

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

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**FORM 10-Q**

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(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2022

OR

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

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

Commission file number 001-35713

**WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)  
  
2529 Virginia Beach Blvd.  
Virginia Beach, Virginia  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

45-2681082  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

23452  
(Zip Code)

(757) 627-9088  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A  
(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report)

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, \$0.01 par value per share	WHLR	Nasdaq Capital Market
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	WHLRP	Nasdaq Capital Market
Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock	WHLRD	Nasdaq Capital Market
7.00% Senior Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2031	WHLRL	Nasdaq Capital Market

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes  No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company 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.

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Large accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>	Accelerated filer	<input type="checkbox"/>
Non-accelerated filer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Smaller reporting company	<input type="checkbox"/>
		Emerging growth company	<input type="checkbox"/>

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 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

As of May 9, 2022, there were 9,723,093 common shares, \$0.01 par value per share, outstanding.

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**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets**  
(in thousands, except par value and share data)

	March 31, 2022 (unaudited)	December 31, 2021
<b>ASSETS:</b>		
Investment properties, net	\$ 384,327	\$ 386,730
Cash and cash equivalents	21,109	22,898
Restricted cash	15,709	17,521
Rents and other tenant receivables, net	8,839	9,233
Assets held for sale	519	2,047
Above market lease intangibles, net	2,185	2,424
Operating lease right-of-use assets	12,381	12,455
Deferred costs and other assets, net	14,967	11,973
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 460,036</b>	<b>\$ 465,281</b>
<b>LIABILITIES:</b>		
Loans payable, net	\$ 331,143	\$ 333,283
Liabilities associated with assets held for sale	—	3,381
Below market lease intangibles, net	3,180	3,397
Derivative liabilities	8,738	4,776
Operating lease liabilities	12,999	13,040
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	12,201	11,054
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>368,261</b>	<b>368,931</b>
Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock (no par value, 6,000,000 shares authorized, 3,152,392 shares issued and outstanding; \$107.09 million and \$104.97 million aggregate liquidation value, respectively)	94,791	92,548
<b>EQUITY:</b>		
Series A Preferred Stock (no par value, 4,500 shares authorized, 562 shares issued and outstanding)	453	453
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (no par value, 5,000,000 authorized, 1,868,343 and 1,872,448 shares issued and outstanding, respectively; \$46.71 million and \$46.81 million aggregate liquidation preference)	41,121	41,189
Common Stock (\$0.01 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized 9,723,093 and 9,720,532 shares issued and outstanding, respectively)	97	97
Additional paid-in capital	234,319	234,229
Accumulated deficit	(280,951)	(274,107)
<b>Total Stockholders' Equity</b>	<b>(4,961)</b>	<b>1,861</b>
Noncontrolling interests	1,945	1,941
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>(3,016)</b>	<b>3,802</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Equity</b>	<b>\$ 460,036</b>	<b>\$ 465,281</b>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations**  
(in thousands, except share and per share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
<b>REVENUE:</b>		
Rental revenues	\$ 15,332	\$ 14,656
Other revenues	165	72
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<u>15,497</u>	<u>14,728</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>		
Property operations	5,250	4,884
Depreciation and amortization	3,616	3,716
Impairment of assets held for sale	660	—
Corporate general & administrative	1,264	1,582
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>10,790</u>	<u>10,182</u>
(Loss) gain on disposal of properties	<u>(15)</u>	<u>176</u>
<b>Operating Income</b>	4,692	4,722
Interest income	13	—
Interest expense	(4,628)	(8,961)
Net changes in fair value of derivative liabilities	(3,962)	(347)
Other income	—	552
Other expense	<u>(691)</u>	<u>—</u>
<b>Net Loss</b>	(4,576)	(4,034)
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	4	15
<b>Net Loss Attributable to Wheeler REIT</b>	(4,580)	(4,049)
Preferred Stock dividends - undeclared	(2,264)	(2,273)
Deemed contribution related to preferred stock redemption	—	4,389
<b>Net Loss Attributable to Wheeler REIT Common Stockholders</b>	<u>\$ (6,844)</u>	<u>\$ (1,933)</u>
Loss per share:		
Basic and Diluted	<u>\$ (0.70)</u>	<u>\$ (0.20)</u>
Weighted-average number of shares:		
Basic and Diluted	<u>9,720,589</u>	<u>9,704,638</u>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Equity**  
(in thousands, except share data)  
(Unaudited)

	Series A		Series B		Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests		Total Equity
	Preferred Stock		Preferred Stock		Shares	Value				Units	Value	
	Shares	Value	Shares	Value								
Balance, December 31, 2021	562	\$ 453	1,872,448	\$ 41,189	9,720,532	\$ 97	\$ 234,229	\$ (274,107)	\$ 1,861	215,343	\$ 1,941	\$ 3,802
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	22
Conversion of Series B Preferred Stock to Common Stock	—	—	(4,105)	(90)	2,561	—	90	—	—	—	—	—
Dividends and distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,264)	(2,264)	—	—	(2,264)
Net (Loss) Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(4,580)	(4,580)	—	4	(4,576)
Balance, March 31, 2022 (Unaudited)	562	\$ 453	1,868,343	\$ 41,121	9,723,093	\$ 97	\$ 234,319	\$ (280,951)	\$ (4,961)	215,343	\$ 1,945	\$ (3,016)

