in such notice as provided in the preceding paragraph.

*Section 3.05 Effect of Notice of Redemption.*

Once notice of redemption is mailed in accordance with Section 3.04, Securities called for redemption become irrevocably due and payable on the Redemption Date at the Redemption Price therein specified. Except as otherwise provided pursuant to Section 2.02 with respect to the Securities of any series, a notice of redemption of Securities of that series may not be conditional.

*Section 3.06 Deposit of Redemption or Purchase Price.*

On the Redemption Date or purchase date, the Issuer will deposit with the Paying Agent (which may be the Trustee acting as Paying Agent) money in the currency or currencies, currency unit or units or composite currency or currencies in which the Securities are payable sufficient to pay the Redemption Date or purchase price of and accrued interest and Additional Amounts, if any, on all Securities to be redeemed or purchased on that date. The Trustee or the Paying Agent will promptly return to the Issuer any money deposited with the Trustee or the Paying Agent by the Issuer in excess of the amounts necessary to pay the Redemption Price or purchase price of, and accrued interest and Additional Amounts, if any, on, all Securities to be redeemed or purchased.

If the Issuer complies with the provisions of the preceding paragraph, on and after the Redemption Date or purchase date, interest will cease to accrue on the Securities or the portions of Securities called for redemption or purchase. If a Security is redeemed or purchased on or after a Record Date but on or prior to the related Interest Payment Date, then any accrued and unpaid interest shall be paid to the Person in whose name such Security was registered at the close of business on such Record Date; *provided, however*, that except as otherwise provided with respect to Securities convertible into Common Stock (if applicable), installments of interest on Securities whose maturity is on or prior to the Redemption Date shall be payable to the Holders of such Securities registered as such at the close of business on the relevant Record Dates according to the terms and provisions of Section 2.02. If any Security called for redemption or purchase is not so paid upon surrender for redemption or purchase because of the failure of the Issuer to comply with the preceding paragraph, interest shall be paid on the unpaid principal, from the Redemption Date or purchase date until such principal is paid, and to the extent lawful on any interest not paid on such unpaid principal, in each case at the rate provided in the Securities and in Section 4.01.

*Section 3.07 Securities Redeemed or Purchased in Part.*

Upon surrender of a Security of a series that is redeemed or purchased in part at a Place of Payment therefor (with, if the Issuer or the Trustee so requires, due endorsement by, or a written instrument of transfer in form satisfactory to the Issuer and the Trustee duly executed by, the Holder thereof or his attorney duly authorized in writing), the Issuer will issue and, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, the Trustee will authenticate for the Holder at the expense of the Issuer a new Security of the same series of any authorized denomination as requested by the Holder in an aggregate principal amount equal to and in exchange for the unredeemed or unpurchased portion of the principal of the Security so surrendered.

ARTICLE 4  
COVENANTS

*Section 4.01 Payment of Securities.*

The Issuer will pay or cause to be paid the principal of, premium, if any, and interest and Additional Amounts, if any, on the Securities of each series on the dates, in the currency or currency unit and in the manner provided in the terms of that series of Securities, this Indenture and any supplemental indenture relating to such series of Securities. Principal, premium, if any, and interest and Additional Amounts, if any, will be considered paid on the date due if the Paying Agent, if other than the Company or a Subsidiary thereof, holds as of 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time on the due date money deposited by the Issuer in immediately available funds and designated for and sufficient to pay all principal, premium, if any, interest and Additional Amounts (if any) then due.



The Issuer will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue principal at the same rate *per annum* borne by the Securities of the applicable series to the extent lawful; the Issuer will pay interest (including post-petition interest in any proceeding under any Bankruptcy Law) on overdue installments of interest and Additional Amounts (without regard to any applicable grace period) at the same rate to the extent lawful.

*Section 4.02 Maintenance of Office or Agency.*

The Issuer will maintain in each Place of Payment for Securities of any series an office or agency (which may be an office of the Trustee or an affiliate of the Trustee, Registrar or co-registrar) where Securities of that series may be presented or surrendered for payment or conversion, where Securities of that series may be surrendered for registration of transfer or for exchange and where notices and demands to or upon the Issuer in respect of the Securities of that series and this Indenture may be served. The Issuer will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of the location, and any change in the location, of such office or agency. If at any time the Issuer fails to maintain any such required office or agency or fails to furnish the Trustee with the address thereof, such presentations, surrenders, notices and demands may be made or served at the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee.

The Issuer may also from time to time designate one or more other offices or agencies where the Securities of any series may be presented or surrendered for any or all such purposes and may from time to time rescind such designations; *provided, however*, that no such designation or rescission will in any manner relieve the Issuer of its obligation to maintain an office or agency in the Place of Payment for such purposes. The Issuer will give prompt written notice to the Trustee of any such designation or rescission and of any change in the location of any such other office or agency.

Unless otherwise specified with respect to Securities of any series as contemplated by Section 2.02, the Issuer hereby initially designates as a Place of Payment for each series of Securities the Corporate Trust Office of the Trustee in the Borough of Manhattan in the City of New York as one such office or agency of the Issuer in accordance with Section 2.04.

*Section 4.03 Reports.*

So long as any Securities of a series are outstanding, the Issuer shall file with the SEC all such reports and other information as it would be required to file with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) under the Exchange Act if it was subject thereto. In the event the Issuer is at any time no longer subject to the reporting requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act, it shall continue to provide the Trustee with annual and quarterly reports containing substantially the same information as would have been required to be filed with the SEC had the Issuer continued to be subject to such reporting requirements. The Issuer shall supply the Trustee and each Holder or shall supply to the Trustee for forwarding to each Holder, without cost to such Holder and at the expense of the Issuer, copies of such reports and other information.

The availability of the foregoing materials on the SEC's website or on the Company's website shall be deemed to satisfy the foregoing delivery obligations.

In the event that the rules and regulations of the SEC permit the Issuer and any Guarantor (or would permit if such entities were subject to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act) to report at the Issuer's level on a consolidated basis, consolidating reporting at the Issuer's level in a manner consistent with that described in this [Section 4.03](#) for the Issuer will satisfy this [Section 4.03](#), and the obligations in this [Section 4.03](#) with respect to financial information relating to the Issuer shall be deemed to be satisfied by furnishing financial information relating to such direct or indirect parent.

*Section 4.04 Compliance Certificate; Notice of Default.*

(a) The Company shall deliver to the Trustee, within 120 days after the close of each fiscal year, an Officers' Certificate stating that a review of the activities of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries has been made under the supervision of the signing Officers with a view to determining whether the Issuer and the Guarantors have kept, observed, performed and fulfilled their obligations under this Indenture and further stating, as to each such Officer signing such certificate, that to the best of such Officer's knowledge, the Issuer and the Guarantors during such preceding fiscal year have kept, observed, performed and fulfilled each and every such covenant and at the date of such certificate there is no Default that has occurred and is continuing or, if such signers do know of any such Default, the certificate shall specify such Default and what action, if any, the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto. The Officers' Certificate shall also notify the Trustee should the Issuer elect to change the manner in which it fixes the fiscal year end.

(b) So long as any of the Securities are outstanding, the Company will deliver to the Trustee, forthwith upon any Officer becoming aware of any Default or Event of Default, an Officers' Certificate specifying such Default or Event of Default and what action the Issuer is taking or proposes to take with respect thereto.

*Section 4.05 Additional Amounts.*

If any Securities of a series provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, the Issuer will pay to the Holder of any Security of that series Additional Amounts as may be specified as contemplated by [Section 2.02](#). Whenever in this Indenture there is mentioned the payment of the principal of or any premium or interest on, or in respect of, any Security of any series or the net proceeds received on the sale or exchange of any Security of any series, such mention shall be deemed to include mention of the payment of Additional Amounts provided by the terms of that series established pursuant to [Section 2.02](#) to the extent that, in such context, Additional Amounts are, were or would be payable in respect thereof pursuant to such terms and express mention of the payment of Additional Amounts (if applicable) in any provisions hereof shall not be construed as excluding Additional Amounts in those provisions hereof where such express mention is not made.

Except as otherwise specified as contemplated by Section 2.02, if the Securities of a series provide for the payment of Additional Amounts, at least ten days prior to the first interest payment date with respect to that series of Securities (or if the Securities of that series will not bear interest prior to maturity, the first day on which a payment of principal and any premium is made), and at least ten days prior to each date of payment of principal and any premium or interest if there has been any change with respect to the matters set forth in the below-mentioned Officers' Certificate, the Issuer will furnish the Trustee and the Issuer's principal Paying Agent or Paying Agents, if other than the Trustee, with an Officers' Certificate instructing the Trustee and such Paying Agent or Paying Agents whether such payment of principal of and any premium or interest on the Securities of that series shall be made to Holders of Securities of that series who are not United States persons without withholding for or on account of any tax, assessment or other governmental charge described in the Securities of the series. If any such withholding shall be required, then such Officers' Certificate shall specify by country the amount, if any, required to be withheld on such payments to such Holders of Securities of that series and the Issuer will pay to the Trustee or such Paying Agent the Additional Amounts required by the terms of such Securities. In the event that the Trustee or any Paying Agent, as the case may be, shall not so receive the above-mentioned certificate, then the Trustee or such Paying Agent shall be entitled (i) to assume that no such withholding or deduction is required with respect to any payment of principal or interest with respect to any Securities of a series until it shall have received a certificate advising otherwise and (ii) to make all payments of principal and interest with respect to the Securities of a series without withholding or deductions until otherwise advised. The Issuer covenants to indemnify the Trustee and any Paying Agent for, and to hold them harmless against, any loss, liability or expense reasonably Incurred without negligence or bad faith on their part arising out of or in connection with actions taken or omitted by any of them or in reliance on any Officers' Certificate furnished pursuant to this Section or in reliance on the Issuer's not furnishing such an Officers' Certificate.

*Section 4.06 Corporate Existence.*

Except as otherwise permitted by Article 5 and Section 10.04, the Company shall do or cause to be done all things necessary to preserve and keep in full force and effect its corporate existence and the corporate, partnership or other entity existence of each Guarantor in accordance with their respective organizational documents and the material rights (charter and statutory) and material franchises of the Company and each Guarantor; *provided, however*, that the Company shall not be required to preserve any such right, franchise or corporate (or other entity) existence with respect to itself or any Guarantor if the Board of Directors shall determine that the preservation thereof is no longer desirable in the conduct of the business of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole.

ARTICLE 5  
SUCCESSORS

*Section 5.01 Merger, Consolidation, or Sale of Assets.*

(a) The Company may not, directly or indirectly: (1) consolidate or merge with or into another Person (whether or not the Company is the surviving entity); or (2) sell, assign, transfer, convey, lease (other than to an unaffiliated operator in the ordinary course of business) or otherwise dispose of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole, in one or more related transactions, to another Person; unless:

(1) either (i) the Company is the surviving corporation or (ii) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made is organized or existing under the laws of the United States of America, any state of the United States of America or the District of Columbia;

(2) the Person formed by or surviving any such consolidation or merger (if other than the Company) or the Person to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition has been made assumes all the obligations of the Company under the Securities and this Indenture pursuant to a supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the Trustee; and

(3) immediately after such transaction, on a *pro forma* basis giving effect to such transaction or series of transactions (and treating any obligation of the Company or any Subsidiary Incurred in connection with or as a result of such transaction or series of transactions as having been Incurred at the time of such transaction), no Default or Event of Default exists; and

(4) the Company delivers to the Trustee an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, in each case stating that such consolidation, merger or transfer and such supplemental indenture complies with this Section 5.01 and that all conditions precedent provided for herein relating to such transaction have been complied with; *provided, however*, that any such transaction shall not have as one of its purposes the evasion of the foregoing limitations.

(b) Except as provided in Section 10.04, no Guarantor may consolidate with or merge with or into (whether or not such Guarantor is the surviving Person) another Person, unless:

(1) either such Guarantor shall be the continuing Person or the Person (if other than such Guarantor) formed by such consolidation or into which such Guarantor is merged shall be a corporation or other legal entity organized and validly existing under the laws of the United States of America or any state thereof or the District of Columbia and shall expressly assume, by a supplemental indenture, executed and delivered to the Trustee, all of the obligations of such Guarantor under the Securities Guarantee of such Guarantor and under this Indenture; and

(2) immediately after giving effect to such transaction, no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing.

(c) For purposes of the foregoing, the transfer (by lease, assignment, sale or otherwise, in a single transaction or series of transactions) of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of one or more Guarantors, the Capital Stock of which constitutes all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company, will be deemed to be the transfer of all or substantially all of the properties and assets of the Company.

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing, any Guarantor may convert into a corporation, general or limited partnership, limited liability company or trust organized under the laws of such Guarantor's jurisdiction of organization or the laws of the United States of America or any state or jurisdiction thereof.

(e) Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 5.01 will not apply to: (i) a sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition of assets between or among the Company and its Subsidiaries; (ii) a sale or transfer of assets from a Guarantor to the Issuer; or (iii) a consolidation or merger of a Guarantor with or into the Issuer or another Guarantor.

*Section 5.02 Successor Substituted.*

Upon any consolidation or merger of the Issuer or Guarantor of any series of debt securities issued under the indenture, or any sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, lease or other disposition of all or substantially all of the properties or assets of the Company and its Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, in accordance with Section 5.01, the successor Person formed by such consolidation or into which the Company or such Guarantor is merged or to which such sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance or other disposition is made, shall succeed to, and be substituted for, and may exercise every right and power of, the Company or such Guarantor (as the case may be) under this Indenture, the Securities and the Securities Guarantees with the same effect as if such surviving entity had been named therein as the Issuer or such Guarantor (as the case may be), with the same effect as if such successor initially had been named as the Issuer or a Guarantor herein, as the case may be. Without limiting the generality of the immediately preceding sentence, such successor thereupon may cause to be signed, and may issue either in its own name or in the name of the Company, any or all of the Securities issuable hereunder which theretofore shall not have been signed by the Company and delivered to the Trustee; and, upon the order of such successor, instead of the Company, and subject to all the terms, conditions and limitations in this Indenture prescribed, the Trustee shall authenticate and shall deliver any Securities which previously shall have been signed and delivered by the Officers of the Company to the Trustee for authentication, and any Securities which such successor thereafter shall cause to be signed and delivered to the Trustee for that purpose. All the Securities so issued shall in all respects have the same legal rank and benefit under this Indenture as the Securities theretofore or thereafter issued in accordance with the terms of this Indenture as though all of such Securities had been issued at the date of the execution hereof.

In case of any such consolidation, merger, sale, lease, conveyance or other disposition, such changes in phraseology and form (but not in substance) may be made in the Securities thereafter to be issued as may be appropriate.

When a successor assumes all the obligations of its predecessor under this Indenture and the Securities following a consolidation or merger, or any sale, assignment, transfer, conveyance, transfer or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the predecessor in accordance with the foregoing provisions, the predecessor shall be released from those obligations.

ARTICLE 6  
DEFAULTS AND REMEDIES

*Section 6.01 Events of Default.*

Each of the following is an “Event of Default” wherever used herein with respect to any particular series of Securities:

- (1) default in the payment of principal of, or premium, if any, on any Security of that series when they are due and payable at maturity, upon acceleration, redemption or otherwise;
- (2) default in the payment of the Company any interest on any Security of that series within 30 days after the applicable due date;
- (3) failure of the Company to deposit any sinking fund payment when and as due by the terms of any Security of that series, and the continuation of such default for a period of 30 days;
- (4) the Issuer defaults in the performance of or breaches any of its other covenants or agreements in this Indenture or under the Securities of such series (other than a Default specified in clause (1), (2) or (3) above) and such default or breach continues for the earlier of 60 consecutive days (or such shorter period specified for a comparable Default under any Existing Note Indenture) after their receipt of written notice of Default stating they are in breach and stating such notice is a “Notice of Default.” Either the Trustee or the Holders of more than 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series then Outstanding may send the notice;
- (5) a court of competent jurisdiction enters a decree or order for:
  - (i) relief in respect of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary in an involuntary case under any applicable Bankruptcy Law now or hereafter in effect,
  - (ii) appointment of a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary or for all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary, or
  - (iii) the winding up or liquidation of the affairs of the Company or any Significant Subsidiary; and, in each case, such decree or order shall remain unstayed and in effect for a period of 60 consecutive days;

(6) the Company or any Significant Subsidiary:

(i) commences a voluntary case under any applicable Bankruptcy Law now or hereafter in effect, or consents to the entry of an order for relief in an involuntary case under such law,

(ii) consents to the appointment of or taking possession by a receiver, liquidator, assignee, custodian, trustee, sequestrator or similar official of the Company or such Significant Subsidiary or for all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Company or such Significant Subsidiary,

(iii) effects any general assignment for the benefit of its creditors; or

(7) any other Event of Default provided with respect to Securities of that series as contemplated by Section 2.02.

*Section 6.02 Acceleration.*

In the case of an Event of Default specified in clause (6) or (7) of Section 6.01, with respect to the Company or any of its Significant Subsidiaries or any group of Subsidiaries that, taken as a whole, would constitute a Significant Subsidiary, all Outstanding Securities will become due and payable immediately without further action or notice. If any other Event of Default with respect to Securities of any series at the time Outstanding occurs and has not been cured, the Trustee or the Holders of at least 25% in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series then Outstanding may declare the entire principal amount (or, if any Securities are Original Issue Discount Securities or Indexed Securities, such portion of the principal as may be specified in the terms thereof) of the Securities of that series to be due and immediately payable by written notice to the Issuer, the Company (if not the Issuer) and the Trustee. Upon any such declaration, such principal amount (or specified amount) of the Securities of that series shall become due and payable immediately. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series then Outstanding by written notice to the Trustee may on behalf of all of the Holders rescind and annul an acceleration and its consequences if the rescission or annulment would not conflict with any judgment or decree and if all existing Events of Default (except nonpayment of principal, interest or premium that has become due solely because of the acceleration) have been cured or waived.