	Series A		Series B		Common Stock		Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Total Stockholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interests		Total Equity
	Preferred Stock		Preferred Stock		Shares	Value				Units	Value	
	Shares	Value	Shares	Value								
Balance, December 31, 2020	562	\$ 453	1,875,748	\$ 41,174	9,703,874	\$ 97	\$ 234,061	\$ (260,867)	\$ 14,918	224,429	\$ 1,931	\$ 16,849
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount	—	—	—	22	—	—	—	—	22	—	—	22
Conversion of operating partnership units to Common Stock	—	—	—	—	2,864	—	9	—	9	(2,864)	(9)	—
Adjustment for noncontrolling interest in operating partnership	—	—	—	—	—	—	16	—	16	—	(16)	—
Dividends and distributions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,273)	(2,273)	—	—	(2,273)
Preferred Stock redemption discount	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	4,389	4,389	—	—	4,389
Net (Loss) Income	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	(4,049)	(4,049)	—	15	(4,034)
Balance, March 31, 2021 (Unaudited)	562	\$ 453	1,875,748	\$ 41,196	9,706,738	\$ 97	\$ 234,086	\$ (262,800)	\$ 13,032	221,565	\$ 1,921	\$ 14,953

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**  
(in thousands)  
(Unaudited)

	For the Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Net Loss	\$ (4,576)	\$ (4,034)
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	2,788	2,691
Amortization	828	1,025
Loan cost amortization	420	3,642
Changes in fair value of derivative liabilities	3,962	347
Above (below) market lease amortization, net	23	(12)
Straight-line expense	8	9
Loss (gain) on disposal of properties	15	(176)
Credit losses on operating lease receivables	53	119
Impairment of assets held for sale	660	—
Net changes in assets and liabilities:		
Rents and other tenant receivables, net	421	1,987
Unbilled rent	(78)	(459)
Deferred costs and other assets, net	(2,312)	(1,316)
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	1,162	916
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>3,374</u>	<u>4,739</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Investment property acquisitions	(1,510)	—
Capital expenditures	(1,545)	(962)
Cash received from disposal of properties	1,786	3,937
Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities	<u>(1,269)</u>	<u>2,975</u>
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>		
Payments for deferred financing costs	(992)	(4,193)
Loan proceeds	—	40,150
Loan principal payments	(4,714)	(35,440)
Preferred stock redemption	—	(6,103)
Loan prepayment penalty	—	(687)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(5,706)</u>	<u>(6,273)</u>
<b>(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH</b>	<u>(3,601)</u>	<u>1,441</u>
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, beginning of period	40,419	42,768
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, end of period	<u>\$ 36,818</u>	<u>\$ 44,209</u>
<b>Supplemental Disclosures:</b>		
Non-Cash Transactions:		
Paycheck Protection Program forgiveness	\$ —	\$ 552
Initial fair value of warrants	\$ —	\$ 2,018
Conversion of common units to common stock	\$ —	\$ 9
Conversion of Series B Preferred Stock to common stock	\$ 90	\$ —
Accretion of Preferred Stock discounts	\$ 146	\$ 162
Deemed contribution related to Preferred Stock discount	\$ —	\$ 4,389
Other Cash Transactions:		
Cash paid for interest	\$ 3,628	\$ 5,301
The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 21,109	\$ 9,371
Restricted cash	15,709	34,838
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	<u>\$ 36,818</u>	<u>\$ 44,209</u>

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements**  
**(Unaudited)**

**1. Organization and Basis of Presentation and Consolidation**

Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the "Trust," the "REIT," the "Company," "we," "our" or "us") is a Maryland corporation formed on June 23, 2011. The Trust serves as the general partner of Wheeler REIT, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), which was formed as a Virginia limited partnership on April 5, 2012. At March 31, 2022, the Trust owned 98.59% of the Operating Partnership. As of March 31, 2022, the Trust, through the Operating Partnership, owned and operated fifty-seven centers and four undeveloped properties in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kentucky, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Accordingly, the use of the word "Company" refers to the Trust and its consolidated subsidiaries, except where the context otherwise requires.

The Trust through the Operating Partnership owns Wheeler Interests ("WI") and Wheeler Real Estate, LLC ("WRE") (collectively the "Operating Companies"). The Operating Companies are Taxable REIT Subsidiaries ("TRS") to accommodate serving the Non-REIT Properties since applicable REIT regulations consider the income derived from these services to be "bad" income subject to taxation. The regulations allow for costs incurred by the Company commensurate with the services performed for the Non-REIT Properties to be allocated to a TRS.

The condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (the "Form 10-Q") are unaudited and the results of operations for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected for future periods or the year. However, amounts presented in the condensed consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2021 are derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements as of that date, but do not include all of the information and footnotes required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for complete financial statements. The Company prepared the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP for interim financial statements. The condensed consolidated financial statements reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary to reflect a fair statement of the results for the interim periods presented, and all such adjustments are of a normal recurring nature. All material balances and transactions between the consolidated entities of the Company have been eliminated. These condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's 2021 Annual Report filed on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 (the "2021 Form 10-K").

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

***Tenant Receivables***

Tenant receivables include base rents, tenant reimbursements and receivables attributable to recording rents on a straight-line basis. The Company determines an allowance for the uncollectible portion of accrued rents and accounts receivable based upon customer credit-worthiness (including expected recovery of a claim with respect to any tenants in bankruptcy), historical bad debt levels, and current economic trends. The Company considers a receivable past due once it becomes delinquent per the terms of the lease. The Company's standard lease form considers a rent charge past due after five days. A past due receivable triggers certain events such as notices, fees and other allowable and required actions per the lease. As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company's allowance for uncollectible tenant receivables totaled \$16 thousand and \$633 thousand, respectively.

***Revenue Recognition***

**Lease Contract Revenue**

The Company has two classes of underlying assets relating to rental revenue activity, retail and office space. The Company retains substantially all of the risks and benefits of ownership of these underlying assets and accounts for these leases as operating leases. The Company combines lease and nonlease components in lease contracts, which includes combining base rent and tenant reimbursement revenue.

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**(Unaudited)**

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

The Company accrues minimum rents on a straight-line basis over the terms of the respective leases which results in an unbilled rent asset or deferred rent liability being recorded on the balance sheet. At March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, there were \$5.85 million and \$5.77 million, respectively, in unbilled rent which is included in "rents and other tenant receivables, net."

The below table disaggregates the Company's revenue by type of service (in thousands, unaudited):

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Minimum rent	\$ 11,886	\$ 11,3
Tenant reimbursements - variable lease revenue	3,305	3,0
Percentage rent - variable lease revenue	117	1
Straight-line rents	77	2
Lease termination fees	75	
Other	90	
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,550</b>	<b>14,8</b>
Credit losses on operating lease receivables	(53)	(1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 15,497</b>	<b>\$ 14,7</b>

***Use of Estimates***

The Company has made estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and revenues and expenses during the reported periods. The Company's actual results could differ from these estimates.

***Corporate General and Administrative Expense***

Corporate general & administrative expenses consist of the following (in thousands, unaudited):

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Corporate administration	\$ 446	\$ 380
Professional fees	407	764
Compensation and benefits	315	237
Advertising costs for leasing activities	45	20
Other	51	181
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 1,264</b>	<b>\$ 1,582</b>

***Other Expense***

Other expense represents expenses which are non-operating in nature. Other expenses were \$691 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2022, which consist of legal settlement costs. There were no other expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

***Noncontrolling Interests***

Noncontrolling interests is the portion of equity in the Operating Partnership not attributable to the Trust. The ownership interests not held by the parent are considered noncontrolling interests. Accordingly, noncontrolling interests have been reported in equity on the condensed consolidated balance sheets but separate from the Company's equity. On the condensed consolidated statements of operations, the subsidiaries are reported at the consolidated amount, including both the amount attributable to the Company and noncontrolling interests. Condensed consolidated statements of equity include

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**(Unaudited)**

**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)**

beginning balances, activity for the period and ending balances for stockholders' equity, noncontrolling interests and total equity.

The noncontrolling interest of the Operating Partnership common unit holders is calculated by multiplying the noncontrolling interest ownership percentage at the balance sheet date by the Operating Partnership's net assets (total assets less total liabilities). The noncontrolling interest percentage is calculated at any point in time by dividing the number of units not owned by the Company by the total number of units outstanding. The noncontrolling interest ownership percentage will change as additional units are issued or as units are exchanged for the Company's \$0.01 par value per share common stock ("Common Stock"). In accordance with GAAP, any changes in the value from period to period are charged to additional paid-in capital.

***Recently Adopted Accounting Standards***

In June 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB") issued ASU 2016-13, "Financial Instruments - Credit Losses (Topic 326): Measurement of Credit Losses on Financial Instruments." This update enhances the methodology of measuring expected credit losses to include the use of forward-looking information to better calculate credit loss estimates. The guidance will apply to most financial assets measured at amortized cost and certain other instruments, such as accounts receivable and loans. The guidance will require that the Company estimate the lifetime expected credit loss with respect to these receivables and record allowances that, when deducted from the balance of the receivables, represent the net amounts expected to be collected. This guidance is effective for fiscal years, and for interim reporting periods within those fiscal years, beginning after December 15, 2022, however the Company is early adopting as of January 1, 2022. In November 2018, the FASB issued ASU 2018-19 to clarify that operating lease receivables, including straight-line rent receivables, recorded by lessors are explicitly excluded from the scope of Topic 326. The adoption of this standard did not have a material impact on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

***Recent Accounting Pronouncements***

Other accounting standards that have been issued or proposed by the FASB or other standard-setting bodies are not currently applicable to the Company or are not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows.

***Reclassifications***

The Company has reclassified certain prior period amounts in the accompanying condensed consolidated financial statements in order to be consistent with the current period presentation. The condensed consolidated statements of operations reported within Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2021, presented net loss attributable to Wheeler REIT Common Stockholders and basic and diluted loss per share amounts of \$3.00 million and \$0.31 per share, respectively. On November 3, 2021, common stockholders of the Company voted to amend the Company's Charter to remove the cumulative dividend rights of the Series A Preferred and Series B Preferred. As a result, the net loss attributable to Wheeler REIT Common Stockholders and basic and diluted loss per share amounts have been restated to conform with this amendment, resulting in net loss attributable to Wheeler REIT Common Stockholders and basic and diluted loss per share amounts of \$1.93 million and \$0.20 per share, respectively, for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

No other reclassifications had an effect on net income, total assets, total liabilities or equity.

**3. Real Estate**

Investment properties consist of the following (in thousands, unaudited):

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Land and land improvements	\$ 95,679	\$ 96,752
Buildings and improvements	359,014	357,606
Investment properties at cost	454,693	454,358
Less accumulated depreciation	(70,366)	(67,628)
<b>Investment properties, net</b>	<b>\$ 384,327</b>	<b>\$ 386,730</b>

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**(Unaudited)**

**3. Real Estate (continued)**

The Company's depreciation expense on investment properties was \$2.79 million and \$2.69 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

A significant portion of the Company's land, buildings and improvements serve as collateral for its mortgage loans. Accordingly, restrictions exist as to the encumbered property's transferability, use and other common rights typically associated with property ownership.

*Assets Held for Sale and Dispositions*

At March 31, 2022, assets held for sale included Harbor Pointe Associates, LLC, as the Company has committed to a plan to sell the entity, which holds an approximate 6-acre land parcel ("Harbor Pointe Land Parcel"). At December 31, 2021, assets held for sale included Walnut Hill Plaza.

Impairment expenses on assets held for sale are a result of reducing the carrying value for the amount that exceeded the property's fair value less estimated selling costs. The valuation assumptions are based on the three-level valuation hierarchy for fair value measurement and represent Level 2 inputs. Impairment expense was \$660 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2022, resulting from reducing the carrying value of Harbor Pointe Land Parcel. No impairment expense was recorded for the three months ended March 31, 2021.