*Section 6.03 Other Remedies.*

If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to Securities of any series at the time Outstanding, the Trustee may pursue any available remedy to collect the payment of principal, premium and Additional Amounts, if any, and interest on the Securities of that series or to enforce the performance of any provision of the Securities of that series or this Indenture.

The Trustee may maintain a proceeding even if it does not possess any of the Securities of that series or does not produce any of them in the proceeding. A delay or omission by the Trustee or any Holder of a Security of that series in exercising any right or remedy accruing upon an Event of Default shall not impair the right or remedy or constitute a waiver of or acquiescence in the Event of Default. All remedies are cumulative to the extent permitted by law.

*Section 6.04 Waiver of Past Defaults.*

Subject to Sections 2.09, 6.07 and 9.02, Holders of not less than a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities of any series (which may include such consents obtained in connection with the purchase of, or a tender offer or exchange of, Securities) by notice to the Trustee may on behalf of the Holders of all of the Securities of that series waive an existing Default or Event of Default and its consequences hereunder, except a continuing Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium and Additional Amounts, if any, or interest on, the Securities of that series (excluding in connection with an offer to purchase) or in respect of a covenant or provision of this Indenture which under Article 9 may not be modified or amended without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security of the affected series; *provided, however*, that the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities of that series may rescind an acceleration and its consequences, including any related payment default that resulted from such acceleration as provided in Section 6.02. Upon any such waiver, such Default shall cease to exist, and any Event of Default arising therefrom shall be deemed to have been cured for every purpose of this Indenture; but no such waiver shall extend to any subsequent or other Default or impair any right consequent thereon.

*Section 6.05 Control by Majority.*

Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of any series then Outstanding may direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for exercising any remedy available to the Trustee or exercising any trust or power conferred on it with respect to the Securities of that series. However, the Trustee may refuse to follow any direction that conflicts with law or this Indenture that the Trustee determines may be unduly prejudicial to the rights of other Holders of Securities of that series or to the Holders of the Securities of any other series or that may involve the Trustee in personal liability.

*Section 6.06 Limitation on Suits.*

A Holder of a Security of any series may pursue a remedy with respect to this Indenture or the Securities of that series only if:

- (1) such Holder has given the Trustee written notice that an Event of Default has occurred and remains uncured;
- (2) the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of all Outstanding Securities of that series have made a written request that the Trustee take action because of the Default, and offered reasonable indemnity to the Trustee against the cost and other liabilities of taking that action;
- (3) the Trustee has not taken action for 60 days after receipt of the notice and offer of indemnity; and
- (4) the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of all Outstanding Securities of that series have not given the Trustee a direction inconsistent with such request within such 60-day period.



A Holder of any Security of any series may not use this Indenture to prejudice the rights of another Holder of a Security of that series or to obtain a preference or priority over another Holder of a Security of that series.

*Section 6.07 Rights of Holders of Securities to Receive Payment.*

Notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture, the right of any Holder of any Security to receive payment of principal, premium and Additional Amounts, if any, and interest on such Security, on or after the respective due dates expressed in such Security (excluding in connection with an offer to purchase), or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates, shall not be impaired or affected without the consent of such Holder.

*Section 6.08 Collection Suit by Trustee.*

If an Event of Default specified in clause (1), (2) or (3) of Section 6.01 occurs and is continuing with respect to the Securities of any series, the Trustee is authorized to recover judgment in its own name and as trustee of an express trust against the Issuer for the whole amount of principal (including any sinking fund payment), premium and Additional Amounts, if any, and interest remaining unpaid on the Securities of that series and interest on overdue principal and, to the extent lawful, interest and such further amount as shall be sufficient to cover the costs and expenses of collection, including the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel.

*Section 6.09 Trustee May File Proofs of Claim.*

The Trustee is authorized to file such proofs of claim and other papers or documents as may be necessary or advisable in order to have the claims of the Trustee (including any claim for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel) and the Holders of the Securities of any series allowed in any judicial proceedings relative to the Issuer or any other obligor upon the Securities of that series, their creditors or their property and shall be entitled and empowered to collect, receive and distribute any money or other property payable or deliverable on any such claims and any custodian in any such judicial proceeding is hereby authorized by each Holder of Securities of that series to make such payments to the Trustee, and in the event that the Trustee shall consent to the making of such payments directly to the Holders of Securities of that series, to pay to the Trustee any amount due to it for the reasonable compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07. To the extent that the payment of any such compensation, expenses, disbursements and advances of the Trustee, its agents and counsel, and any other amounts due the Trustee under Section 7.07 out of the estate in any such proceeding, shall be denied for any reason, payment of the same shall be secured by a Lien on, and shall be paid out of, any and all distributions, dividends, money, securities and other properties that the Holders of Securities of that series may be entitled to receive in such proceeding whether in liquidation or under any plan of reorganization or arrangement or otherwise. Nothing herein contained shall be deemed to authorize the Trustee to authorize or consent to or accept or adopt on behalf of any Holder of a Security any plan of reorganization, arrangement, adjustment or composition affecting the Securities or the rights of any Holder thereof, or to authorize the Trustee to vote in respect of the claim of any Holder of a Security in any such proceeding. The Trustee shall be entitled to participate as a member of any official committee of creditors in the matters as it deems necessary or advisable.

*Section 6.10 Priorities.*

If the Trustee collects any money pursuant to this Article 6, it shall pay out the money in the following order:

*First:* to the Trustee, its agents and attorneys for amounts due under Section 7.07, including payment of all compensation, expense and liabilities Incurred, and all advances made, by the Trustee and the costs and expenses of collection;

*Second:* to Holders of Securities in respect of which or for the benefit of which such money has been collected for principal of, premium and Additional Amounts (if any) on, and interest accrued on, such Securities, ratably, without preference or priority of any kind, according to the amounts due and payable on such Securities for principal, premium and Additional Amounts (if any) and interest, respectively; and

*Third:* to the Issuer or to such party as a court of competent jurisdiction shall direct.

The Trustee, upon prior notice to the Issuer and (if different) the Company, may fix a record date and payment date for any payment to Holders pursuant to this Section 6.10.

*Section 6.11 Undertaking for Costs.*

In any suit for the enforcement of any right or remedy under this Indenture or in any suit against the Trustee for any action taken or omitted by it as a Trustee, a court in its discretion may require the filing by any party litigant in the suit of an undertaking to pay the costs of the suit, and the court in its discretion may assess reasonable costs, including reasonable attorneys' fees, against any party litigant in the suit, having due regard to the merits and good faith of the claims or defenses made by the party litigant. This Section 6.11 does not apply to a suit by the Trustee, a suit by a Holder of a Security pursuant to Section 6.07, or a suit by Holders of more than 10% in principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities of any series.

ARTICLE 7  
TRUSTEE

*Section 7.01 Duties of Trustee.*

(a) If an Event of Default with respect to the Securities of any series has occurred and is continuing, the Trustee will exercise such of the rights and powers vested in it by this Indenture and use the same degree of care and skill in its exercise, as a prudent person would exercise or use under the circumstances in the conduct of such person's own affairs.

(b) Except during the continuance of an Event of Default:

(1) the duties of the Trustee will be determined solely by the express provisions of this Indenture and the Trustee need perform only those duties that are specifically set forth in this Indenture and no others, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Indenture against the Trustee; and

(2) in the absence of bad faith on its part, the Trustee may conclusively rely, as to the truth of the statements and the correctness of the opinions expressed therein, upon certificates or opinions furnished to the Trustee and conforming to the requirements of this Indenture. However, the Trustee will examine the certificates and opinions to determine whether or not they conform to the requirements of this Indenture.

(c) The Trustee may not be relieved from liabilities for its own negligent action, its own negligent failure to act, or its own willful misconduct, except that:

(1) this Section 7.01(c) does not limit the effect of Section 7.01(b);

(2) the Trustee will not be liable for any error of judgment made in good faith by a Responsible Officer, unless it is proved that the Trustee was negligent in ascertaining the pertinent facts; and

(3) the Trustee will not be liable with respect to any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in accordance with a direction received by it pursuant to Section 6.05.

(d) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture that in any way relates to the Trustee is subject to Sections 7.01(a), 7.01(b) and 7.01(c).

(e) No provision of this Indenture will require the Trustee to expend or risk its own funds or incur any liability. The Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of its rights and powers under this Indenture at the request of any Holder, unless such Holder has offered to the Trustee security and indemnity satisfactory to it against any loss, liability or expense.

(f) The Trustee will not be liable for interest on any money received by it except as the Trustee may agree in writing with the Issuer. Money held in trust by the Trustee need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

(g) Whether or not therein expressly so provided, every provision of this Indenture relating to the conduct or affecting the liability of or affording protection to the Trustee shall be subject to the provisions of this Section 7.01.

*Section 7.02 Rights of Trustee.*

- (a) The Trustee may conclusively rely upon any document (whether original or facsimile) believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper Person. The Trustee need not investigate any fact or matter stated in the document.
- (b) Before the Trustee acts or refrains from acting, it may require an Officers' Certificate or an Opinion of Counsel or both. The Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith in reliance on such Officers' Certificate or Opinion of Counsel. The Trustee may consult with counsel and the written advice of such counsel or any Opinion of Counsel will be full and complete authorization and protection from liability in respect of any action taken, suffered or omitted by it hereunder in good faith and in reliance thereon.
- (c) The Trustee may act through its attorneys and agents and will not be responsible for the misconduct or negligence of any agent appointed with due care unless the Trustee was negligent in acting through its attorneys and agents.
- (d) The Trustee will not be liable for any action it takes or omits to take in good faith that it believes to be authorized or within the rights or powers conferred upon it by this Indenture.
- (e) Unless otherwise specifically provided in this Indenture, any demand, request, direction or notice from the Issuer will be sufficient if signed by an Officer of the Issuer.
- (f) The Trustee will be under no obligation to exercise any of the rights or powers vested in it by this Indenture at the request or direction of any of the Holders unless such Holders have offered to the Trustee reasonable security or indemnity against the costs, expenses and liabilities that might be Incurred by it in compliance with such request or direction.
- (g) The Trustee shall not be bound to make any investigation into the facts or matters stated in any resolution, certificate (including any Officers' Certificate), statement, instrument, opinion (including any Opinion of Counsel), notice, request, direction, consent, order, bond, debenture, or other paper or document, but the Trustee, in its discretion, may make such further inquiry or investigation into such facts or matters as it may see fit and, if the Trustee shall determine to make such further inquiry or investigation, it shall be entitled, upon reasonable notice to the Company, to examine the books, records, and premises of the Company, personally or by agent or attorney at the sole cost of the Company.
- (h) The Trustee shall not be required to give any bond or surety in respect of the performance of its powers and duties hereunder.
- (i) The permissive rights of the Trustee to do things enumerated in this Indenture shall not be construed as duties.
- (j) Except with respect to Section 4.01 and 4.05, the Trustee shall have no duty to inquire as to the performance of the Issuer with respect to the covenants contained in Article Four. In addition, the Trustee shall not be deemed to have knowledge of an Event of Default except (i) any Default or Event of Default occurring pursuant to Sections 4.01, 6.01(1), 6.01(2) or 6.01(3) or (ii) any Default or Event of Default known to a Responsible Officer.
- (k) The rights, privileges, protections, immunities and benefits given to the Trustee, including its right to be indemnified, are extended to, and shall be enforceable by, the Trustee in each of its capacities hereunder, and to each agent, custodian and other Person employed to act hereunder.

*Section 7.03 Individual Rights of Trustee.*

The Trustee in its individual or any other capacity may become the owner or pledgee of Securities and may otherwise deal with the Issuer or any Affiliate of the Issuer with the same rights it would have if it were not Trustee. However, in the event that the Trustee acquires any conflicting interest it must eliminate such conflict within 90 days, apply to the SEC for permission to continue as trustee or resign. Any Agent may do the same with like rights and duties. The Trustee is also subject to Sections 7.10 and 7.11.

*Section 7.04 Trustee's Disclaimer.*

The Trustee will not be responsible for and makes no representation as to the validity or adequacy of this Indenture or the Securities, it shall not be accountable for the Issuer's use of the proceeds from the Securities or any money paid to the Issuer or upon the Issuer's direction under any provision of this Indenture, it will not be responsible for the use or application of any money received by any Paying Agent other than the Trustee, and it will not be responsible for any statement or recital herein or any statement in the Securities or any other document in connection with the sale of the Securities or pursuant to this Indenture other than its certificate of authentication.

*Section 7.05 Notice of Defaults.*

If a Default or Event of Default occurs and is continuing with respect to the Securities of any series and if it is known to the Trustee, the Trustee will mail to Holders of Securities of that series a notice of the Default or Event of Default within 90 days after it occurs, unless such default shall have been cured or waived. Except in the case of a Default or Event of Default in payment of principal of, premium or Additional Amounts, if any, or interest on any Security, the Trustee may withhold the notice if and so long as a committee of its Responsible Officers in good faith determines that withholding the notice is in the interests of the Holders of the Securities of that series.

*Section 7.06 Reports by Trustee to Holders of the Securities.*

(a) Within 120 days after the end of each fiscal year beginning with the end of the fiscal year following the date of this Indenture, and for so long as Securities of any series remain Outstanding, the Trustee will mail to all Holders of the Securities of that series a brief report dated as of such reporting date that complies with Section 313(a) of the TIA (but if no event described in Section 313(a) of the TIA has occurred within the twelve months preceding the reporting date, no report need be transmitted). The Trustee also will comply with Section 313(b)(2) of the TIA. The Trustee will also transmit by mail all reports as required by Section 313(c) of the TIA.

(b) A copy of each report at the time of its mailing to the Holders of Securities will be mailed by the Trustee to the Issuer and filed by the Trustee with the SEC and each stock exchange on which such Securities are listed in accordance with Section 313(d) of the TIA. The Issuer will promptly notify the Trustee when the Securities of any series are listed on any stock exchange.

*Section 7.07 Compensation and Indemnity.*

(a) The Issuer will pay to the Trustee from time to time reasonable compensation as agreed upon between the Trustee and Issuer for its acceptance of this Indenture and services hereunder. The Trustee's compensation will not be limited by any law on compensation of a trustee of an express trust. The Issuer will reimburse the Trustee promptly upon written request for all reasonable disbursements, advances and expenses Incurred or made by it in addition to the compensation for its services (including the reasonable compensation, disbursements and expenses of the Trustee's agents and counsel), except any such disbursement, advances and expenses as shall be determined to have been caused by the Trustee's own negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct.

(b) The Issuer shall indemnify each of the Trustee or any predecessor Trustee and its agents for, and hold them harmless against, any and all loss, damage, claims including taxes (other than taxes based upon, measured by or determined by the income of the Trustee), liability or expense incurred by them except for such actions to the extent caused by any negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct on their part, arising out of or in connection with the acceptance or administration of this trust including the reasonable costs and expenses of defending themselves against or investigating any claim or liability in connection with the exercise or performance of any of the Trustee's rights, powers or duties hereunder. The Trustee shall notify the Issuer promptly of any claim asserted against the Trustee or any of its agents for which it may seek indemnity. The Issuer may, subject to the approval of the Trustee (which approval shall not be unreasonably delayed, withheld or conditioned), defend the claim and the Trustee shall cooperate in the defense. The Trustee and its agents subject to the claim may have separate counsel and the Issuer shall pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel; *provided, however,* that the Issuer will not be required to pay such fees and expenses if, subject to the approval of the Trustee (which approval shall not be unreasonably withheld), it assumes the Trustee's defense and there is no conflict of interest between the Issuer and the Trustee and its agents subject to the claim in connection with such defense as reasonably determined by the Trustee. The Issuer need not pay for any settlement made without its written consent. The Issuer need not reimburse any expense or indemnify against any loss or liability to the extent incurred by the Trustee through its negligence, bad faith or willful misconduct. The Trustee may have separate counsel and the Issuer will pay the reasonable fees and expenses of such counsel. Neither the Issuer nor any Guarantor need pay for any settlement made without its consent, which consent will not be unreasonably withheld.

(c) The obligations of the Issuer and the Guarantors under this Section 7.07 will survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

(d) To secure the Issuer's payment obligations in this Section 7.07, the Trustee will have a Lien prior to the Securities of any series on all money or property held or collected by the Trustee, except that held in trust to pay principal and interest on particular Securities of any series. Such Lien will survive the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture.

(e) When the Trustee Incurs expenses or renders services after an Event of Default specified in clause (6) or (7) of Section 6.01 occurs, the expenses and the compensation for the services (including the fees and expenses of its agents and counsel) are intended to constitute expenses of administration under any Bankruptcy Law.

(f) The Trustee will comply with the provisions of Section 313(b)(2) of the TIA to the extent applicable.

*Section 7.08 Replacement of Trustee.*

(a) A resignation or removal of the Trustee and appointment of a successor Trustee will become effective only upon the successor Trustee's acceptance of appointment as provided in this Section 7.08.

(b) The Trustee may resign with respect to the Securities of one or more series in writing at any time and be discharged from the trust hereby created by so notifying the Issuer. The Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities of any series may remove the Trustee with respect to the Securities of that series by so notifying the Trustee and the Issuer in writing. The Issuer may remove the Trustee if:

- (1) the Trustee fails to comply with Section 7.10;
- (2) the Trustee is adjudged a bankrupt or an insolvent or an order for relief is entered with respect to the Trustee under any Bankruptcy Law;
- (3) a custodian or public officer takes charge of the Trustee or its property; or
- (4) the Trustee becomes incapable of acting.