Assets held for sale and associated liabilities consisted of the following (in thousands, unaudited):

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Investment properties, net	\$ 519	\$ 1,824
Rents and other tenant receivables, net	—	18
Deferred costs and other assets, net	—	205
<b>Total assets held for sale</b>	<b>\$ 519</b>	<b>\$ 2,047</b>

  

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Loans payable	\$ —	\$ 3,145
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	—	236
<b>Total liabilities associated with assets held for sale</b>	<b>\$ —</b>	<b>\$ 3,381</b>

The following properties were sold during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 (in thousands, unaudited):

Disposal Date	Property	Contract Price	Gain (loss)	Net Proceeds
January 11, 2022	Walnut Hill Plaza	\$ 1,986	\$ (15)	\$ 1,786
March 25, 2021	Berkley Shopping Center and Berkley Land Parcel (0.75 acres)	4,150	176	3,937

**4. Deferred Costs and Other Assets, Net**

Deferred costs and other assets, net of accumulated amortization are as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries**  
**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)**  
**(Unaudited)**

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Leases in place, net	\$ 6,959	\$ 7,519
Ground lease sandwich interest, net	1,598	1,667
Lease origination costs, net	1,691	1,474
Tenant relationships, net	760	853
Legal and marketing costs, net	13	14
Acquisition costs	1,510	—
Other	2,436	446
<b>Total deferred costs and other assets, net</b>	<b>\$ 14,967</b>	<b>\$ 11,973</b>

The acquisition costs consist of professional fees incurred associated with the pending acquisition of Cedar Realty Trust, Inc. (“Cedar”).

As of March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company’s intangible accumulated amortization totaled \$63.52 million and \$62.94 million, respectively. During the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company’s intangible amortization expense totaled \$828 thousand and \$1.03 million, respectively. Future amortization of leases in place, ground lease sandwich interest, lease origination costs, tenant relationships, and legal and marketing costs is as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

	Leases In Place, net	Ground Lease Sandwich Interest, net	Lease Origination Costs, net	Tenant Relationships, net	Legal & Marketing Costs, net	Total
For the remaining nine months ending						
December 31, 2022	\$ 1,531	\$ 205	\$ 195	\$ 256	\$ 5	\$ 2,192
December 31, 2023	1,612	274	246	222	5	2,359
December 31, 2024	1,111	274	219	126	3	1,733
December 31, 2025	794	274	185	62	—	1,315
December 31, 2026	422	274	161	11	—	868
December 31, 2027	270	274	138	11	—	693
Thereafter	1,219	23	547	72	—	1,861
	<b>\$ 6,959</b>	<b>\$ 1,598</b>	<b>\$ 1,691</b>	<b>\$ 760</b>	<b>\$ 13</b>	<b>\$ 11,021</b>

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**5. Loans Payable**

The Company's loans payable consist of the following (in thousands, except monthly payment):

Property/Description	Monthly Payment	Interest Rate	Maturity	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
Litchfield Market Village	\$ 46,057	5.50 %	November 2022	\$ 7,274	\$ 7,312
Twin City Commons	\$ 17,827	4.86 %	January 2023	2,824	2,843
New Market	\$ 48,747	5.65 %	June 2023	6,233	6,291
Benefit Street Note (3)	\$ 53,185	5.71 %	June 2023	6,853	6,914
Deutsche Bank Note (2)	\$ 33,340	5.71 %	July 2023	5,466	5,488
JANAF	\$ 333,159	4.49 %	July 2023	46,592	47,065
First National Bank (6) (7)	\$ 24,656	LIBOR + 350 basis points	August 2023	723	789
Lumber River (7)	\$ 10,723	LIBOR + 350 basis points	September 2023	1,277	1,296
Tampa Festival	\$ 50,797	5.56 %	September 2023	7,708	7,753
Forrest Gallery	\$ 50,973	5.40 %	September 2023	8,016	8,060
South Carolina Food Lions Note (5)	\$ 68,320	5.25 %	January 2024	11,201	11,259
JANAF Bravo	\$ 35,076	5.00 %	May 2024	5,905	5,936
Cypress Shopping Center	\$ 34,360	4.70 %	July 2024	5,999	6,031
Port Crossing	\$ 34,788	4.84 %	August 2024	5,744	5,778
Freeway Junction	\$ 41,798	4.60 %	September 2024	7,391	7,431
Harrodsburg Marketplace	\$ 19,112	4.55 %	September 2024	3,247	3,267
Bryan Station	\$ 23,489	4.52 %	November 2024	4,203	4,226
Crockett Square	Interest only	4.47 %	December 2024	6,338	6,338
Pierpont Centre	\$ 39,435	4.15 %	February 2025	7,825	7,861
Shoppes at Myrtle Park	\$ 33,180	4.45 %	February 2025	5,721	5,757
Folly Road	\$ 41,482	4.65 %	March 2025	7,020	7,063
Alex City Marketplace	Interest only	3.95 %	April 2025	5,750	5,750
Butler Square	Interest only	3.90 %	May 2025	5,640	5,640
Brook Run Shopping Center	Interest only	4.08 %	June 2025	10,950	10,950
Beaver Run Village I and II	Interest only	4.73 %	July 2025	9,400	9,400
Sunshine Shopping Plaza	Interest only	4.57 %	August 2025	5,900	5,900
Barnett Portfolio (4)	Interest only	4.30 %	September 2025	8,770	8,770
Fort Howard Shopping Center	Interest only	4.57 %	October 2025	7,100	7,100
Conyers Crossing	Interest only	4.67 %	October 2025	5,960	5,960
Grove Park Shopping Center	Interest only	4.52 %	October 2025	3,800	3,800
Parkway Plaza	Interest only	4.57 %	October 2025	3,500	3,500
Winslow Plaza	\$ 24,295	4.82 %	December 2025	4,464	4,483
JANAF BJ's	\$ 29,964	4.95 %	January 2026	4,694	4,725
Tuckernuck	\$ 32,202	5.00 %	March 2026	5,018	5,052
Chesapeake Square	\$ 23,857	4.70 %	August 2026	4,170	4,192
Sangaree/Tri-County	\$ 32,329	4.78 %	December 2026	6,153	6,176
Riverbridge	Interest only	4.48 %	December 2026	4,000	4,000
Franklin Village	\$ 45,336	4.93 %	January 2027	8,243	8,277
Village of Martinsville	\$ 89,664	4.28 %	July 2029	15,486	15,589
Laburnum Square	Interest only	4.28 %	September 2029	7,665	7,665
Rivergate (8)	\$ 100,222	4.25 %	September 2031	18,325	18,430
Convertible Notes	Interest only	7.00 %	December 2031	33,000	33,000
Walnut Hill Plaza	\$ 26,850	5.50 %	March 2023	—	3,145
Total Principal Balance <sup>(1)</sup>				341,548	346,262
Unamortized debt issuance cost <sup>(1)</sup>				(10,405)	(9,834)
Total Loans Payable, including assets held for sale				331,143	336,428
Less loans payable on assets held for sale, net loan amortization costs				—	3,145
Total Loans Payable, net				\$ 331,143	\$ 333,283

(1) Includes loans payable on assets held for sale, see Note 3.

(2) Collateralized by LaGrange Marketplace, Ridgeland and Georgetown.

(3) Collateralized by Ladson Crossing, Lake Greenwood Crossing and South Park.

(4) Collateralized by Cardinal Plaza, Franklinton Square, and Nashville Commons.

(5) Collateralized by Clover Plaza, South Square, St. George, Waterway Plaza and Westland Square.

(6) Collateralized by Surrey Plaza and Amscot Building.

(7) Certain loans bear interest at a variable interest rate equal to LIBOR or another index rate, subject to a floor, in each case plus or minus a specified margin.

(8) October 2026 the interest rate changes to variable interest rate equal to the 5 years U.S. Treasury Rate plus 2.70%, with a floor of 4.25%.

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**5. Loans Payable***Convertible Notes*

During the three months ended March 31, 2022, the interest expense related to the Convertible Notes totaled \$78 thousand.

*Walnut Hill Plaza Payoff*

In conjunction with the Walnut Hill Plaza sale the Company made a \$1.79 million principal paydown on the Walnut Hill Plaza loan. On February 17, 2022 the Company paid the remaining loan balance of \$1.34 million in full after the sale of Walnut Hill Plaza, as detailed in Note 3.

*Debt Maturity*

The Company's scheduled principal repayments on indebtedness as of March 31, 2022, including assets held for sale, are as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

For the remaining nine months ended December 31, 2022	\$	11,848
December 31, 2023		86,294
December 31, 2024		50,490
December 31, 2025		92,016
December 31, 2026		23,530
December 31, 2027		8,711
Thereafter		68,659
<b>Total principal repayments and debt maturities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>341,548</b>

**6. Derivative Liabilities**

Warrants to purchase shares of common stock are as follows:

Warrants	Exercise Price	Expiration Date
496,415	\$3.120	12/22/2023
510,204	\$3.430	3/12/2026
424,242	\$4.125	3/12/2026
127,273	\$6.875	3/12/2026

*Fair Value of Warrants*

The Company utilized the Monte Carlo simulation model to calculate the fair value of the Powerscourt Warrant and Wilmington Warrant (collectively, the "Warrant Agreements"). Significant observable and unobservable inputs include stock price, conversion price, risk-free rate, term, likelihood of an event of contractual conversion and expected volatility. The Monte Carlo simulation is a Level 3 valuation technique because it requires the development of significant internal assumptions in addition to observable market indicators. The Warrant Agreements contain terms and features that give rise to derivative liability classification.

In measuring the warrant liabilities, the Company used the following inputs in its Monte Carlo model.

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**6. Derivative Liabilities**

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
Range of exercise prices	\$3.120 - \$6.875	\$3.120 - \$6.875
Common Stock price	\$2.30	\$1.94
Weighted average contractual term to maturity	3.2 years	3.5 years
Range of expected market volatility %	76.83% - 87.83%	70.12% - 81.00%
Range of risk free interest rate	1.96% - 2.44%	0.72% - 1.16%

***Fair Value of Conversion Features Related to Convertible Notes***

The Company identified certain embedded derivatives related to the conversion features of the Convertible Notes. In accordance with ASC 815-40 *Derivatives and Hedging Activities*, the embedded conversion options contained within the Convertible Notes were accounted for as derivative liabilities at the date of issuance and shall be adjusted to fair value through each reporting date. The Company utilized a multinomial lattice model to calculate the fair value of the embedded derivatives. Significant observable and unobservable inputs include, conversion price, stock price, dividend rate, expected volatility, risk-free rate and term. The multinomial lattice model is a Level 3 valuation technique because it requires the development of significant internal assumptions in addition to observable market indicators.