(c) If the Trustee resigns, is removed, is incapable of acting or if a vacancy exists in the office of Trustee for any reason with respect to the Securities of one or more series, the Issuer, by Board Resolution, will promptly appoint a successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the Securities of that or those series. Within one year after the successor Trustee or Trustees with respect to the Securities of any series takes office, the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities of that series may appoint a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of that series to replace the successor Trustee appointed by the Issuer.

(d) If a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of any series does not take office within 60 days after the retiring Trustee resigns or is removed, the retiring Trustee, the Issuer, or the Holders of at least 10% in aggregate principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities of that series may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to Securities of that series.

(e) If the Trustee, after written request by any Holder of Securities of any series who has been a Holder of Securities of that series for at least six months, fails to comply with Section 7.10, such Holder may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the removal of the Trustee and the appointment of a successor Trustee with respect to Securities of that series.

(f) In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to all Securities, every such successor Trustee will deliver a written acceptance of its appointment to the retiring Trustee and to the Issuer. Thereupon, the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee will become effective, and the successor Trustee will have all the rights, powers and duties of the Trustee under this Indenture without any further act, deed or conveyance. The successor Trustee will mail a notice of its succession to Holders. The retiring Trustee will promptly transfer all property held by it as Trustee to the successor Trustee, provided all sums owing to the Trustee hereunder have been paid and subject to the Lien provided for in Section 7.07. Notwithstanding replacement of the Trustee pursuant to this Section 7.08, the Issuer's obligations under Section 7.07 will continue for the benefit of the retiring Trustee.

(g) In case of the appointment hereunder of a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more (but not all) series, the Issuer, the retiring Trustee and each successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series shall execute and deliver an indenture supplemental hereto, pursuant to Article 9, wherein each successor Trustee shall accept such appointment and which (1) shall contain such provisions as shall be necessary or desirable to transfer and confirm to, and to vest in, each successor Trustee all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates, (2) if the retiring Trustee is not retiring with respect to all Securities, shall contain such provisions as shall be deemed necessary or desirable to confirm that all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series as to which the retiring Trustee is not retiring shall continue to be vested in the retiring Trustee, and (3) shall add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee, it being understood that nothing herein or in such supplemental indenture shall constitute such Trustees co-trustees of the same trust and that each such Trustee shall be trustee of a trust or trusts hereunder separate and apart from any trust or trusts hereunder administered by any other such Trustee; and upon the execution and delivery of such supplemental indenture the resignation or removal of the retiring Trustee shall become effective to the extent provided therein and each such successor Trustee, without any further act, deed or conveyance, shall become vested with all the rights, powers, trusts and duties of the retiring Trustee with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates; but, on request of the Issuer or any successor Trustee, such retiring Trustee shall duly assign, transfer and deliver to such successor Trustee all property and money held by such retiring Trustee hereunder with respect to the Securities of that or those series to which the appointment of such successor Trustee relates.



(h) Upon request of any such successor Trustee, the Issuer shall execute any and all instruments for more fully and certainly vesting in and confirming to such successor Trustee all such rights, powers and trusts referred to in Sections 7.08 (f) and 7.08(g), as the case may be.

(i) No successor Trustee shall accept its appointment unless at the time of such acceptance such successor Trustee shall be qualified and eligible under this Article 7.

*Section 7.09 Successor Trustee by Merger, etc.*

Any organization or entity into which the Trustee may be merged or converted or with which it may be consolidated, or an organization or entity resulting from any merger, conversion or consolidation to which the Trustee shall be a party, or any organization or entity succeeding to all or substantially all of the corporate trust business of the Trustee, shall be the successor of the Trustee hereunder, provided such organization or entity shall be otherwise qualified and eligible under this Article 7, without the execution or filing of any paper or any further act on the part of any of the parties hereto.

*Section 7.10 Eligibility; Disqualification.*

There will at all times be a Trustee hereunder that is a corporation organized and doing business under the laws of the United States of America or of any state thereof that is authorized under such laws to exercise corporate trustee power, that is subject to supervision or examination by federal or state authorities and that has a combined capital and surplus of at least \$150 million as set forth in its most recent published annual report of condition.

This Indenture will always have a Trustee who satisfies the requirements of Sections 310(a)(1), (2) and (5) of the TIA. The Trustee is subject to Section 310(b) of the TIA.

*Section 7.11 Preferential Collection of Claims Against Issuer.*

The Trustee is subject to Section 311(a) of the TIA, excluding any creditor relationship listed in Section 311(b) of the TIA. A Trustee who has resigned or been removed shall be subject to Section 311(a) of the TIA to the extent indicated therein.

ARTICLE 8  
LEGAL DEFEASANCE AND COVENANT DEFEASANCE

*Section 8.01 Applicability of Article; Option to Effect Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.*

If, pursuant to Section 2.02, provision is made for either or both of (a) defeasance of the Securities of or within a series under Section 8.02 or (b) covenant defeasance of the Securities of or within a series under Section 8.03, then the provisions of such Section or Sections, as the case may be, together with the other provisions of this Article 8 (with such modifications thereto as may be specified pursuant to Section 2.02 with respect to any Securities), shall be applicable to such Securities, and the Issuer may at its option by Board Resolutions, at any time, with respect to such Securities, elect to have Section 8.02 or Section 8.03 (if applicable) be applied to such Outstanding Securities upon compliance with the conditions set forth below in this Article 8.

*Section 8.02 Legal Defeasance and Discharge.*

Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.02 with respect to any Outstanding Securities of or within a series, the Issuer and each of the Guarantors will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, be deemed to have been discharged from their obligations with respect to all such Outstanding Securities (including the related Securities Guarantees) on the date the conditions set forth below are satisfied (hereinafter, "Legal Defeasance"). For this purpose, Legal Defeasance means that the Issuer and the Guarantors will be deemed to have paid and discharged the entire Indebtedness represented by such Outstanding Securities (including the related Securities Guarantees), which will thereafter be deemed to be "Outstanding" only for the purposes of Section 8.05 and the other Sections of this Indenture referred to in clauses (1) and (2) below, and to have satisfied all their other obligations under such Securities, such Guarantees and this Indenture (and the Trustee, on demand of and at the expense of the Issuer, shall execute proper instruments acknowledging the same), except for the following provisions which will survive until otherwise terminated or discharged hereunder:

- (1) the rights of Holders of such Outstanding Securities to receive payments in respect of the principal of, or interest or premium and Additional Amounts, if any, on such Securities when such payments are due from the trust referred to in Section 8.04;
- (2) the Issuer's obligations with respect to such Securities under Article 2 and Section 4.02;
- (3) the rights, powers, trusts, duties and immunities of the Trustee hereunder and the Issuer's and the Guarantors' obligations in connection therewith; and
- (4) this Article 8.

Subject to compliance with this Article 8, the Issuer may exercise its option under this Section 8.02 notwithstanding the prior exercise of its option under Section 8.03.

*Section 8.03 Covenant Defeasance.*

Upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03 with respect to any Outstanding Securities of or within a series, the Issuer and the Guarantors will, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, be released from each of their obligations under the covenant contained in Section 4.04 and, if specified as contemplated by Section 2.02, its obligations under any other covenant, with respect to such Outstanding Securities on and after the date the conditions set forth in Section 8.04 are satisfied (hereinafter, "Covenant Defeasance"), and such Securities will thereafter be deemed not "Outstanding" for the purposes of any direction, waiver, consent or declaration or act of Holders (and the consequences of any thereof) in connection with such covenants, but will continue to be deemed "Outstanding" for all other purposes hereunder. For this purpose, Covenant Defeasance means that, with respect to the Outstanding Securities and the related Securities Guarantees, the Issuer and the Guarantors may omit to comply with and will have no liability in respect of any term, condition or limitation set forth in any such covenant, whether directly or indirectly, by reason of any reference elsewhere herein to any such covenant or by reason of any reference in any such covenant to any other provision herein or in any other document and such omission to comply will not constitute a Default or an Event of Default under Section 6.01, but, except as specified above, the remainder of this Indenture and such Securities and the related Securities Guarantees will be unaffected thereby. In addition, upon the Issuer's exercise under Section 8.01 of the option applicable to this Section 8.03 with respect to any Outstanding Securities of or within a series, subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Section 8.04, clauses (4) and (5) of Section 6.01 will not constitute Events of Default.

*Section 8.04 Conditions to Legal or Covenant Defeasance.*

In order to exercise either Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance under either Section 8.02 or 8.03 with respect to any Outstanding Securities of or within a series:

(1) the Issuer irrevocably deposits with the Trustee for the Securities of that series, in trust, for the benefit of the Holders, money in such currency or currencies, or currency unit or currency units, in which such Security is then specified as payable at maturity, non-callable Government Obligations applicable to such Securities (determined on the basis of the currency or currencies, or currency unit or currency units, in which such Securities are then specified as payable at maturity), or any combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants, to pay the principal of (including any sinking fund payment or analogous payments applicable to such Outstanding Securities), premium and Additional Amounts, if any, and interest on such Outstanding Securities on the stated date for payment thereof or on the applicable Redemption Date, as the case may be;

(2) in the case of an election under Section 8.02, the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee for the Securities of that series an Opinion of Counsel in the United States reasonably acceptable to such Trustee confirming that:

(i) the Issuer has received from, or there has been published by, the Internal Revenue Service a ruling; or

(ii) since the date of this Indenture, there has been a change in the applicable federal income tax law, in either case to the effect that, and based thereon such Opinion of Counsel shall confirm that, the Holders of such Outstanding Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Legal Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Legal Defeasance had not occurred;

(3) in the case of an election under Section 8.03, the Issuer must deliver to such Trustee for Securities of that series an Opinion of Counsel in the United States reasonably acceptable to such Trustee confirming that the Holders of such Outstanding Securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for federal income tax purposes as a result of such Covenant Defeasance and will be subject to federal income tax on the same amounts, in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such Covenant Defeasance had not occurred;

(4) no Default or Event of Default shall have occurred in respect of Securities of that series and be continuing on the date of such deposit (other than a Default or Event of Default in respect of that series resulting from the borrowing of funds to be applied to such deposit);

(5) such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance will not result in a breach or violation of, or constitute a default under, any material agreement or instrument (other than this Indenture in respect of Securities of that series) to which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is a party or by which the Company or any of its Subsidiaries is bound;

(6) the Issuer must deliver to the Trustee for Securities of that series an Officers' Certificate stating that the deposit was not made by Issuer with the intent of preferring the Holders of such Securities over the other creditors of Issuer with the intent of defeating, hindering, delaying or defrauding any other creditors of the Issuer or others;

(7) the Issuer must deliver to the Trustee for Securities of that series an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent provided for or relating to the Legal Defeasance or the Covenant Defeasance have been complied with; and

(8) notwithstanding any other provisions of this Section 8.04, such Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance shall be effected in compliance with any additional or substitute terms, conditions or limitations which may be imposed on the Issuer in connection therewith pursuant to Section 2.02.

*Section 8.05 Deposited Money and Government Securities to be Held in Trust; Other Miscellaneous Provisions.*

Subject to Section 8.06, all money, Government Obligations or other property as may be provided pursuant to Section 2.02 (including the proceeds thereof) deposited with the Trustee (or other qualifying trustee, collectively for purposes of this Section 8.05, the "Trustee") pursuant to Section 8.04 in respect of any Outstanding Securities of any series will be held in trust and applied by such Trustee, in accordance with the provisions of such Securities and this Indenture, to the payment, either directly or through any Paying Agent (including the Issuer acting as Paying Agent) as such Trustee may determine, to the Holders of such Securities of all sums due and to become due thereon in respect of principal, premium and Additional Amounts, if any, and interest, but such money need not be segregated from other funds except to the extent required by law.

The Issuer will pay and indemnify such Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the money or non-callable Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 8.04 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of such Outstanding Securities.

Notwithstanding anything in this Article 8 to the contrary, such Trustee will deliver or pay to the Issuer from time to time upon the request of the Issuer any money or non-callable Government Obligations held by it as provided in Section 8.04 which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to such Trustee (which may be the opinion delivered under clause (1) of Section 8.04), are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance or Covenant Defeasance.

*Section 8.06 Repayment to Issuer.*

The Trustee and the Paying Agent shall pay to the Issuer upon request any money held by them for the payment of principal, premium, Additional Amounts or interest that remains unclaimed for two years; *provided, however*, that the Trustee or such Paying Agent, before being required to make any payment, may at the expense of the Issuer cause to be published once in an Authorized Newspaper or mail to each Holder entitled to such money notice that such money remains unclaimed and that after a date specified therein which shall be at least 30 days from the date of such publication or mailing any unclaimed balance of such money then remaining will be repaid to the Issuer. After payment to the Issuer, Holders entitled to such money must look to the Issuer for payment as general creditors unless an applicable law designates another Person.

*Section 8.07 Reinstatement.*

(a) If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or non-callable Government Obligations deposited in respect of Securities of or within a series in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be, by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, then the Issuer's and the Guarantor's obligations under this Indenture and such Securities and the related Securities Guarantees will be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 8.02 or 8.03 until such time as the Trustee or Paying Agent is permitted to apply all such money in accordance with Section 8.02 or 8.03, as the case may be; *provided, however*, that unless otherwise provided in the Board Resolution or indenture supplemental hereto pursuant to which such Securities shall have been issued, the principles set forth in Section 8.07(b) and 8.07(c) shall apply following such reinstatement; *provided further, however*, that if the Issuer makes any payment of principal of, premium or Additional Amounts, if any, or interest on any Security following the reinstatement of its obligations, the Issuer will be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.

(b) If reinstatement of the Issuer's and Guarantors' obligations under this Indenture, the Securities and the related Securities Guarantees shall occur as provided in Section 8.07(a), such reinstatement shall be deemed to have occurred as of the date of such deposit except that no Default will be deemed to have occurred solely by reason of a breach while any such obligation was suspended.

(c) Neither (1) the continued existence following the reinstatement of the foregoing obligations of facts and circumstances or obligations that were incurred or otherwise came into existence while the foregoing obligations were suspended nor (2) the performance of any such obligations, including the consummation of any transaction pursuant to, and on materially the same terms as, a contractual agreement in existence prior to the reinstatement of the foregoing obligations, shall constitute a breach of any such obligations or cause a Default or Event of Default in respect thereof; *provided, however*, that (A) the Company and its Subsidiaries did not incur or otherwise cause such facts and circumstances or obligations to exist in anticipation of the reinstatement of the foregoing obligations and (B) the Company and its Subsidiaries did not reasonably believe that such incurrence or actions would result in such reinstatement. For purposes of clauses (A) and (B) above, anticipation and reasonable belief may be determined by the Company and shall be conclusively evidenced by a Board Resolution to such effect adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company.

ARTICLE 9  
AMENDMENT, SUPPLEMENT AND WAIVER

*Section 9.01 Without Consent of Holders of Securities.*

Notwithstanding Section 9.02 of this Indenture, the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Securities Guarantees or the Securities without the consent of any Holder of a Security:

- (1) to cure any ambiguity, defect or inconsistency;
- (2) to provide for uncertificated Securities in addition to or in place of certificated Securities;
- (3) to provide for the assumption of the Issuer's obligations to Holders of Securities in the case of a merger or consolidation of the Issuer, or sale of all or substantially all assets of the Issuer and its Subsidiaries taken as a whole;
- (4) to add to the covenants of the Issuer for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such covenants are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such covenants are expressly being included solely for the benefit of that series) or to surrender any right or power herein conferred upon the Issuer;

(5) to add any additional Events of Default for the benefit of the Holders of all or any series of Securities (and if such Events of Default are to be for the benefit of less than all series of Securities, stating that such Events of Default are expressly being included solely for the benefit of that series); *provided, however*, that in respect of any such additional Events of Default such supplemental indenture may provide for a particular period of grace after default (which period may be shorter or longer than that allowed in the case of other defaults) or may provide for an immediate enforcement upon such default or may limit the remedies available to the Trustee upon such default or may limit the right of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of that or those series of Securities to which such additional Events of Default apply to waive such default;

(6) to add to, change or eliminate any of the provisions of this Indenture, *provided* that any such addition, change or elimination not otherwise permitted under this Indenture shall (i) neither apply to any Securities of any series created prior to the execution of such amendment or supplement and entitled to the benefit of such provision nor modify the rights of the Holders of any such Security with respect to the benefit of such provision or (ii) become effective only when there is no such Security outstanding;

(7) to establish the form or terms of Securities of any series as permitted by Sections 2.01 and 2.02, including the provisions and procedures relating to Securities convertible into the Company Common Stock;

(8) to evidence and provide for the acceptance of appointment hereunder by a successor Trustee with respect to the Securities of one or more series and to add to or change any of the provisions of this Indenture as shall be necessary to provide for or facilitate the administration of the trusts hereunder by more than one Trustee;

(9) subject to compliance with any applicable conditions set forth in Article 5, to evidence the succession of another entity to the Company or any Guarantor and the assumption by the successor of the covenants of the Company or such Guarantor contained in this Indenture;

(10) to supplement any of the provisions of this Indenture to such extent as shall be necessary to permit or facilitate the defeasance and discharge of any series of Securities pursuant to Sections 8.02, 8.03 and 11.01, provided that any such action shall not adversely affect the interests of the Holders of Securities of that series or any other series of Securities in any material respect;

(11) to add additional Securities Guarantees with respect to the Securities, or to release any Securities Guarantees with respect to any Securities in accordance with this Indenture (including pursuant to Section 10.04);

(12) to secure the Securities;

(13) to make any other change that would provide any additional rights or benefits to the Holders of Securities or that does not adversely affect the legal rights under this Indenture of any such Holder in any material respect;

(14) to make any change to conform this Indenture (including any indenture supplemental hereto), the Securities of any series or the Subsidiary Guarantees to the “Description of the Notes” or “Description of the Debt Securities” (as applicable) section of the Prospectus of the Issuer relating to this Indenture or to the prospectus supplement or other like offering document of the Issuer relating to the Securities of any series;

(15) to comply with requirements of the SEC in order to effect of maintain the qualification of this Indenture under the TIA;

(16) to comply with the Applicable Procedures of the Depository; or

(17) to provide for the issuance of additional Securities as permitted by the Indenture.