In measuring the embedded derivative liability, the Company used the following inputs in its multinomial lattice model:

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	<b>December 31, 2021</b>
Conversion price	\$6.25	\$6.25
Common Stock price	\$2.30	\$1.94
Contractual term to maturity	9.8 years	10.1 years
Expected market volatility %	85.00%	80.00%
Risk-free interest rate	2.31%	1.51%
Traded WHLRL price, % of par	125.36%	113.96%

The following table sets forth a summary of the changes in fair value of the Company's derivative liabilities, which include both the warrant liabilities and embedded derivative liability (in thousands, unaudited):

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31, 2022</b>	<b>Year Ended December 31, 2021</b>
Balance at the beginning of period	\$ 4,776	\$ 594
Issuance of Wilmington Warrant	—	2,018
Issuance of embedded derivative	—	5,932
Changes in fair value	3,962	(3,768)
Balance at ending of period	<u>\$ 8,738</u>	<u>\$ 4,776</u>

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**7. Rentals under Operating Leases**

Future minimum rents to be received under noncancelable tenant operating leases, excluding rents on assets held for sale properties, for each of the nine months ending December 31, 2022 and each of the next five years and thereafter, excluding tenant reimbursements and percentage rent based on tenant sales volume, as of March 31, 2022 are as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

For the remaining nine months ended December 31, 2022	\$	35,899
December 31, 2023		44,383
December 31, 2024		37,333
December 31, 2025		30,052
December 31, 2026		21,859
December 31, 2027		14,912
Thereafter		41,085
<b>Total minimum rents</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>225,523</b>

**8. Equity and Mezzanine Equity***Series A Preferred Stock*

At March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company had 562 shares without par value of Series A Preferred Stock ("Series A Preferred") issued and outstanding and a \$1,000 liquidation preference per share, or \$562 thousand in aggregate.

*Series B Preferred Stock*

At March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company had 1,868,343 and 1,872,448 shares, issued and outstanding, respectively, and 5,000,000 authorized shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, without par value ("Series B Preferred") with a \$25.00 liquidation preference per share, or \$46.71 million and \$46.81 million in aggregate, respectively.

*Series D Preferred Stock - Redeemable Preferred Stock*

At March 31, 2022 and December 31, 2021, the Company had 3,152,392 shares, issued and outstanding, and 6,000,000 authorized shares of Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock, without par value ("Series D Preferred") with a \$25.00 liquidation preference per share, and a liquidation value of \$107.09 million and \$104.97 million in aggregate, respectively.

The changes in the carrying value of the Series D Preferred for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 are as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

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**8. Equity and Mezzanine Equity (continued)**

	<b>Series D Preferred</b>	
Balance December 31, 2021	\$	92,548
Accretion of Preferred Stock discount		125
Undeclared dividends		2,118
Balance March 31, 2022	\$	94,791
	<b>Series D Preferred</b>	
Balance December 31, 2020	\$	95,563
Accretion of Preferred Stock discount		140
Undeclared dividends		2,111
Redemption of Preferred Stock		(10,493)
Balance March 31, 2021	\$	87,321

**Earnings per share**

Basic earnings per share for the Company's common stockholders is calculated by dividing income (loss) from continuing operations, excluding amounts attributable to preferred stockholders and the net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests, by the Company's weighted-average shares of Common Stock outstanding during the period. Diluted earnings per share is computed by dividing the net income (loss) attributable to common stockholders, excluding amounts attributable to preferred stockholders and the net income (loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests, by the weighted-average number of common shares including any dilutive shares.

The following table summarizes the potential dilution of conversion of common units, Series B Preferred, Series D Preferred, warrants and Convertible Notes into the Company's Common Stock. These have been excluded from the Company's diluted earnings per share calculation because their inclusion would be antidilutive.

	<b>March 31, 2022</b>	
	<b>Outstanding shares</b>	<b>Potential Dilutive Shares</b>
Common units	215,343	215,343
Series B Preferred Stock	1,868,343	1,167,714
Series D Preferred Stock	3,152,392	6,314,249
Warrants to purchase Common Stock	—	1,558,134
Convertible Notes	—	28,436,060

**Dividends**

The following table summarizes the Series D Preferred dividends (unaudited, in thousands except for per share amounts):

<b>Record Date/Arrears Date</b>	<b>Series D Preferred</b>	
	<b>Arrears</b>	<b>Per Share</b>
For the three months ended March 31, 2022	\$ 2,118	\$ 0.67
For the three months ended March 31, 2021	\$ 2,111	\$ 0.67

There were no dividends declared to holders of Common Stock during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021. The total cumulative dividends in arrears for Series D Preferred (per share \$8.97) as of March 31, 2022 is \$28.28 million.

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**9. Lease Commitments**

The Company has ground leases and leases its corporate headquarters; both are accounted for as operating leases. Most leases include one or more options to renew, with renewal terms that can extend the lease term from 5 to 50 years. As of March 31, 2022 and 2021, the weighted average remaining lease term of our leases is 31 and 31 years, respectively. The following properties are subject to leases which require the Company to make the following fixed annual rental payments and variable lease payments and include escalation clauses and renewal options as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Expiration Year
	2022	2021	
Amscot	\$ 6	\$ 6	2045
Beaver Ruin Village	14	14	2054
Beaver Ruin Village II	5	6	2056
Moncks Corner	30	30	2040
Devine Street <sup>(1)</sup>	99	99	2051
JANAF <sup>(2)</sup>	68	68	2069
Riversedge office space Virginia Beach, VA	42	42	2030
<b>Total rent expense</b>	<u>\$ 264</u>	<u>\$ 265</u>	

(1) Lease options are exercised through 2035 with options which are reasonably certain to be exercised through 2051.

(2) Includes \$30 thousand and \$31 thousand in variable percentage rent during the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021 respectively.

Supplemental information related to leases is as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

	Three Months Ended March 31	
	2022	2021
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities	\$ 226	\$ 225

Undiscounted cash flows of our scheduled obligations for future minimum lease payments due under the operating leases, including applicable automatic extension options and options reasonably certain of being exercised, as of March 31, 2022 and a reconciliation of those cash flows to the operating lease liabilities at March 31, 2022 are as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

For the remaining nine months ended December 31, 2022	\$ 679
December 31, 2023	907
December 31, 2024	909
December 31, 2025	913
December 31, 2026	943
December 31, 2027	946
Thereafter	21,897
<b>Total minimum lease payments <sup>(1)</sup></b>	<u>27,194</u>
Discount	<u>(14,195)</u>
<b>Operating lease liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 12,999</u>

(1) Operating lease payments include \$7.54 million related to options to extend lease terms that are reasonably certain of being exercised .

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**10. Commitments and Contingencies**

***Insurance***

The Company carries comprehensive liability, fire, extended coverage, business interruption and rental loss insurance covering all of the properties in its portfolio under an insurance policy, in addition to other coverages, such as trademark and pollution coverage that may be appropriate for certain of its properties. Additionally, the Company carries a directors', officers', entity and employment practices liability insurance policy that covers such claims made against the Company and its directors and officers. The Company believes the policy specifications and insured limits are appropriate and adequate for its properties given the relative risk of loss, the cost of the coverage and industry practice; however, its insurance coverage may not be sufficient to fully cover its losses.

***Concentration of Credit Risk***

The Company is subject to risks incidental to the ownership and operation of commercial real estate. These risks include, among others, the risks normally associated with changes in the general economic climate, trends in the retail industry, creditworthiness of tenants, competition for tenants and customers, changes in tax laws, interest rates, the availability of financing and potential liability under environmental and other laws.

The Company's portfolio of properties is dependent upon regional and local economic conditions and is geographically concentrated in the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast, which markets represent approximately 61%, 35% and 4% respectively, of the total annualized base rent of the properties in its portfolio as of March 31, 2022. The Company's geographic concentration may cause it to be more susceptible to adverse developments in those markets than if it owned a more geographically diverse portfolio. Additionally, the Company's retail shopping center properties depend on anchor stores or major tenants to attract shoppers and could be adversely affected by the loss of, or a store closure by, one or more of these tenants.

***Regulatory and Environmental***

As the owner of the buildings on our properties, the Company could face liability for the presence of hazardous materials (e.g., asbestos or lead) or other adverse conditions (e.g., poor indoor air quality) in its buildings. Environmental laws govern the presence, maintenance, and removal of hazardous materials in buildings, and if the Company does not comply with such laws, it could face fines for such noncompliance. Also, the Company could be liable to third parties (e.g., occupants of the buildings) for damages related to exposure to hazardous materials or adverse conditions in its buildings, and the Company could incur material expenses with respect to abatement or remediation of hazardous materials or other adverse conditions in its buildings. In addition, some of the Company's tenants routinely handle and use hazardous or regulated substances and wastes as part of their operations at our properties, which are subject to regulation. Such environmental and health and safety laws and regulations could subject the Company or its tenants to liability resulting from these activities. Environmental liabilities could affect a tenant's ability to make rental payments to the Company, and changes in laws could increase the potential liability for noncompliance. This may result in significant unanticipated expenditures or may otherwise materially and adversely affect the Company's operations. The Company is not aware of any material contingent liabilities, regulatory matters or environmental matters that may exist.

***Litigation***

The Company is involved in various legal proceedings arising in the ordinary course of its business, including, but not limited to commercial disputes. The Company believes that such litigation, claims and administrative proceedings will not have a material adverse impact on its financial position or its results of operations. The Company records a liability when it considers the loss probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. In addition, the below legal proceedings are in process:

*David Kelly v. Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.*, Circuit Court for the City of Virginia Beach, Virginia. Former CEO David Kelly filed suit on May 28, 2020, alleging breach of his employment contract. On March 15, 2022, the Court granted Mr. Kelly \$340 thousand with interest thereon at a rate of 6% per annum from the date of termination, April 13, 2020, until paid, plus attorneys' fees and costs in the amount of \$311 thousand. On March 31,

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2022, \$691 thousand was paid to Mr. Kelly. The Company has now fulfilled its obligations pursuant to the Court's Order in this case.

*JCP Investment Partnership LP, et al v. Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.*, United States District Court for the District of Maryland. On March 22, 2021, JCP Investment Partnership, LP, a Texas limited partnership and stockholder of the Company, JCP Investment Partners, LP, a Texas limited partnership and stockholder of the Company, JCP Investment Holdings, LLC, a Texas limited liability company and stockholder of the Company, and JCP Investment Management, LLC, a Texas limited liability company and stockholder of the Company (collectively, the "JCP Plaintiffs"), filed suit against the Company and certain current and former directors and former officers of the Company (the "Individual Defendants"). The complaint alleges that the Company amended provisions of its Articles Supplementary in 2018 governing the issuance of the Company's Series D Preferred in violation of Maryland corporate law and without obtaining the consent of preferred stockholders and, therefore, the court should declare the Company's said amendment invalid, enjoin further purportedly unauthorized amendments, and either compel the Company to redeem the JCP Plaintiffs' stock or enter judgment for monetary damages the JCP Plaintiffs purportedly sustained based on the Company's alleged breach of its contractual duties to redeem the JCP Plaintiffs' Series D Preferred. The complaint also alleges certain violations of Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and alleges that the Individual Defendants violated Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. The JCP Plaintiffs are each purportedly a holder of the Company's Series D Preferred. The complaint seeks damages, interest, attorneys' fees, other costs and expenses, and such other relief as the court may deem just and equitable. The Company has filed an answer to the complaint denying any liability. The Individual Defendants filed a motion to dismiss the complaint, which was denied. The JCP Plaintiffs filed a Motion For Partial Summary Judgment, as to which the Company and the Individual Defendants filed oppositions. The Judge denied the JCP Plaintiffs' Motion and ordered the parties to prepare a joint discovery schedule. At this juncture, the outcome of the litigation is uncertain.