*provided, however,* that the Issuer has delivered to the Trustee an Opinion of Counsel and an Officers’ Certificate, each stating that such amendment or supplement complies with the provisions of this Section 9.01.

*Section 9.02 With Consent of Holders of Securities.*

Except as provided below in this Section 9.02, the Issuer, the Guarantors and the Trustee may amend or supplement this Indenture, the Securities Guarantees and the Securities with the consent of the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities affected by such amendment or supplemental indenture voting as a single class (including, without limitation, consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Securities), and, subject to Sections 6.04 and 6.07, any existing Default or Event of Default (other than a Default or Event of Default in the payment of the principal of, premium or Additional Amounts, if any, or interest on the Securities, except a payment default resulting from an acceleration that has been rescinded) or compliance with any provision of this Indenture, the Securities Guarantees or the Securities may be waived generally or in a particular instance with the consent of the Holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities affected thereby voting as a single class (including consents obtained in connection with a tender offer or exchange offer for, or purchase of, the Securities).

However, without the consent of the Holder of each Outstanding Security affected thereby, an amendment or waiver under this Section 9.02 may not (with respect to any Securities held by a non-consenting Holder):

(1) reduce the principal amount of Securities of any series whose Holders must consent to an amendment, supplement or waiver;

(2) reduce the principal amount, or change the fixed maturity, of any Security of a series, reduce the rate of, or change the time for payment of, interest or any premium on any Securities of a series or alter the provisions in Article 3 with respect to redemption of the Securities (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, the number of days before a Redemption Date that a notice of redemption may be mailed to the Holders, which may be amended with the written consent of the Holders of at least a majority in principal amount of the then Outstanding Securities of such series);



- (3) reduce the amount of principal of an Original Issue Discount Security that would be due and payable upon declaration of acceleration of its maturity;
- (4) waive a Default or Event of Default in the payment of principal of, or interest or premium, or Additional Amounts, if any, on the Securities of any series (except a rescission of acceleration of the Securities by the Holders of at least a majority in aggregate principal amount of the Securities of that series then Outstanding and a waiver of the payment Default that resulted from such acceleration);
- (5) make any Security payable in a currency or currencies or currency unit or currency units other than that stated in the Securities;
- (6) make any change in Section 6.04 or 6.07 relating to waivers of past Defaults or the rights of Holders of Securities to receive payments of principal of, or interest or premium or Additional Amounts, if any, on the Securities;
- (7) impair the rights of Holders to convert their Securities, if convertible, upon the terms established pursuant to or in accordance with the provisions of this Indenture;
- (8) release any Guarantor from any of its obligations under its Securities Guarantee or this Indenture, except in accordance with the terms of this Indenture;
- (9) waive a redemption payment with respect to any Security of a series; or
- (10) make any change in the amendment and waiver provisions set forth in clauses (1) through (9) of this Section 9.02.

Section 9.02 shall determine which Securities are considered to be “*Outstanding*” for purposes of this Section 9.02.

An indenture supplemental hereto which changes or eliminates any covenant or other provision of this Indenture which has expressly been included solely for the benefit of Holders of one or more particular series of Securities, or which modifies the rights of the Holders of Securities of that series with respect to such covenant or other provision, shall be deemed not to affect the rights under this Indenture of the Holders of Securities of any other series.

It is not necessary for the consent of the Holders of Securities under this Section 9.02 to approve the particular form of any proposed amendment or waiver, but it is sufficient if such consent approves the substance thereof.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver under this Section 9.02 becomes effective, the Issuer will mail to the Holders of Securities affected thereby a notice briefly describing the amendment, supplement or waiver. Any failure of the Issuer to mail such notice, or any defect therein, will not, however, in any way impair or affect the validity of any such amended or supplemental indenture or waiver.

A consent to any amendment, supplement or waiver under this Indenture by any Holder given in connection with an exchange (in the case of an exchange offer) or a tender (in the case of a tender offer) of such Holder's Securities will not be rendered invalid by such exchange or tender.

*Section 9.03 Compliance with Trust Indenture Act.*

Every amendment or supplement to this Indenture or the Securities will be set forth in an amended or supplemental indenture that complies with the TIA as then in effect.

*Section 9.04 Revocation and Effect of Consents.*

Until an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, a consent to it by a Holder of a Security is a continuing consent by the Holder of a Security and every subsequent Holder of a Security or portion of a Security that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security, even if notation of the consent is not made on any Security. However, any such Holder of a Security or subsequent Holder of a Security may revoke the consent as to its Security if the Trustee or the Issuer receives written notice of revocation before the date on which the Trustee receives an Officers' Certificate certifying that the Holders of the requisite principal amount of the applicable series of Securities have consented (and not theretofore revoked such consent) to the amendment, supplement or waiver. An amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective in accordance with its terms.

After an amendment, supplement or waiver becomes effective, it shall bind every Holder, unless it makes a change described in any of clauses (1) through (8) of Section 9.02(b), in which case, the amendment, supplement or waiver shall bind only each Holder of the applicable Security who has consented to it and every subsequent Holder of such Security (or a portion thereof) that evidences the same debt as the consenting Holder's Security; *provided, however*, that any such waiver shall not impair or affect the right of any Holder to receive payment of principal of, and interest on, such Security, on or after the respective due dates therefor, or to bring suit for the enforcement of any such payment on or after such respective dates without the consent of such Holder.

*Section 9.05 Notation on or Exchange of Securities.*

The Trustee may place an appropriate notation about an amendment, supplement or waiver on any Outstanding Security thereafter authenticated. The Issuer in exchange for all Outstanding Securities of a series may issue and the Trustee shall, upon receipt of an Authentication Order, authenticate new Securities of that series that reflect the amendment, supplement or waiver.

Failure to make the appropriate notation or issue a new Security of that series will not affect the validity and effect of such amendment, supplement or waiver.

*Section 9.06 Trustee to Sign Amendments, etc.*

Upon the request of the Issuer accompanied by Board Resolutions authorizing the execution of any amended or supplemental indenture, and upon the filing with the Trustee of evidence satisfactory to the Trustee of the consent of the Holders of Securities as aforesaid, and upon receipt by the Trustee of the documents described in Section 7.02, the Trustee will join with the Issuer in the execution of an amended or supplemental indenture unless such amended or supplemental indenture directly affects the Trustee's own rights, duties, liabilities or immunities under this Indenture or otherwise, in which case the Trustee may in its discretion, but will not be obligated to, enter into such amended or supplemental indenture. In executing any amended or supplemental indenture, the Trustee will be entitled to receive and (subject to Section 7.01) will be fully protected in relying upon, in addition to the documents required by Section 12.04, an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel stating that the execution of such amended or supplemental indenture is authorized or permitted by this Indenture.

ARTICLE 10  
SECURITIES GUARANTEES

*Section 10.01 Applicability of Article; Securities Guarantee.*

(a) If the Issuer elects to issue any series of Securities with the benefit of Securities Guarantees as contemplated by Section 2.02, then the provisions of this Article 10 (with such modifications thereto as may be specified pursuant to Section 2.02 with respect to any series of Securities), will be applicable to such Securities. Each reference in this Article 10 to a "Security" or "the Securities" refers to the Securities of the particular series as to which provision has been made for such Securities Guarantees. If more than one series of Securities as to which such provision has been made are Outstanding at any time, the provisions of this Article 10 shall be applied separately to each such series.

(b) Subject to this Article 10, each of the Guarantors, jointly and severally, fully and unconditionally guarantees to each Holder of a Security of any series issued with the benefit of Securities Guarantees authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and to the Trustee and its successors and assigns, irrespective of the validity and enforceability of this Indenture, such Security or the obligations of the Issuer hereunder or thereunder, that:

(1) the principal of, premium and Additional Amounts, if any, and interest on such Security will be promptly paid in full when due, whether at maturity, by acceleration, redemption or otherwise, and interest on the overdue principal of and interest on such Security, if any, if lawful, and all other obligations of the Issuer to the Holders or the Trustee hereunder or thereunder will be promptly paid in full or performed, all in accordance with the terms hereof and thereof; and

(2) in case of any extension of time of payment or renewal of any Securities of that series or any of such other obligations, that same will be promptly paid in full when due or performed in accordance with the terms of the extension or renewal, whether at stated maturity, by acceleration or otherwise.

Failing payment when due of any amount so guaranteed or any performance so guaranteed for whatever reason, the Guarantors will be jointly and severally obligated to pay the same immediately. Each Guarantor agrees that this is a guarantee of payment and not a guarantee of collection.

(c) The Guarantors hereby agree that their obligations hereunder are unconditional, irrespective of the validity, regularity or enforceability of the Securities of any series issued with the benefit of Securities Guarantees or this Indenture, the absence of any action to enforce the same, any waiver or consent by any Holder of the Securities of that series with respect to any provisions hereof or thereof, the recovery of any judgment against the Issuer, any action to enforce the same or any other circumstance which might otherwise constitute a legal or equitable discharge or defense of a guarantor, other than payment in full of all obligations under the Securities of that series. Each Guarantor in respect of a series of Securities hereby waives diligence, presentment, demand of payment, filing of claims with a court in the event of insolvency or bankruptcy of the Issuer in respect of that series, any right to require a proceeding first against the Issuer, protest, notice and all demands whatsoever and covenant that this Securities Guarantee will not be discharged except by complete performance of the obligations contained in such Securities and this Indenture.

(d) If any Holder or the Trustee is required by any court or otherwise to return to the Issuer, the Guarantors or any custodian, trustee, liquidator or other similar official acting in relation to either the Issuer or the Guarantors, any amount paid by either to the Trustee or such Holder, this Securities Guarantee, to the extent theretofore discharged, will be reinstated in full force and effect.

(e) Each Guarantor agrees that it will not be entitled to any right of subrogation in relation to the Holders in respect of any obligations guaranteed hereby until payment in full of all obligations guaranteed hereby. Each Guarantor further agrees that, as between the Guarantors, on the one hand, and the Holders and the Trustee, on the other hand, (1) the maturity of the obligations guaranteed hereby may be accelerated as provided in [Article 6](#) for the purposes of its Securities Guarantee notwithstanding any stay, injunction or other prohibition preventing such acceleration in respect of the obligations guaranteed hereby, and (2) in the event of any declaration of acceleration of such obligations as provided in [Article 6](#), such obligations (whether or not due and payable) will forthwith become due and payable by such Guarantor for the purpose of its Securities Guarantee. The Guarantors will have the right to seek contribution from any non-paying Guarantor so long as the exercise of such right does not impair the rights of the Holders under the Securities Guarantee.

*Section 10.02 Limitation on Guarantor Liability.*

Each Guarantor, and by its acceptance of Securities of any series issued with the benefit of Securities Guarantees, each Holder, hereby confirms that it is the intention of all such parties that the Securities Guarantee of such Guarantor not constitute a fraudulent transfer or conveyance for purposes of Bankruptcy Law, the Uniform Fraudulent Conveyance Act, the Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act or any similar federal or state law to the extent applicable to any Securities Guarantee. To effectuate the foregoing intention, the Trustee, the Holders and the Guarantors hereby irrevocably agree that the obligations of each such Guarantor will, after giving effect to any maximum amount and all other contingent and fixed liabilities of such Guarantor that are relevant under such laws, and after giving effect to any collections from, rights to receive contribution from or payments made by or on behalf of any other Guarantor in respect of the obligations of such other Guarantor under this [Article 10](#), result in the obligations of such Guarantor under its Securities Guarantee not constituting a fraudulent transfer or conveyance. Each Guarantor that makes a payment for distribution under any Securities Guarantee is entitled to a contribution from each other Guarantor with respect to the Securities that are guaranteed by such Securities Guarantee, in a *pro rata* amount based on the adjusted net assets of each Guarantor of such Securities.

*Section 10.03 Execution and Delivery of Securities Guarantee.*

To evidence its Securities Guarantee set forth in Section 10.01 in respect of Securities of a series issued with the benefit of Securities Guarantees, each Guarantor hereby agrees that a notation of such Securities Guarantee substantially in the form as shall be established in one or more indentures supplemental hereto or approved from time to time pursuant to Board Resolutions in accordance with Section 2.02, will be endorsed by an Officer of such Guarantor on each Security of that series authenticated and delivered by the Trustee and that this Indenture will be executed on behalf of such Guarantor by one of its Officers.

Each Guarantor hereby agrees that its Securities Guarantee set forth in Section 10.01 will remain in full force and effect notwithstanding any failure to endorse on each Security of that series a notation of such Securities Guarantee.

If an Officer whose signature is on this Indenture or on the Securities Guarantee no longer holds that office at the time the Trustee authenticates the Security of that series on which a Securities Guarantee is endorsed, such Securities Guarantee will be valid nevertheless.

The delivery of any Security of a series issued with the benefit of Securities Guarantees by the Trustee, after the authentication thereof hereunder, will constitute due delivery of the Securities Guarantee set forth in this Indenture on behalf of the Guarantors.

*Section 10.04 Release of a Guarantor.*

A Guarantor shall be automatically and unconditionally released from its obligations under its Securities Guarantee and its obligations under this Indenture with respect to the series of Securities subject to such Securities Guarantee:

(1) upon any sale, exchange or transfer to a Person not an Affiliate of the Company of all of the Capital Stock held by the Company and its Subsidiaries in, or all or substantially all of the assets of, such Guarantor;

(2) upon the liquidation or dissolution of such Guarantor; provided that no Default or Event of Default shall occur as

a result thereof;

(3) if the Issuer exercises its Legal Defeasance option under Section 8.02 or, to the extent provided therein, its Covenant Defeasance option under Section 8.03, or if the Issuer's obligations under this Indenture with respect to the series of Securities entitled to such Securities Guarantee are discharged in accordance with Article 11; or

(4) under any other circumstances in which such a release is provided for in an indenture supplemental to this Indenture, entered into in connection with a particular series of Securities;

*provided, however*, that in the case of clauses (1) and (2) above, (x) such sale or other disposition is made to a Person other than the Company or any of its Subsidiaries and (y) such sale or disposition is not otherwise prohibited by this Indenture. Upon any such occurrence specified in this Section 10.04, at the Issuer's request, and upon delivery to the Trustee of an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel, each stating that all conditions precedent under the Indenture relating to such release have been complied with, the Trustee shall execute any documents reasonably requested by the Issuer evidencing such release. A Person that has been released pursuant to this Section 10.04 shall cease to be a Guarantor for all purposes under this Indenture from and after the date of such release unless and until such Person again becomes a Guarantor pursuant to the terms of this Indenture.

Nothing contained in this Indenture or in any of the Securities shall prevent any consolidation or merger of a Guarantor with or into the Company or (if different) the Issuer (in which case such Guarantor shall no longer be a Guarantor) or another Guarantor or shall prevent any sale or conveyance of the property of a Guarantor as an entirety or substantially as an entirety to the Company, the Issuer (if different) or another Guarantor.

#### ARTICLE 11 SATISFACTION AND DISCHARGE

##### *Section 11.01 Satisfaction and Discharge.*

This Indenture will be discharged and will cease to be of further effect as to any series of Securities issued hereunder (except as to any surviving rights of registration of transfer or exchange of Securities of that series herein expressly provided for and the right to receive Additional Amounts), when:

(1) either:

(A) all Securities of that series that have been authenticated (except lost, stolen or destroyed Securities that have been replaced or paid and Securities for whose payment money has theretofore been deposited in trust and thereafter repaid to the Issuer) have been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation; or

(B) all Securities of that series that have not been delivered to the Trustee for cancellation (i) have become due and payable or (ii) will become due and payable within one year, or are to be called for redemption within one year, under arrangements reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee for the giving of notice of redemption by the Trustee in the name, and at the expense, of the Issuer, and the Issuer or any Guarantor has irrevocably deposited or caused to be deposited with the Trustee for Securities of that series as trust funds in trust solely for the benefit of the Holders, money in such currency or currencies, or currency unit or currency units, in which such Securities are then specified as payable at maturity, non-callable Government Obligations applicable to such Securities (determined on the basis of the currency or currencies, or currency unit or currency units, in which such Securities are then specified as payable at maturity), or a combination thereof, in such amounts as will be sufficient without consideration of any reinvestment of interest, to pay and discharge the entire indebtedness on such Securities not delivered to the Trustee for cancellation for principal, premium and Additional Amounts, if any, and accrued interest to (but not including) the date of maturity or redemption, as the case may be; provided that with respect to any redemption that requires the payment of the Applicable Premium (as defined in the form of Security contained in the supplemental indenture pursuant to which such series of Securities was issued, or in such supplemental indenture), the amount deposited shall be sufficient for purposes of this paragraph to the extent that an amount is deposited with the Trustee equal to the Applicable Premium calculated as of the date of the notice of redemption, with any deficit as of the applicable Redemption Date only required to be deposited with the Trustee on or prior to the such Redemption Date;

(2) the Issuer or any Guarantor has paid or caused to be paid all sums payable by it under this Indenture with respect to the Securities of that series;

(3) the Issuer has delivered irrevocable instructions to the Trustee for Securities of that series, to apply the money on deposit in the trust referred to in subclause (B) of clause (1) above toward the payment of such Securities at maturity or on the Redemption Date, as the case may be; and

(4) the Issuer has delivered an Officers' Certificate and an Opinion of Counsel to the Trustee for Securities of that series stating that all conditions precedent to satisfaction and discharge have been satisfied.

Notwithstanding the satisfaction and discharge of this Indenture in respect of Securities of a series, if money has been deposited with the Trustee pursuant to subclause (B) of clause (1) of this Section, the provisions of Sections 2.05, 2.07, 2.08, 2.09, 4.01, 4.02, 4.06 (as to legal existence of the Issuer only), 7.07, 8.05, 8.06, 8.07 and 11.02 shall survive until the Securities of such series are no longer outstanding pursuant to clause (4) of Section 2.09. After such Securities are no longer outstanding by virtue of Section 2.09(4), the Issuer's obligations in Sections 7.07, 8.05, 8.06 and 8.07 with respect to such Securities shall survive.

After such delivery or irrevocable deposit, the Trustee upon request shall acknowledge in writing the discharge of the Issuer's obligations under such Securities, this Indenture and the supplemental indenture pursuant to which such Securities were issued, except for those surviving obligations specified above.

*Section 11.02 Application of Trust Money.*

The Trustee or Paying Agent shall hold in trust any money and Government Obligations deposited with it pursuant to this Article 11, and shall apply the deposited money and the money from Government Obligations in accordance with this Indenture to the payment of the principal of, the premium and Additional Amounts (if applicable) and the interest on, the Securities for whose payment such money or Governmental Obligations have been deposited with the Trustee. The Trustee shall be under no obligation to invest said money or proceeds of such Government Obligations, except as it may agree with the Issuer.

The Issuer shall pay and indemnify the Trustee against any tax, fee or other charge imposed on or assessed against the money and Government Obligations deposited pursuant to Section 11.01 or the principal and interest received in respect thereof, other than any such tax, fee or other charge which by law is for the account of the Holders of the Outstanding Securities for whose payment such money or Governmental Obligations have been deposited with the Trustee.

Anything in this Article 11 to the contrary notwithstanding and subject to the provisions of Section 8.06, the Trustee shall deliver or pay to the Issuer from time to time upon the Issuer's request any money and Government Obligations held by it as provided in this Article 11 which, in the opinion of a nationally recognized firm of independent public accountants expressed in a written certification thereof delivered to the Trustee, are in excess of the amount thereof that would then be required to be deposited to effect an equivalent Legal Defeasance, Covenant Defeasance or satisfaction and discharge.

*Section 11.03 Reinstatement*

If the Trustee or Paying Agent is unable to apply any money or any proceeds of Government Obligations in accordance with Section 11.01 in respect of any Securities by reason of any legal proceeding or by reason of any order or judgment of any court or governmental authority enjoining, restraining or otherwise prohibiting such application, the Issuer's and any Guarantor's obligations under this Indenture and such Securities shall be revived and reinstated as though no deposit had occurred pursuant to Section 11.01 and the provisions of shall apply to the extent provided therein; *provided* that if the Issuer has made any payment of interest on, or principal of, any Securities because of the reinstatement of its obligations, the Issuer shall be subrogated to the rights of the Holders of such Securities to receive such payment from the money and Government Obligations held by the Trustee or Paying Agent.



ARTICLE 12  
MISCELLANEOUS

*Section 12.01 Trust Indenture Act Controls.*

If any provision of this Indenture limits, qualifies or conflicts with the duties imposed by Section 318(c) of the TIA, the imposed duties will control.

*Section 12.02 Notices.*

Any notice or communication by the Issuer, any Guarantor or the Trustee to the others is duly given if in writing in the English language and either signed manually or by way of a digital signature provided by DocuSign, or such other digital signature provider as specified in writing to the Trustee by an Officer of the Issuer, and delivered in Person or mailed by first class mail (registered or certified, return receipt requested), facsimile or overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery, to the others' address below. Additionally, any notice or communication by the Issuer or any Guarantor to the Trustee is duly given if in writing in the English language and either signed manually or by way of a digital signature provided by DocuSign, or such other digital signature provider, as specified in writing to the Trustee by an Officer of the Issuer, and delivered electronically in PDF format to an email address specified by the Trustee:

If to the Issuer and/or any Guarantor:

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.  
303 International Circle  
Suite 200  
Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030  
Attention: Chief Financial Officer

With a copy to:

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP  
One Atlantic Center, Fourteenth Floor  
1201 W. Peachtree St. NW  
Atlanta, Georgia 30309  
Facsimile: (404) 572- 6999  
Attention: Eliot W. Robinson

If to the Trustee:

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association  
2 Concourse Parkway NE  
Suite 800  
Atlanta, Georgia 30328  
Attention: Corporate Trust Department  
Facsimile: (404) 898-2467  
Email: greg.jackson@usbank.com

The Issuer, any Guarantor or the Trustee, by notice to the others may designate additional or different addresses for subsequent notices or communications.

All notices and communications (other than those sent to Holders) will be deemed to have been duly given: at the time delivered by hand, if personally delivered; five Business Days after being deposited in the mail, postage prepaid, if mailed; when receipt acknowledged, if facsimiled; and the next Business Day after timely delivery to the courier, if sent by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery.

Any notice or communication to a Holder will be mailed by first class mail, certified or registered, return receipt requested, or by overnight air courier guaranteeing next day delivery to its address shown on the register kept by the Registrar. Any notice or communication will also be so mailed to any Person described in Section 313(c) of the TIA, to the extent required by the TIA. Failure to mail a notice or communication to a Holder or any defect in it will not affect its sufficiency with respect to other Holders. The Issuer agrees to assume all risks arising out of the use of digital signatures and electronic methods to submit communications to the Trustee, including without limitation the risk of the Trustee acting on unauthorized instructions, and the risk of interception and misuse by third parties.

If a notice or communication is mailed in the manner provided above within the time prescribed, it is duly given, whether or not the addressee receives it.

If the Issuer mails a notice or communication to Holders, it will mail a copy to the Trustee and each Agent at the same time.

*Section 12.03 Communication by Holders of Securities with Other Holders of Securities.*

Holders may communicate pursuant to Section 312(b) of the TIA with other Holders with respect to their rights under this Indenture or the Securities. The Issuer, the Trustee, the Registrar and anyone else shall have the protection of Section 312(c) of the TIA.

*Section 12.04 Certificate and Opinion as to Conditions Precedent.*

Upon any request or application by the Issuer to the Trustee to take any action under this Indenture, the Issuer shall furnish to the Trustee:

(1) an Officers' Certificate in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which must include the statements set forth in Section 12.05) stating that, in the opinion of the signers, all conditions precedent and covenants, if any, provided for in this Indenture relating to the proposed action have been satisfied; and

(2) an Opinion of Counsel in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Trustee (which must include the statements set forth in Section 12.05) stating that, in the opinion of such counsel, all such conditions precedent and covenants have been satisfied.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of any such request or application as to which the furnishing of such documents is specifically required by any provision of this Indenture relating to such particular request or application, no additional certificate or opinion need be furnished unless specifically required.

*Section 12.05 Statements Required in Certificate or Opinion.*

Each certificate or opinion with respect to compliance with a condition or covenant provided for in this Indenture (other than a certificate provided pursuant to Section 314(a)(4) of the TIA) must comply with the provisions of Section 314(e) of the TIA and must include:

- (1) a statement that the Person making such certificate or opinion has read such covenant or condition;
- (2) a brief statement as to the nature and scope of the examination or investigation upon which the statements or opinions contained in such certificate or opinion are based;
- (3) a statement that, in the opinion of such Person, he or she has made such examination or investigation as is necessary to enable him or her to express an informed opinion as to whether or not such covenant or condition has been satisfied; and
- (4) a statement as to whether or not, in the opinion of such Person, such condition or covenant has been complied with or satisfied.

*Section 12.06 Rules by Trustee and Agents.*

The Trustee may make reasonable rules for action by or at a meeting of Holders. The Registrar or Paying Agent may make reasonable rules and set reasonable requirements for its functions.

*Section 12.07 No Personal Liability of Directors, Officers, Employees and Stockholders.*

No director, officer, incorporator, stockholder, employee, member, manager or controlling person of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries, as such, will have any liability for any obligations of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries under the Securities or this Indenture based on, in respect of, or by reason of such obligations or their creation. Each holder by accepting a Security waives and releases all such liability. The foregoing waiver and release are an integral part of the consideration for the issuance of the Securities.

*Section 12.08 Governing Law.*

**THIS INDENTURE, THE SECURITIES AND THE SECURITIES GUARANTEES WILL BE GOVERNED BY AND CONSTRUED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK.**

*Section 12.09 No Adverse Interpretation of Other Agreements.*

This Indenture may not be used to interpret any other indenture, loan or debt agreement of the Issuer or its Subsidiaries or of any other Person. Any such indenture, loan or debt agreement may not be used to interpret this Indenture.

*Section 12.10 Successors.*

All agreements of the Issuer in this Indenture and the Securities will bind its successors. All agreements of the Trustee in this Indenture will bind its successors. All agreements of each Guarantor in this Indenture will bind its successors, except as otherwise provided in [Article 10](#) and any applicable indentures supplemental hereto.

*Section 12.11 Severability.*

To the extent permitted by applicable law, in case any one or more of the provisions in this Indenture, in the Securities or in the Securities Guarantees shall be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, in any respect for any reason, the validity, legality and enforceability of any such provision in every other respect and of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby, it being intended that all of the provisions hereof shall be enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

*Section 12.12 Counterpart Originals.*

The parties may sign any number of copies of this Indenture. Each signed copy will be an original, but all of them together represent the same agreement.

*Section 12.13 Table of Contents, Headings, etc.*

The Table of Contents, Cross-Reference Table and Headings of the Articles and Sections of this Indenture have been inserted for convenience of reference only, are not to be considered a part of this Indenture and will in no way modify or restrict any of the terms or provisions hereof.

*Section 12.14 Benefits of Indenture.*

Nothing in this Indenture, the Securities or the Securities Guarantees, express or implied, shall give to any Person, other than the parties hereto and their successors hereunder and the Holders, any benefit or an legal or equitable right, remedy or claim under this Indenture.

*Section 12.15 Legal Holidays.*

In any case where any Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date, purchase date or stated maturity of any Security shall not be a Business Day at any Place of Payment, then (notwithstanding any other provision of this Indenture or of such Security (other than a provision of such Security which specifically states that such provision shall apply in lieu of this Section)) payment of interest or principal (and premium, if any) need not be made at such Place of Payment on such date, but may be made on the next succeeding Business Day at such Place of Payment with the same force and effect as if made on the Interest Payment Date, Redemption Date or purchase date, or at the stated maturity.

*Section 12.16 Acts of Holders.*

(a) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other action provided by this Indenture to be given or taken by Holders of the Outstanding Securities of all series or one or more series, as the case may be, may be embodied in and evidenced by one or more instruments of substantially similar tenor signed by such Holders in person or by agents duly appointed in writing. Except as herein otherwise expressly provided, such action shall become effective when such instrument or instruments are delivered to the Trustee and, where it is hereby expressly required, to the Issuer. Such instrument or instruments (and the action embodied therein and evidenced thereby) are herein sometimes referred to as the “*act*” of the Holders signing such instrument or instruments. Proof of execution of any such instrument or of a writing appointing any such agent, or of the holding by any Person of a Security, shall be sufficient for any purpose of this Indenture and conclusive in favor of the Trustee and the Issuer and any agent of the Trustee or the Issuer, if made in the manner provided in this Section.

(b) The fact and date of the execution of any such instrument or writing, or the authority of the Person executing the same, may be proved in any reasonable manner which the Trustee deems sufficient.

(c) The ownership of Securities shall be proved by the register maintained by the Registrar.

(d) If the Issuer shall solicit from the Holders of Securities any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other act, the Issuer may, at its or their option, in or pursuant to a Board Resolution, fix in advance a record date for the determination of Holders entitled to give such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other act, but the Issuer shall have no obligation to do so. Notwithstanding Section 316(c) of the TIA, such record date shall be the record date specified in or pursuant to such Board Resolution, which shall be a date not earlier than the date 30 days prior to the first solicitation of Holders generally in connection therewith and not later than the date such solicitation is completed. If such a record date is fixed, such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other act may be given before or after such record date, but only the Holders of record at the close of business on such record date shall be deemed to be Holders for the purpose of determining whether Holders of the requisite proportion of Outstanding Securities have authorized or agreed or consented to such request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other act, and for that purpose the Outstanding Securities shall be computed as of such record date; provided that no such authorization, agreement or consent by the Holders on such record date shall be deemed effective unless it shall become effective pursuant to the provisions of this Indenture not later than eleven months after the record date.

(e) Any request, demand, authorization, direction, notice, consent, waiver or other act of the Holder of any Security shall bind every future Holder of the same Security and the Holder of every Security issued upon the registration of transfer thereof or in exchange therefor or in lieu thereof in respect of anything done, omitted or suffered to be done by the Trustee, any Registrar, any Paying Agent, any authenticating agent or the Issuer in reliance thereon, whether or not notation of such action is made upon such Security.

[Signatures on following page]

SIGNATURES

Dated as of \_\_\_\_\_

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: Robert O. Stephenson  
Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary

TRUSTEE:  
U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name:  
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September 27, 2024

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RE: Registration Statement on Form S-3

We have acted as counsel to (a) Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), and (b) OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Registrant Guarantor"), in connection with a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "Registration Statement"), being filed by the Company and the Registrant Guarantor with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Act"), relating to (i) shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.10 per share ("Common Stock"); (ii) shares of preferred stock of the Company, par value \$1.00 per share ("Preferred Stock"); (iii) debt securities of the Company (the "Debt Securities"), which are to be issued under an indenture to be entered into among the Company, as issuer, the Registrant Guarantor, as guarantor, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (the "Trustee"), a form of which is included as an exhibit to the Registration Statement (the "Base Indenture"), and one or more board resolutions, supplemental indentures or officers' certificates of the Company thereunder (the Base Indenture, together with the applicable board resolutions, supplemental indenture or officers' certificate pertaining to the applicable series of Debt Securities, the "Applicable Indenture"); and (iv) guarantees of the Debt Securities by the Registrant Guarantor (the "Guarantees," and together with the Preferred Stock, the Common Stock and the Debt Securities, the "Securities"). An indeterminate amount of the Securities may be offered at indeterminate prices from time to time by the Company as set forth in the Registration Statement, any amendment thereto, the prospectus contained therein (the "Prospectus") and supplements to the Prospectus (the "Prospectus Supplements") filed pursuant to Rule 415 under the Act.

The Debt Securities and the Guarantees will be issued under an Applicable Indenture to be entered into among the Company, the Registrant Guarantor and the Trustee. The Applicable Indenture together with the Registration Statement (including all exhibits thereto), the Prospectus, the Prospectus Supplements, the Debt Securities and the Guarantees are collectively referred to as the "Transaction Documents."

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In connection herewith, we have examined and relied without investigation, as to matters of fact, upon the Registration Statement and the exhibits thereto and such certificates, statements and results of inquiries of public officials and officers and representatives of the Company and the Registrant Guarantor and originals or copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of such other documents, corporate or limited partnership records (as applicable), certificates and instruments as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to enable us to render the opinions expressed herein. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures on all documents examined by us, the legal competence and capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of documents submitted to us as originals, and the conformity with authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies or by facsimile or other means of electronic transmission, or which we obtained from the Commission's Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system ("EDGAR") or other sites maintained by a court or governmental authority or regulatory body and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. If any document we examined in printed, word processed or similar form has been filed with the Commission on EDGAR or such court or governmental authority or regulatory body, we have assumed that the document so filed is identical to the document we examined except for formatting changes. When relevant facts were not independently established, we have relied without independent investigation as to matters of fact upon statements of governmental officials and upon representations made in or pursuant to certificates and statements of appropriate representatives of the Company and the Registrant Guarantor.

We also have assumed that (i) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Debt Securities, and at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees, the Base Indenture and any applicable supplemental indenture will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Trustee, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms, and (ii) the Base Indenture and any applicable supplemental indenture will be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

We have assumed further that (i) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of any of the Debt Securities, the Applicable Indenture, the Registration Statement, the Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplements will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company or the Trustee and at the time of issuance and sale of any of the Debt Securities, the terms of such Debt Securities, and their issuance and sale, will have been established so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company, and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company and (ii) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of any Guarantee offered by the Registrant Guarantor, the Guarantee will have been duly authorized, executed and delivered by the Registrant Guarantor and will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Registrant Guarantor and at the time of issuance and sale of any Guarantee by the Registrant Guarantor, the terms of the Guarantee, and its issuance and sale, will have been established so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Registrant Guarantor, and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Registrant Guarantor.

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We have further assumed, with your permission, that (i) the Company has been duly organized and is validly existing in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland, (ii) the execution and delivery by the Company of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party and the performance by it of its obligations thereunder are within its corporate power and have been duly authorized by all necessary corporate action on its part, (iii) each of the Transaction Documents to which the Company is a party have been duly executed and delivered by the Company and (iv) the execution and delivery by the Company of the Transaction Documents to which it is a party and the performance by it of its obligations thereunder do not result in any violation by it of the provisions of its organizational documents. We understand that you are receiving an opinion letter, dated the date hereof, from Shapiro Sher Guinot & Sandler, P.A. (the "Maryland Counsel Opinion"), as to the due incorporation of the Company and the authorization of the Debt Securities, Common Stock and the Preferred Stock and other matters addressed under the laws of the State of Maryland, and that such opinion letter is being filed as exhibit to the Registration Statement. With your permission we have assumed the correctness of the conclusions set forth in the Maryland Counsel Opinion and express no opinion herein with regard thereto. Our opinion with respect to the Company is subject to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth in the Maryland Counsel Opinion.

Based upon the foregoing, and in reliance thereon, and subject to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth herein and the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the Act, we are of the opinion that:

1. With respect to the Debt Securities, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance, execution and terms of any Debt Securities, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters by the Board of Directors of the Company, a duly constituted and acting committee of such board or duly authorized officers of the Company (such Board of Directors, committee or authorized officers being referred to herein as the "Board") and (b) due execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of such Debt Securities, upon payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Transaction Documents, such Debt Securities will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company, enforceable against the Company in accordance with their terms.
2. With respect to the Guarantees, assuming the (a) taking of all necessary limited partnership action to authorize and approve the issuance, execution and terms of the Guarantees, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) due execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantees upon payment of the consideration therefor provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Registrant Guarantor's general partner, and otherwise in accordance with the provisions of the Transaction Documents, such Guarantees will constitute valid and binding obligations of the Registrant Guarantor, enforceable against the Registrant Guarantor in accordance with their terms.

In addition to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth above, the opinions set forth herein are further limited by, subject to and based upon the following assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions:

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(a) Our opinions set forth herein reflect only the application of (i) applicable laws of the State of New York (excluding, without limitation, (A) all laws, rules and regulations of cities, counties and other political subdivisions of the State of New York and (B) the securities, blue sky, environmental, employee benefit, insurance, pension, antitrust, tax and criminal laws of the State of New York, as to which we express no opinion), and (ii) to the extent required by the foregoing opinions, the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act (6 Delaware Code Chapter 17), also referred to herein as the “Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act”. The opinions set forth herein are made as of the date hereof and are subject to, and may be limited by, future changes in factual matters, and we undertake no duty to advise you of the same. The opinions expressed herein are based upon the law in effect (and published or otherwise generally available) on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement these opinions should such law be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise. In rendering our opinion, we have not considered, and hereby disclaim any opinion as to, the application or impact of the laws of any jurisdiction, other than the State of New York or in the case of the State of Delaware, any laws of such state other than the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act.

(b) Our opinions contained herein are limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium (including governmental moratorium orders) or similar laws, rules, regulations and orders affecting or relating to the rights and remedies of creditors generally, including, without limitation, laws relating to fraudulent transfers or conveyances, preferences and equitable subordination; (ii) laws, rules, regulations, orders and policies concerning Federal, state and local emergencies; (iii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); (iv) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing; (v) requirements that a claim with respect to any Debt Securities or Guarantees denominated other than in United States dollars (or a judgment denominated other than in United States dollars with respect to such a claim) be converted into United States dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law; and (vi) governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States or in foreign currency or composite currency.

(c) Our opinions are further subject to the effect of generally applicable rules of law arising from statutes, judicial and administrative decisions, and the rules and regulations of governmental authorities that: (i) require compliance with or impose standards relating to fiduciary duties or fairness; (ii) limit or affect the enforcement of provisions of a contract that purport to require waiver of the obligations of good faith, fair dealing, diligence and reasonableness; (iii) limit the availability of a remedy under certain circumstances where another remedy has been elected; (iv) limit the enforceability of provisions releasing, exculpating or exempting a party from, or requiring indemnification of a party for, liability for its own action or inaction, to the extent the action or inaction involves negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or unlawful conduct; (v) may, where less than all of the contract may be unenforceable, limit the enforceability of the balance of the contract to circumstances in which the unenforceable portion is not an essential part of the agreed exchange; and (vi) govern and afford judicial discretion regarding the determination of damages and entitlement to attorneys’ fees.

(d) We express no opinion as to the enforceability of any rights to indemnification or contribution which are violative of public policy underlying any law, rule or regulation (including any federal or state securities law, rule or regulation) or the legality of such rights.

(e) We express no opinion as to the enforceability of any provision purporting or attempting to (i) confer exclusive jurisdiction and/or venue upon certain courts or otherwise waive the defenses of forum non conveniens or improper venue, (ii) confer subject matter jurisdiction on a court not having independent grounds therefor, (iii) modify or waive the requirements for effective service of process for any action that may be brought, (iv) waive the right of the Company or the Registrant Guarantor or any other person to a trial by jury, (v) provide that remedies are cumulative or that decisions by a party are conclusive; (vi) modify or waive the rights to notice, legal defenses, statutes of limitations and statutes of repose (including the tolling of the same) or other benefits that cannot be waived under applicable law; (vii) provide for or grant a power of attorney; or (viii) any choice of law or conflict of laws provision.

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(f) You have informed us that you intend to issue the Securities from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis, and this opinion is limited to the laws, including the rules and regulations, as in effect on the date hereof. We understand that prior to issuing any Securities you will afford us an opportunity to review the operative documents pursuant to which such Securities are to be issued (including the applicable Prospectus Supplement) and will file such supplement or amendment to this opinion letter (if any) as we may reasonably consider necessary or appropriate by reason of the terms of such Securities.

We do not render any opinions except as set forth above. We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. We also consent to your filing copies of this opinion letter as an exhibit to the Registration Statement with agencies of such states as you deem necessary in the course of complying with the laws of such states regarding the offering and sale of the Securities. In giving such consent, we do not thereby concede that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

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September 27, 2024

Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.  
303 International Circle  
Suite 200  
Hunt Valley, Maryland 21030

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as special “Maryland law” counsel to Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the “Company”), in connection with the Company’s filing of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the “Registration Statement”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “Commission”) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Act”), relating to (a) debt securities of the Company (the “Debt Securities”), which may be issued under one or more series, and under one or more indentures or supplemental indentures (the “Indentures”) proposed to be entered into with one or more trustees (each, a “Trustee”) and may be fully and unconditionally guaranteed (the “Guarantees”) by OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership (the “Guarantor”); (b) shares of preferred stock of the Company, par value \$1.00 per share (“Preferred Stock”); and (c) shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.10 per share (“Common Stock”) and together with the Debt Securities and the Preferred Stock, the “Securities”). An indeterminate amount of the Securities may be offered at indeterminate prices from time to time by the Company as set forth in the Registration Statement, any amendment thereto, the prospectus contained therein (the “Prospectus”) and supplements to the Prospectus (the “Prospectus Supplements”) filed pursuant to Rule 424 under the Act. We understand that Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP is providing you with an opinion regarding the Company and certain tax matters.

The Debt Securities will be issued under an Indenture to be entered into among the Company and a Trustee to be named in the applicable Prospectus Supplement.

***I. Documents Reviewed and Matters Considered***

In connection with our representation of the Company and as a basis for the opinions hereinafter set forth, we have examined originals, or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of the following documents (hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Documents”):

- (i) The Registration Statement and the related form of prospectus included therein in the form in which they were transmitted to the Commission under the Act.
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- (ii) The charter of the Company (the “Charter”), certified by the State Department of Assessments and Taxation of Maryland (the “SDAT”).
- (iii) The Bylaws of the Company (the “Bylaws”), certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company.
- (iv) Resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors of the Company (the “Board”) relating to the registration of the Securities, certified as of the date hereof by an officer of the Company.
- (v) A certificate of the SDAT as to the good standing of the Company, dated as of a recent date.
- (vi) A certificate executed by an officer of the Company, dated as of the date hereof.
- (vii) Such other documents and matters as we have deemed necessary or appropriate to express the opinions set forth below, subject to the assumptions, limitations and qualifications stated herein.

**II. Assumptions**

In expressing the opinions set forth below, we have assumed the following:

- (a) Each individual executing any of the Documents, whether on behalf of such individual or another person, is legally competent to do so.
  - (b) Each individual executing any of the Documents on behalf of a party (other than the Company) is duly authorized to do so.
  - (c) Each of the parties (other than the Company) executing any of the Documents has duly and validly executed and delivered each of the Documents to which such party is a signatory, and such party’s obligations set forth therein are legal, valid and binding and are enforceable in accordance with all stated terms.
  - (d) All Documents submitted to us as originals are authentic. The form and content of all Documents submitted to us as unexecuted drafts do not differ in any respect relevant to this opinion from the form and content of such Documents as executed and delivered. All Documents submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original documents. All signatures on all Documents are genuine. All public records reviewed or relied upon by us or on our behalf are true and complete. All representations, warranties, statements and information contained in the Documents are true and complete. There has been no oral or written modification of or amendment to any of the Documents, and there has been no waiver of any provision of any of the Documents, by action or omission of the parties or otherwise.
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(e) The issuance, and certain terms, of the Securities to be issued by the Company from time to time will be authorized and approved by the Board, or a duly authorized committee thereof, in accordance with the Maryland General Corporation Law, the Charter, the Bylaws and the Registration Statement (such actions referred to herein as the “Corporate Proceedings”).

(f) At the time of the issuance and sale of any of the Securities, the terms of the Securities, and their issuance and sale, will have been established so as not to violate any applicable law or result in a default under or breach of any agreement or instrument binding upon the Company, and so as to comply with any requirement or restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company.

(g) That (i) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Debt Securities and (ii) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantee, the applicable Indenture and Guarantee will be the valid and legally binding obligation of the Trustee or Guarantor, enforceable against such party in accordance with its terms.

(h) That (i) at the time of execution, authentication, issuance and delivery of the Debt Securities and (ii) at the time of execution, issuance and delivery of the Guarantee, the applicable Indenture and Guarantee, will be in full force and effect and will not have been terminated or rescinded by the Company, the Trustee, or the Guarantor.

### ***III. Opinions***

Based upon the foregoing and in reliance thereon, and subject to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions stated herein and the effectiveness of the Registration Statement under the Act, we are of the opinion that:

1. The Company is a corporation duly incorporated and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Maryland and is in good standing with the SDAT.
  2. Upon the completion of all Corporate Proceedings relating to the Debt Securities, the issuance of the Debt Securities will be duly authorized.
  3. With respect to the Preferred Stock, assuming the (a) taking by the Board or a duly constituted and acting committee of the Board of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of the Preferred Stock, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, (b) due filing of articles supplementary to the Company’s Articles of Amendment and Restatement, if necessary, and (c) due issuance and delivery of the Preferred Stock, upon payment therefor in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board or a duly constituted and acting committee of the Board, the Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.
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4. With respect to the Common Stock, assuming the (a) taking by the Board or a duly constituted and acting committee of the Board of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of the Common Stock, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters, and (b) due issuance and delivery of the Common Stock, upon payment therefor in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board or a duly constituted and acting committee of the Board, the Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

#### ***IV. Qualifications and Limitations***

In addition to the assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions set forth above, the opinions set forth herein are further limited by, subject to and based upon the following assumptions, comments, qualifications, limitations and exceptions:

(a) Our opinions herein reflect only the application of (i) the Maryland General Corporation Law (including the statutory provisions, all applicable provisions of the Maryland constitution and reported judicial decisions interpreting the foregoing) and (ii) the federal laws of the United States (excluding the federal securities laws, as to which we express no opinion). The opinions set forth herein are made as of the date hereof and are subject to, and may be limited by, future changes in the factual matters set forth herein, and we undertake no duty to advise you of the same. The opinions expressed herein are based upon the law in effect (and published or otherwise generally available) on the date hereof, and we assume no obligation to revise or supplement these opinions should such law be changed by legislative action, judicial decision or otherwise. In rendering our opinions, we have not considered, and hereby disclaim any opinion as to, the application or impact of any laws, cases, decisions, rules or regulations of any other jurisdiction, court or administrative agency.

(b) Our opinions herein are subject to and may be limited by (i) applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, receivership, moratorium and other similar laws affecting or relating to the rights and remedies of creditors generally including, without limitation, laws relating to fraudulent transfers or conveyances, preferences and equitable subordination; (ii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether considered in a proceeding in equity or at law); (iii) an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing; (iv) requirements that a claim with respect to the Securities denominated other than in United States dollars (or a judgment denominated other than in United States dollars with respect to such a claim) be converted into United States dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law; and (v) governmental authority to limit, delay or prohibit the making of payments outside the United States or in foreign or composite currency.

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(c) Our opinions are further subject to the effect of generally applicable rules of law arising from statutes, judicial and administrative decisions, and the rules and regulations of governmental authorities that: (i) limit or affect the enforcement of provisions of a contract that purport to require waiver of the obligations of good faith, fair dealing, diligence and reasonableness; (ii) limit the availability of a remedy under certain circumstances where another remedy has been elected; (iii) limit the enforceability of provisions releasing, exculpating or exempting a party from, or requiring indemnification of a party for, liability for its own action or inaction, to the extent the action or inaction involves negligence, recklessness, willful misconduct or unlawful conduct; (iv) may, where less than all of the contract may be unenforceable, limit the enforceability of the balance of the contract to circumstances in which the unenforceable portion is not an essential part of the agreed exchange; and (v) govern and afford judicial discretion regarding the determination of damages and entitlement to attorneys' fees.

(d) You have informed us that you intend to issue the Securities from time to time on a delayed or continuous basis, and this opinion is limited to the laws, including the rules and regulations, as in effect on the date hereof. We understand that prior to issuing any Securities you will afford us an opportunity to review the operative documents pursuant to which such Securities are to be issued (including the applicable prospectus supplement) and will file such supplement or amendment to this opinion (if any) as we may reasonably consider necessary or appropriate by reason of the terms of such Securities.

We do not render any opinions except as set forth above.

We hereby consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the use of our name under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus. We also consent to your filing copies of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement with agencies of such states as you deem necessary in the course of complying with the laws of such states regarding the offering and sale of the Securities. In giving such consent, we do not thereby concede that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Act or the Rules and Regulations of the Commission thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ SHAPIRO SHER GUINOT & SANDLER, P.A.  
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September 27, 2024

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RE: Material U.S. Federal Income Tax Considerations

Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have served as special counsel to (a) Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "*Company*"), and (b) OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership, a Delaware limited partnership (the "*Registrant Guarantor*"), in connection with a Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the "*Registration Statement*"), being filed by the Company and the Registrant Guarantor with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "*SEC*") under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "*Securities Act*"), relating to (i) shares of common stock of the Company, par value \$0.10 per share ("*Common Stock*"); (ii) shares of preferred stock of the Company, par value \$1.00 per share ("*Preferred Stock*"); (iii) debt securities of the Company (the "*Debt Securities*"), which are to be issued under an indenture to be entered into between the Company, as issuer, and U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee (a form of which is included as an exhibit to the Registration Statement), and one or more board resolutions, supplemental indentures or officer's certificates of the Company thereunder; and (iv) guarantees of the Debt Securities by the Registrant Guarantor (the "*Guarantees*," and together with the Preferred Stock, Common Stock, Debt Securities, the "*Securities*"). An indeterminate amount of the Securities may be offered at indeterminate prices from time to time by the Company as set forth in the Registration Statement, any amendment thereto, and the prospectus contained therein (the "*Prospectus*").

In connection with this opinion, we have examined and are familiar with originals and copies, certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction, of:

- (1) the Registration Statement; and
- (2) the Prospectus.

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We have also examined and relied on originals or copies certified or otherwise identified to our satisfaction of the Articles of Incorporation, the Articles of Amendment, Articles of Amendment and Restatement, and Articles Supplementary thereto, of the Company and its subsidiaries, and such other documents, certificates, and records as we have deemed necessary or appropriate. We also have relied upon factual statements and representations made to us by representatives of the Company that are set forth in a certificate executed and provided to us by the Company (the “*Officers’ Certificate*”). With respect to the ownership of stock of the Company for certain periods prior to March 8, 2004, we also have relied on a letter from Explorer Holdings, L.P., regarding the ownership of stock of the Company by Explorer Holdings, L.P., Explorer Holdings Level II, L.P., and Hampstead Investment Partners III, L.P.. For purposes of this opinion, we have assumed the validity and accuracy of the documents, certificates and records set forth above, and that the statements and representations made in the Officers’ Certificate are and will remain true and complete. We also have assumed that the Registration Statement, the Prospectus, and such other documents, certificates and records and that the statements as to factual matters contained in the Registration Statement, and the Prospectus are true, correct and complete and will continue to be true, correct and complete through the completion of the transactions contemplated therein. For purposes of this opinion, however, we have not assumed the correctness of any statement to the effect that the Company qualifies as a real estate investment trust (“*REIT*”) under the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the “*Code*”), and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder (the “*Regulations*”).

In our examination, we have assumed the legal capacity of all natural persons, the genuineness of all signatures, the authenticity of all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to us as certified, conformed or photo copies, and the authenticity of the originals of such copies, or by facsimile or other means of electronic transmission, or which we obtained from the SEC’s Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis and Retrieval system (“*EDGAR*”) or other sites maintained by a court or governmental authority or regulatory body and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents. If any document we examined in printed, word processed or similar form has been filed with the SEC on EDGAR or such court or governmental authority or regulatory body, we have assumed that the document so filed is identical to the document we examined except for formatting changes. In making our examination of documents executed, or to be executed, by the parties indicated therein, we have assumed that each party (other than the Company) has, or will have, the power, corporate or other, to enter into and perform all obligations thereunder and we have also assumed the due authorization by all requisite action, corporate or other, and the execution and delivery by such parties and the validity and binding effect thereof on such parties. All of the documents we have reviewed will be complied with without waiver. Finally, in connection with the opinions rendered below, we have assumed that during its taxable year ended December 31, 1992, and in each subsequent taxable year to present, the Company has operated and will continue to operate in such a manner that makes and will continue to make the representations contained in the Officers’ Certificate true for each of such years, as of the date hereof, and any representation made as a belief, made “to the knowledge of,” or made in a similarly qualified manner is true, correct, and complete, as of the date hereof, without such qualification.

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In rendering our opinion, we have considered the applicable provisions of the Code, the Regulations, pertinent judicial authorities, interpretive rulings of the Internal Revenue Service and such other authorities as we have considered relevant, all in effect as of the date hereof. It should be noted that statutes, regulations, judicial decisions and administrative interpretations are subject to change at any time (possibly with retroactive effect). A change in the authorities or the accuracy or completeness of any of the information, documents, certificates, records, statements, representations, covenants, or assumptions on which our opinion is based could affect our conclusions.

Based on the foregoing, in reliance thereon and subject thereto and to the limitations stated below, it is our opinion that:

- (a) From and including the Company's taxable year ended December 31, 1992, the Company was and is organized in conformity with the requirements for, its actual method of operation through the date hereof has permitted, and its proposed methods of operations as described in the Prospectus will permit the Company to meet the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code, and the Company has qualified and will so qualify, and the Company will continue to meet such requirements and qualify as a REIT after consummation of the contemplated transactions and the application of the proceeds, if any, from the offering and sale of the Securities as described in the Registration Statement and Prospectus.
- (b) The discussion in the Prospectus under the heading "MATERIAL U.S. FEDERAL INCOME TAX CONSIDERATIONS", as supplemented by documents incorporated by reference therein, in so far as such statements constitute a summary of U.S. federal tax matters, taken together, fairly and accurately summarizes such matters in all material respects.

The Company's qualification and taxation as a REIT depends upon the Company's ability to meet on a continuing basis, through actual annual operating and other results, the various requirements under the Code with regard to, among other things, the sources of its gross income, the composition of its assets, the level of its distributions to stockholders, the diversity of its stock ownership, and various other qualification tests imposed under the Code. We will not review the Company's compliance with these requirements on a continuing basis. Accordingly, no assurance can be given that the actual results of the operations of the Company and its subsidiaries, the sources of their income, the nature of their assets, the level of the Company's distributions to stockholders, and the diversity of its stock ownership for any given taxable year will satisfy the requirements under the Code for qualification and taxation as a REIT and conform to the representations in the Officers' Certificate.

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Except as set forth above, we express no opinion to any party as to the tax consequences, whether federal, state, local or foreign, of the offering discussed in the Prospectus or of any transaction related thereto or contemplated thereby. We consent to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement and to the reference to Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP under the heading "LEGAL MATTERS" in the Prospectus. In giving such consent, we do not thereby admit that we are in the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act. This opinion is expressed as of the date hereof, and we are under no obligation to advise you of, supplement, or revise our opinion to reflect, any changes (including changes that have retroactive effect) in applicable law or any information, document, certificate, record, statement, representation, covenant or assumption relied upon herein that becomes incorrect or untrue.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Bryan Cave Leighton Paisner LLP

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Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

We consent to the reference to our firm under the caption "Experts" in this Registration Statement (Form S-3) and related Prospectus of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc. and OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership for the registration of debt securities, common stock, and preferred stock, and to the incorporation by reference therein of our reports dated February 12, 2024, with respect to the consolidated financial statements and schedules of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc., included in its Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended December 31, 2023, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Baltimore, Maryland  
September 27, 2024

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM T-1

STATEMENT OF ELIGIBILITY UNDER  
THE TRUST INDENTURE ACT OF 1939 OF A  
CORPORATION DESIGNATED TO ACT AS TRUSTEE

Check if an Application to Determine Eligibility of  
a Trustee Pursuant to Section 305(b)(2) "

**U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**  
(Exact name of Trustee as specified in its charter)

**91-1821036**  
I.R.S. Employer Identification No.

800 Nicollet Mall Minneapolis, Minnesota (Address of principal executive offices)	55402 (Zip Code)
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Gregory M. Jackson  
U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association  
2 Concourse Pkwy Ste 800  
Atlanta, GA 30328  
(404) 898-8837  
(Name, address and telephone number of agent for service)

**Omega Healthcare Investors, Inc.**  
**OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership**  
(Issuer with respect to the Securities)

Delaware Maryland (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	38-3041398 36-4796206 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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303 International Circle, Suite 200 Hunt Valley, MD (Address of Principal Executive Offices)	21030 (Zip Code)
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**Debt Securities**  
**(Title of the Indenture Securities)**



**FORM T-1**

**Item 1. GENERAL INFORMATION.** Furnish the following information as to the Trustee.

a) *Name and address of each examining or supervising authority to which it is subject.*

Comptroller of the Currency  
Washington, D.C.

b) *Whether it is authorized to exercise corporate trust powers.*

Yes

**Item 2. AFFILIATIONS WITH THE OBLIGOR.** *If the obligor is an affiliate of the Trustee, describe each such affiliation.*

None

**Items 3-15** *Items 3-15 are not applicable because to the best of the Trustee's knowledge, the obligor is not in default under any Indenture for which the Trustee acts as Trustee.*

**Item 16. LIST OF EXHIBITS:** *List below all exhibits filed as a part of this statement of eligibility and qualification.*

1. A copy of the Articles of Association of the Trustee, attached as Exhibit 1.
  2. A copy of the certificate of authority of the Trustee to commence business, attached as Exhibit 2.
  3. A copy of the authorization of the Trustee to exercise corporate trust powers, included as Exhibit 2.
  4. A copy of the existing bylaws of the Trustee, attached as Exhibit 4.
  5. A copy of each Indenture referred to in Item 4. Not applicable.
  6. The consent of the Trustee required by Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, attached as Exhibit 6.
  7. Report of Condition of the Trustee as of June 30, 2024, published pursuant to law or the requirements of its supervising or examining authority, attached as Exhibit 7.
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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, the Trustee, U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, a national banking association organized and existing under the laws of the United States of America, has duly caused this statement of eligibility and qualification to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, all in the City of Atlanta, State of Georgia on the 19th of September, 2024.

By: /s/ Gregory M. Jackson  
Gregory M. Jackson  
Vice President

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**Exhibit 1**  
**ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**U. S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

For the purpose of organizing an association (the "Association") to perform any lawful activities of national banks, the undersigned enter into the following Articles of Association:

**FIRST.** The title of this Association shall be U. S. Bank Trust Company, National Association.

**SECOND.** The main office of the Association shall be in the city of Portland, county of Multnomah, state of Oregon. The business of the Association will be limited to fiduciary powers and the support of activities incidental to the exercise of those powers. The Association may not expand or alter its business beyond that stated in this article without the prior approval of the Comptroller of the Currency.

**THIRD.** The board of directors of the Association shall consist of not less than five nor more than twenty-five persons, the exact number to be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution of a majority of the full board of directors or by resolution of a majority of the shareholders at any annual or special meeting thereof. Each director shall own common or preferred stock of the Association or of a holding company owning the Association, with an aggregate par, fair market, or equity value of not less than \$1,000, as of either (i) the date of purchase, (ii) the date the person became a director, or (iii) the date of that person's most recent election to the board of directors, whichever is more recent. Any combination of common or preferred stock of the Association or holding company may be used.

Any vacancy in the board of directors may be filled by action of a majority of the remaining directors between meetings of shareholders. The board of directors may increase the number of directors up to the maximum permitted by law. Terms of directors, including directors selected to fill vacancies, shall expire at the next regular meeting of shareholders at which directors are elected, unless the directors resign or are removed from office. Despite the expiration of a director's term, the director shall continue to serve until his or her successor is elected and qualified or until there is a decrease in the number of directors and his or her position is eliminated.

Honorary or advisory members of the board of directors, without voting power or power of final decision in matters concerning the business of the Association, may be appointed by resolution of a majority of the full board of directors, or by resolution of shareholders at any annual or special meeting. Honorary or advisory directors shall not be counted to determine the number of directors of the Association or the presence of a quorum in connection with any board action, and shall not be required to own qualifying shares.

**FOURTH.** There shall be an annual meeting of the shareholders to elect directors and transact whatever other business may be brought before the meeting. It shall be held at the main office or any other convenient place the board of directors may designate, on the day of each year specified therefor in the Bylaws, or if that day falls on a legal holiday in the state in which the Association is located, on the next following banking day. If no election is held on the day fixed or in the event of a legal holiday on the following banking day, an election may be held on any subsequent day within 60 days of the day fixed, to be designated by the board of directors, or, if the directors fail to fix the day, by shareholders representing two-thirds of the shares issued and outstanding. In all cases, at least 10 days' advance notice of the meeting shall be given to the shareholders by first-class mail.

In all elections of directors, the number of votes each common shareholder may cast will be determined by multiplying the number of shares he or she owns by the number of directors to be elected. Those votes may be cumulated and cast for a single candidate or may be distributed among two or more candidates in the manner selected by the shareholder. On all other questions, each common shareholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of stock held by him or her.

A director may resign at any time by delivering written notice to the board of directors, its chairperson, or to the Association, which resignation shall be effective when the notice is delivered unless the notice specifies a later effective date.

A director may be removed by the shareholders at a meeting called to remove him or her, when notice of the meeting stating that the purpose or one of the purposes is to remove him or her is provided, if there is a failure to fulfill one of the affirmative requirements for qualification, or for cause; provided, however, that a director may not be removed if the number of votes sufficient to elect him or her under cumulative voting is voted against his or her removal.

**FIFTH.** The authorized amount of capital stock of the Association shall be 1,000,000 shares of common stock of the par value of ten dollars (\$10) each; but said capital stock may be increased or decreased from time to time, according to the provisions of the laws of the United States. The Association shall have only one class of capital stock.

No holder of shares of the capital stock of any class of the Association shall have any preemptive or preferential right of subscription to any shares of any class of stock of the Association, whether now or hereafter authorized, or to any obligations convertible into stock of the Association, issued, or sold, nor any right of subscription to any thereof other than such, if any, as the board of directors, in its discretion, may from time to time determine and at such price as the board of directors may from time to time fix.

Transfers of the Association's stock are subject to the prior written approval of a federal depository institution regulatory agency. If no other agency approval is required, the approval of the Comptroller of the Currency must be obtained prior to any such transfers.

Unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association or required by law, (1) all matters requiring shareholder action, including amendments to the Articles of Association must be approved by shareholders owning a majority voting interest in the outstanding voting stock, and (2) each shareholder shall be entitled to one vote per share.

Unless otherwise specified in the Articles of Association or required by law, all shares of voting stock shall be voted together as a class, on any matters requiring shareholder approval.

Unless otherwise provided in the Bylaws, the record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice of and to vote at any meeting is the close of business on the day before the first notice is mailed or otherwise sent to the shareholders, provided that in no event may a record date be more than 70 days before the meeting.

The Association, at any time and from time to time, may authorize and issue debt obligations, whether subordinated, without the approval of the shareholders. Obligations classified as debt, whether subordinated, which may be issued by the Association without the approval of shareholders, do not carry voting rights on any issue, including an increase or decrease in the aggregate number of the securities, or the exchange or reclassification of all or part of securities into securities of another class or series.

**SIXTH.** The board of directors shall appoint one of its members president of this Association and one of its members chairperson of the board and shall have the power to appoint one or more vice presidents, a secretary who shall keep minutes of the directors' and shareholders' meetings and be responsible for authenticating the records of the Association, and such other officers and employees as may be required to transact the business of this Association. A duly appointed officer may appoint one or more officers or assistant officers if authorized by the board of directors in accordance with the Bylaws.

The board of directors shall have the power to:

- (1) Define the duties of the officers, employees, and agents of the Association.
- (2) Delegate the performance of its duties, but not the responsibility for its duties, to the officers, employees, and agents of the Association.
- (3) Fix the compensation and enter employment contracts with its officers and employees upon reasonable terms and conditions consistent with applicable law.
- (4) Dismiss officers and employees.
- (5) Require bonds from officers and employees and to fix the penalty thereof.
- (6) Ratify written policies authorized by the Association's management or committees of the board.
- (7) Regulate the manner any increase or decrease of the capital of the Association shall be made; provided that nothing herein shall restrict the power of shareholders to increase or decrease the capital of the Association in accordance with law, and nothing shall raise or lower from two-thirds the percentage required for shareholder approval to increase or reduce the capital.

- (8) Manage and administer the business and affairs of the Association.
- (9) Adopt initial Bylaws, not inconsistent with law or the Articles of Association, for managing the business and regulating the affairs of the Association.
- (10) Amend or repeal Bylaws, except to the extent that the Articles of Association reserve this power in whole or in part to the shareholders.
- (11) Make contracts.
- (12) Generally perform all acts that are legal for a board of directors to perform.

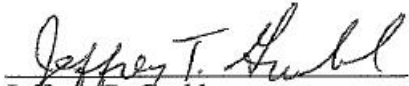
**SEVENTH.** The board of directors shall have the power to change the location of the main office to any authorized branch within the limits of the city of Portland, Oregon, without the approval of the shareholders, or with a vote of shareholders owning two-thirds of the stock of the Association for a location outside such limits and upon receipt of a certificate of approval from the Comptroller of the Currency, to any other location within or outside the limits of the city of Portland, Oregon, but not more than thirty miles beyond such limits. The board of directors shall have the power to establish or change the location of any office or offices of the Association to any other location permitted under applicable law, without approval of shareholders, subject to approval by the Comptroller of the Currency.

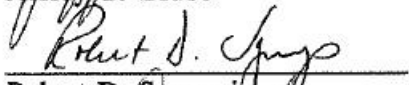
**EIGHTH.** The corporate existence of this Association shall continue until termination according to the laws of the United States.

**NINTH.** The board of directors of the Association, or any shareholder owning, in the aggregate, not less than 25 percent of the stock of the Association, may call a special meeting of shareholders at any time. Unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws or the laws of the United States, or waived by shareholders, a notice of the time, place, and purpose of every annual and special meeting of the shareholders shall be given by first-class mail, postage prepaid, mailed at least 10, and no more than 60, days prior to the date of the meeting to each shareholder of record at his/her address as shown upon the books of the Association. Unless otherwise provided by the Bylaws, any action requiring approval of shareholders must be effected at a duly called annual or special meeting.

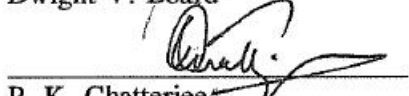
**TENTH.** These Articles of Association may be amended at any regular or special meeting of the shareholders by the affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the stock of the Association, unless the vote of the holders of a greater amount of stock is required by law, and in that case by the vote of the holders of such greater amount; provided, that the scope of the Association's activities and services may not be expanded without the prior written approval of the Comptroller of the Currency. The Association's board of directors may propose one or more amendments to the Articles of Association for submission to the shareholders.

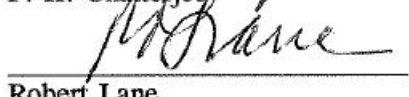
In witness whereof, we have hereunto set our hands this 11<sup>th</sup> of June, 1997.

  
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Jeffrey T. Grubb

  
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Robert D. Szniewajski

  
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Dwight V. Board

  
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P. K. Chatterjee

  
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Robert Lane

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Exhibit 2



Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Washington, DC 20219

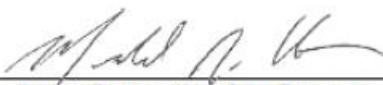
**CERTIFICATE OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE AND FIDUCIARY POWERS**

I, Michael J. Hsu, Acting Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that:

1. The Comptroller of the Currency, pursuant to Revised Statutes 324, et seq, as amended, and 12 USC 1, et seq, as amended, has possession, custody, and control of all records pertaining to the chartering, regulation, and supervision of all national banking associations.

2. "U.S. Bank Trust Company National Association," Portland, Oregon (Charter No. 23412), is a national banking association formed under the laws of the United States and is authorized thereunder to transact the business of banking and exercise fiduciary powers on the date of this certificate.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, today, July 12, 2024, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused my seal of office to be affixed to these presents at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

  
Acting Comptroller of the Currency



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**Exhibit 4**

**U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

**AMENDED AND RESTATED BYLAWS**

**ARTICLE I**

**Meetings of Shareholders**

Section 1.1. Annual Meeting. The annual meeting of the shareholders, for the election of directors and the transaction of any other proper business, shall be held at a time and place as the Chairman or President may designate. Notice of such meeting shall be given not less than ten (10) days or more than sixty (60) days prior to the date thereof, to each shareholder of the Association, unless the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency (the "OCC") determines that an emergency circumstance exists. In accordance with applicable law, the sole shareholder of the Association is permitted to waive notice of the meeting. If, for any reason, an election of directors is not made on the designated day, the election shall be held on some subsequent day, as soon thereafter as practicable, with prior notice thereof. Failure to hold an annual meeting as required by these Bylaws shall not affect the validity of any corporate action or work a forfeiture or dissolution of the Association.

Section 1.2. Special Meetings. Except as otherwise specially provided by law, special meetings of the shareholders may be called for any purpose, at any time by a majority of the board of directors (the "Board"), or by any shareholder or group of shareholders owning at least ten percent of the outstanding stock.

Every such special meeting, unless otherwise provided by law, shall be called upon not less than ten (10) days nor more than sixty (60) days prior notice stating the purpose of the meeting.

Section 1.3. Nominations for Directors. Nominations for election to the Board may be made by the Board or by any shareholder.

Section 1.4. Proxies. Shareholders may vote at any meeting of the shareholders by proxies duly authorized in writing. Proxies shall be valid only for one meeting and any adjournments of such meeting and shall be filed with the records of the meeting.

Section 1.5. Record Date. The record date for determining shareholders entitled to notice and to vote at any meeting will be thirty days before the date of such meeting, unless otherwise determined by the Board.

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Section 1.6. Quorum and Voting. A majority of the outstanding capital stock, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of shareholders, unless otherwise provided by law, but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting, from time to time, and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice. A majority of the votes cast shall decide every question or matter submitted to the shareholders at any meeting, unless otherwise provided by law or by the Articles of Association.

Section 1.7. Inspectors. The Board may, and in the event of its failure so to do, the Chairman of the Board may appoint Inspectors of Election who shall determine the presence of quorum, the validity of proxies, and the results of all elections and all other matters voted upon by shareholders at all annual and special meetings of shareholders.

Section 1.8. Waiver and Consent. The shareholders may act without notice or a meeting by a unanimous written consent by all shareholders.

Section 1.9. Remote Meetings. The Board shall have the right to determine that a shareholder meeting not be held at a place, but instead be held solely by means of remote communication in the manner and to the extent permitted by the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware.

## ARTICLE II Directors

Section 2.1. Board of Directors. The Board shall have the power to manage and administer the business and affairs of the Association. Except as expressly limited by law, all corporate powers of the Association shall be vested in and may be exercised by the Board.

Section 2.2. Term of Office. The directors of this Association shall hold office for one year and until their successors are duly elected and qualified, or until their earlier resignation or removal.

Section 2.3. Powers. In addition to the foregoing, the Board shall have and may exercise all of the powers granted to or conferred upon it by the Articles of Association, the Bylaws and by law.

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Section 2.4. Number. As provided in the Articles of Association, the Board of this Association shall consist of no less than five nor more than twenty-five members, unless the OCC has exempted the Association from the twenty-five-member limit. The Board shall consist of a number of members to be fixed and determined from time to time by resolution of the Board or the shareholders at any meeting thereof, in accordance with the Articles of Association. Between meetings of the shareholders held for the purpose of electing directors, the Board by a majority vote of the full Board may increase the size of the Board but not to more than a total of twenty-five directors, and fill any vacancy so created in the Board; provided that the Board may increase the number of directors only by up to two directors, when the number of directors last elected by shareholders was fifteen or fewer, and by up to four directors, when the number of directors last elected by shareholders was sixteen or more. Each director shall own a qualifying equity interest in the Association or a company that has control of the Association in each case as required by applicable law. Each director shall own such qualifying equity interest in his or her own right and meet any minimum threshold ownership required by applicable law.

Section 2.5. Organization Meeting. The newly elected Board shall meet for the purpose of organizing the new Board and electing and appointing such officers of the Association as may be appropriate. Such meeting shall be held on the day of the election or as soon thereafter as practicable, and, in any event, within thirty days thereafter, at such time and place as the Chairman or President may designate. If, at the time fixed for such meeting, there shall not be a quorum present, the directors present may adjourn the meeting until a quorum is obtained.

Section 2.6. Regular Meetings. The regular meetings of the Board shall be held, without notice, as the Chairman or President may designate and deem suitable.

Section 2.7. Special Meetings. Special meetings of the Board may be called at any time, at any place and for any purpose by the Chairman of the Board or the President of the Association, or upon the request of a majority of the entire Board. Notice of every special meeting of the Board shall be given to the directors at their usual places of business, or at such other addresses as shall have been furnished by them for the purpose. Such notice shall be given at least twelve hours (three hours if meeting is to be conducted by conference telephone) before the meeting by telephone or by being personally delivered, mailed, or electronically delivered. Such notice need not include a statement of the business to be transacted at, or the purpose of, any such meeting.

Section 2.8. Quorum and Necessary Vote. A majority of the directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of the Board, except when otherwise provided by law; but less than a quorum may adjourn any meeting, from time to time, and the meeting may be held as adjourned without further notice. Unless otherwise provided by law or the Articles or Bylaws of this Association, once a quorum is established, any act by a majority of those directors present and voting shall be the act of the Board.

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Section 2.9. Written Consent. Except as otherwise required by applicable laws and regulations, the Board may act without a meeting by a unanimous written consent by all directors, to be filed with the Secretary of the Association as part of the corporate records.

Section 2.10. Remote Meetings. Members of the Board, or of any committee thereof, may participate in a meeting of such Board or committee by means of conference telephone, video or similar communications equipment by means of which all persons participating in the meeting can hear each other and such participation shall constitute presence in person at such meeting.

Section 2.11. Vacancies. When any vacancy occurs among the directors, the remaining members of the Board may appoint a director to fill such vacancy at any regular meeting of the Board, or at a special meeting called for that purpose.

### ARTICLE III Committees

Section 3.1. Advisory Board of Directors. The Board may appoint persons, who need not be directors, to serve as advisory directors on an advisory board of directors established with respect to the business affairs of either this Association alone or the business affairs of a group of affiliated organizations of which this Association is one. Advisory directors shall have such powers and duties as may be determined by the Board, provided, that the Board's responsibility for the business and affairs of this Association shall in no respect be delegated or diminished.

Section 3.2. Trust Audit Committee. At least once during each calendar year, the Association shall arrange for a suitable audit (by internal or external auditors) of all significant fiduciary activities under the direction of its trust audit committee, a function that will be fulfilled by the Audit Committee of the financial holding company that is the ultimate parent of this Association. The Association shall note the results of the audit (including significant actions taken as a result of the audit) in the minutes of the Board. In lieu of annual audits, the Association may adopt a continuous audit system in accordance with 12 C.F.R. § 9.9(b).

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The Audit Committee of the financial holding company that is the ultimate parent of this Association, fulfilling the function of the trust audit committee:

- (1) Must not include any officers of the Association or an affiliate who participate significantly in the administration of the Association's fiduciary activities; and
- (2) Must consist of a majority of members who are not also members of any committee to which the Board has delegated power to manage and control the fiduciary activities of the Association.

Section 3.3. Executive Committee. The Board may appoint an Executive Committee which shall consist of at least three directors and which shall have, and may exercise, to the extent permitted by applicable law, all the powers of the Board between meetings of the Board or otherwise when the Board is not meeting.

Section 3.4. Trust Management Committee. The Board of this Association shall appoint a Trust Management Committee to provide oversight of the fiduciary activities of the Association. The Trust Management Committee shall determine policies governing fiduciary activities. The Trust Management Committee or such sub-committees, officers or others as may be duly designated by the Trust Management Committee shall oversee the processes related to fiduciary activities to assure conformity with fiduciary policies it establishes, including ratifying the acceptance and the closing out or relinquishment of all trusts. The Trust Management Committee will provide regular reports of its activities to the Board.

Section 3.5. Other Committees. The Board may appoint, from time to time, committees of one or more persons who need not be directors, for such purposes and with such powers as the Board may determine; however, the Board will not delegate to any committee any powers or responsibilities that it is prohibited from delegating under any law or regulation. In addition, either the Chairman or the President may appoint, from time to time, committees of one or more officers, employees, agents or other persons, for such purposes and with such powers as either the Chairman or the President deems appropriate and proper. Whether appointed by the Board, the Chairman, or the President, any such committee shall at all times be subject to the direction and control of the Board.

Section 3.6. Meetings, Minutes and Rules. An advisory board of directors and/or committee shall meet as necessary in consideration of the purpose of the advisory board of directors or committee, and shall maintain minutes in sufficient detail to indicate actions taken or recommendations made; unless required by the members, discussions, votes or other specific details need not be reported. An advisory board of directors or a committee may, in consideration of its purpose, adopt its own rules for the exercise of any of its functions or authority.

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## ARTICLE IV

### Officers

Section 4.1. Chairman of the Board. The Board may appoint one of its members to be Chairman of the Board to serve at the pleasure of the Board. The Chairman shall supervise the carrying out of the policies adopted or approved by the Board; shall have general executive powers, as well as the specific powers conferred by these Bylaws; and shall also have and may exercise such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred upon or assigned by the Board.

Section 4.2. President. The Board may appoint one of its members to be President of the Association. In the absence of the Chairman, the President shall preside at any meeting of the Board. The President shall have general executive powers, and shall have and may exercise any and all other powers and duties pertaining by law, regulation or practice, to the office of President, or imposed by these Bylaws. The President shall also have and may exercise such powers and duties as from time to time may be conferred or assigned by the Board.

Section 4.3. Vice President. The Board may appoint one or more Vice Presidents who shall have such powers and duties as may be assigned by the Board and to perform the duties of the President on those occasions when the President is absent, including presiding at any meeting of the Board in the absence of both the Chairman and President.

Section 4.4. Secretary. The Board shall appoint a Secretary, or other designated officer who shall be Secretary of the Board and of the Association, and shall keep accurate minutes of all meetings. The Secretary shall attend to the giving of all notices required by these Bylaws to be given; shall be custodian of the corporate seal, records, documents and papers of the Association; shall provide for the keeping of proper records of all transactions of the Association; shall, upon request, authenticate any records of the Association; shall have and may exercise any and all other powers and duties pertaining by law, regulation or practice, to the Secretary, or imposed by these Bylaws; and shall also perform such other duties as may be assigned from time to time by the Board. The Board may appoint one or more Assistant Secretaries with such powers and duties as the Board, the President or the Secretary shall from time to time determine.

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Section 4.5. Other Officers. The Board may appoint, and may authorize the Chairman, the President or any other officer to appoint, any officer as from time to time may appear to the Board, the Chairman, the President or such other officer to be required or desirable to transact the business of the Association. Such officers shall exercise such powers and perform such duties as pertain to their several offices, or as may be conferred upon or assigned to them by these Bylaws, the Board, the Chairman, the President or such other authorized officer. Any person may hold two offices.

Section 4.6. Tenure of Office. The Chairman or the President and all other officers shall hold office until their respective successors are elected and qualified or until their earlier death, resignation, retirement, disqualification or removal from office, subject to the right of the Board or authorized officer to discharge any officer at any time.

ARTICLE V  
Stock

Section 5.1. The Board may authorize the issuance of stock either in certificated or in uncertificated form. Certificates for shares of stock shall be in such form as the Board may from time to time prescribe. If the Board issues certificated stock, the certificate shall be signed by the President, Secretary or any other such officer as the Board so determines. Shares of stock shall be transferable on the books of the Association, and a transfer book shall be kept in which all transfers of stock shall be recorded. Every person becoming a shareholder by such transfer shall, in proportion to such person's shares, succeed to all rights of the prior holder of such shares. Each certificate of stock shall recite on its face that the stock represented thereby is transferable only upon the books of the Association properly endorsed. The Board may impose conditions upon the transfer of the stock reasonably calculated to simplify the work of the Association for stock transfers, voting at shareholder meetings, and related matters, and to protect it against fraudulent transfers.

ARTICLE VI  
Corporate Seal

Section 6.1. The Association shall have no corporate seal; provided, however, that if the use of a seal is required by, or is otherwise convenient or advisable pursuant to, the laws or regulations of any jurisdiction, the following seal may be used, and the Chairman, the President, the Secretary and any Assistant Secretary shall have the authority to affix such seal:

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ARTICLE VII  
Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 7.1. Execution of Instruments. All agreements, checks, drafts, orders, indentures, notes, mortgages, deeds, conveyances, transfers, endorsements, assignments, certificates, declarations, receipts, discharges, releases, satisfactions, settlements, petitions, schedules, accounts, affidavits, bonds, undertakings, guarantees, proxies and other instruments or documents may be signed, countersigned, executed, acknowledged, endorsed, verified, delivered or accepted on behalf of the Association, whether in a fiduciary capacity or otherwise, by any officer of the Association, or such employee or agent as may be designated from time to time by the Board by resolution, or by the Chairman or the President by written instrument, which resolution or instrument shall be certified as in effect by the Secretary or an Assistant Secretary of the Association. The provisions of this section are supplementary to any other provision of the Articles of Association or Bylaws.

Section 7.2. Records. The Articles of Association, the Bylaws as revised or amended from time to time and the proceedings of all meetings of the shareholders, the Board, and standing committees of the Board, shall be recorded in appropriate minute books provided for the purpose. The minutes of each meeting shall be signed by the Secretary, or other officer appointed to act as Secretary of the meeting.

Section 7.3. Trust Files. There shall be maintained in the Association files all fiduciary records necessary to assure that its fiduciary responsibilities have been properly undertaken and discharged.

Section 7.4. Trust Investments. Funds held in a fiduciary capacity shall be invested according to the instrument establishing the fiduciary relationship and according to law. Where such instrument does not specify the character and class of investments to be made and does not vest in the Association a discretion in the matter, funds held pursuant to such instrument shall be invested in investments in which corporate fiduciaries may invest under law.

Section 7.5. Notice. Whenever notice is required by the Articles of Association, the Bylaws or law, such notice shall be by mail, postage prepaid, e- mail, in person, or by any other means by which such notice can reasonably be expected to be received, using the address of the person to receive such notice, or such other personal data, as may appear on the records of the Association.

Except where specified otherwise in these Bylaws, prior notice shall be proper if given not more than 30 days nor less than 10 days prior to the event for which notice is given.

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ARTICLE VIII  
Indemnification

Section 8.1. The Association shall indemnify such persons for such liabilities in such manner under such circumstances and to such extent as permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as now enacted or hereafter amended. The Board may authorize the purchase and maintenance of insurance and/or the execution of individual agreements for the purpose of such indemnification, and the Association shall advance all reasonable costs and expenses (including attorneys' fees) incurred in defending any action, suit or proceeding to all persons entitled to indemnification under this Section 8.1. Such insurance shall be consistent with the requirements of 12 C.F.R. § 7.2014 and shall exclude coverage of liability for a formal order assessing civil money penalties against an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u).

Section 8.2. Notwithstanding Section 8.1, however, (a) any indemnification payments to an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), for an administrative proceeding or civil action initiated by a federal banking agency, shall be reasonable and consistent with the requirements of 12 U.S.C. § 1828(k) and the implementing regulations thereunder; and (b) any indemnification payments and advancement of costs and expenses to an institution-affiliated party, as defined at 12 U.S.C. § 1813(u), in cases involving an administrative proceeding or civil action not initiated by a federal banking agency, shall be in accordance with Delaware General Corporation Law and consistent with safe and sound banking practices.

ARTICLE IX  
Bylaws: Interpretation and Amendment

Section 9.1. These Bylaws shall be interpreted in accordance with and subject to appropriate provisions of law, and may be added to, altered, amended, or repealed, at any regular or special meeting of the Board.

Section 9.2. A copy of the Bylaws and all amendments shall at all times be kept in a convenient place at the principal office of the Association, and shall be open for inspection to all shareholders during Association hours.

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ARTICLE X  
Miscellaneous Provisions

Section 10.1. Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the Association shall begin on the first day of January in each year and shall end on the thirty-first day of December following.

Section 10.2. Governing Law. This Association designates the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended from time to time, as the governing law for its corporate governance procedures, to the extent not inconsistent with Federal banking statutes and regulations or bank safety and soundness.

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(February 8, 2021)

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**Exhibit 6**

**CONSENT**

In accordance with Section 321(b) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, the undersigned, U.S. BANK TRUST COMPANY, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION hereby consents that reports of examination of the undersigned by Federal, State, Territorial or District authorities may be furnished by such authorities to the Securities and Exchange Commission upon its request therefor.

Dated: September 19, 2024

By: /s/ Gregory M. Jackson

Gregory M. Jackson

Vice President

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Exhibit 7

**U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association**  
**Statement of Financial Condition**  
**as of 6/30/2024**

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	<b>6/30/2024</b>
<b>Assets</b>	
Cash and Balances Due From Depository Institutions	\$ 1,420,557
Securities	4,393
Federal Funds	0
Loans & Lease Financing Receivables	0
Fixed Assets	1,164
Intangible Assets	577,338
Other Assets	153,812
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 2,157,264</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
Deposits	\$ 0
Fed Funds	0
Treasury Demand Notes	0
Trading Liabilities	0
Other Borrowed Money	0
Acceptances	0
Subordinated Notes and Debentures	0
Other Liabilities	215,138
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 215,138</b>
<b>Equity</b>	
Common and Preferred Stock	200
Surplus	1,171,635
Undivided Profits	770,291
Minority Interest in Subsidiaries	0
<b>Total Equity Capital</b>	<b>\$ 1,942,126</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity Capital</b>	<b>\$ 2,157,264</b>

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# Calculation of Filing Fee Tables

## S-3

### OMEGA HEALTHCARE INVESTORS INC

Table 1: Newly Registered and Carry Forward Securities

	Security Type	Security Class Title	Fee Calculation or Carry Forward Rule	Amount Registered	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit	Maximum Aggregate Offering Price	Fee Rate	Amount of Registration Fee	Carry Forward Form Type	Carry Forward File Number	Carry Forward Initial Effective Date	Filing Fee Previously Paid in Connection with Unsold Securities to be Carried Forward
<b>Newly Registered Securities</b>												
Fees to be Paid	1 Debt	Debt Securities	457(r)				0.0001476					
Fees to be Paid	2 Equity	Common Stock, par value \$0.10 per share	457(r)				0.0001476					
Fees to be Paid	3 Equity	Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share	457(r)				0.0001476					
Fees to be Paid	4 Debt	Guarantees of Debt Securities	457(r)				0.0001476					
Fees Previously Paid												
<b>Carry Forward Securities</b>												
Carry Forward Securities												
			Total Offering Amounts:				\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00				
			Total Fees Previously Paid:					\$ 0.00				
			Total Fee Offsets:					\$ 0.00				
			Net Fee Due:					\$ 0.00				

#### Offering Note

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Information with respect to each class is omitted pursuant to General Instruction II.E of Form S-3. There are being registered hereunder such indeterminate principal amount of debt securities, such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and such indeterminate number of shares of preferred stock. Separate consideration may or may not be received for securities that are issuable upon exercise, conversion or exchange of other securities. Additionally, this registration includes such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock as may be required for delivery upon conversion or exercise of, or exchange for, debt securities, preferred stock or other securities as a result of anti-dilution provisions thereof. In accordance with Rules 456(b) and 457(r) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the registrant is deferring payment of all of the registration fee.

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(2) OHI Healthcare Properties Limited Partnership may fully and unconditionally guarantee any series of debt securities registered hereunder. Pursuant to Rule 457(n) under the Securities Act, no separate registration fee is payable with respect to the guarantees.

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