*Steamboat Capital Partners Master Fund, LP and Steamboat Capital Partners II, LP v. Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.*, Steamboat Capital Partners Master Fund, LP and Steamboat Capital Partners II, LP v. Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., Circuit Court for Baltimore County, Maryland. On October 25, 2021, Steamboat Capital Partners Master Fund, LP, a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership and stockholder of the Company, and Steamboat Capital Partners II, LP, a Delaware limited partnership and stockholder of the Company, filed a putative class action on behalf of holders of the Company's Series B Preferred Stock and Series D Preferred Stock. The complaint alleges that the Company's rights offering of convertible debt to the Company's common stockholders, and the notes issued pursuant to the rights offering, breached the provisions of the Company's governing documents and violated the rights of the holders of the Series B Preferred and Series D Preferred with respect to accumulated and unpaid dividends. Plaintiffs seek relief as follows: require the Company to pay all dividends accrued, as of the date of the rights offering, on the Series B Preferred and Series D Preferred, and prohibit the Company from paying interest on the notes held by the Company's common stockholders (upon exercise of the rights) until all accrued dividends on the Series B Preferred and Series D Preferred are paid. Plaintiffs also seek a declaration that the rights offering by the Company to its common stockholders, which resulted in the issuance of notes, when accrued Series B Preferred dividends and Series D Preferred dividends had not been fully paid, breached the provisions of the Company's governing documents. In addition, the complaint contends that the Company's amendment of its charter to remove the cumulative nature of dividends from the Series B Preferred cannot be applied retroactively. A trial date is set for May 2023. The parties have each filed potentially dispositive motions. At this juncture, the outcome of the litigation is uncertain.

*David Sydney, et. al. v. Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. et al.*, Circuit Court for Montgomery County, Maryland. On April 8, 2022, several purported holders of preferred stock of Cedar Realty Trust, Inc. ("Cedar") filed a putative class action against Cedar, Cedar's Board of Directors, and the Company arising out of the pending acquisition of Cedar by the Company. The complaint includes allegations of breach of contract against Cedar and Cedar's Board of Directors with respect to the articles supplementary governing the terms of Cedar's preferred stock and breach of fiduciary duty against Cedar's Board of Directors. The complaint further alleges that the Company tortiously interfered with Cedar's contract with the owners of Cedar's preferred stock and aided and abetted the alleged breach of fiduciary duty by Cedar's Board of Directors. The complaint seeks, among other relief, an injunction enjoining the proposed acquisition, an injunction enjoining the distribution by Cedar to Cedar's common stockholders of funds to be received by Cedar from selling a portion of its assets prior to the acquisition, and

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compensatory damages. On May 6, 2022, the plaintiffs filed an amended complaint and added a claim against Cedar alleging breach of contract with respect to conversion rights for the preferred shareholders and a related claim against the Company for tortious interference with contract with respect to conversion rights. On May 6, 2022, the plaintiffs also filed motions seeking to enjoin the merger, asking the Court to allow expedited discovery, and to set a date for a preliminary injunction hearing. At this juncture, the outcome of the litigation is uncertain.

***Harbor Pointe Tax Increment Financing***

On September 1, 2011, the Grove Economic Development Authority issued the Grove Economic Development Authority Tax Increment Revenue Note, Taxable Series 2011 in the amount of \$2.42 million, bearing a variable interest rate of 2.29%, not to exceed 14% and payable in 50 semi-annual installments. The proceeds of the bonds were to provide funding for the construction of public infrastructure and other site improvements and to be repaid by incremental additional property taxes generated by development. Harbor Pointe Associates, LLC, then owned by an affiliate of former CEO, Jon Wheeler, entered into an Economic Development Agreement with the Grove Economic Development Authority for this infrastructure development and in the event the ad valorem taxes were insufficient to cover annual debt service, Harbor Pointe Associates, LLC would reimburse the Grove Economic Development Authority (the “Harbor Pointe Agreement”). In 2014, Harbor Pointe Associates, LLC was acquired by the Company.

The total debt service shortfall over the life of the bond is uncertain as it is based on ad valorem taxes, assessed property values, property tax rates, LIBOR and future potential development ranging until 2036. The Company’s future total principal obligation under the Harbor Pointe Agreement will be no more than \$2.11 million, the principal amount of the bonds, as of March 31, 2022. In addition, the Company may have an interest obligation on the note based on the principal balance and LIBOR rates in effect at future payment dates. During the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, the Company funded \$0 and \$44 thousand, respectively, in debt service shortfalls. No amounts have been accrued for this as of March 31, 2022 as a reasonable estimate of future debt service shortfalls cannot be determined based on variables noted above.

**11. Related Party Transactions**

The related party amounts below reflect the activity between the Company and its affiliates (in thousands, unaudited):

	<b>Three Months Ended March 31,</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Amounts paid to affiliates	\$ —	\$ 35

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

You should read the following discussion of our financial condition and results of operations in conjunction with our unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto included in this Form 10-Q, along with the consolidated financial statements and the notes thereto, and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included in our 2021 Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021. For more detailed information regarding the basis of presentation for the following information, you should read the notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q.

When used in this discussion and elsewhere in this Form 10-Q, the words "believes," "should," "estimates," "expects," and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements within the meaning of that term in Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), and in Section 21F of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). These forward-looking statements are not historical facts but are the intent, belief or current expectations of our management based on its knowledge and understanding of our business and industry. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, some of which are beyond our control, are difficult to predict and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statements.

Important factors that we think could cause our actual results to differ materially from those expressed or forecasted in the forward-looking statement are summarized below:

- the ongoing adverse effect and the ultimate duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, and federal, state, and/or local regulatory guidelines and private business actions to control it, on the Company's financial condition, operating results and cash flows, the Company's tenants and their customers, the use of and demand for retail space, the real estate market in which the Company operates, the U.S. economy, the global economy and the financial markets;
- the level of rental revenue we achieve from our assets and our ability to collect rents;
- the state of the U.S. economy generally, or specifically in the Southeast, Mid-Atlantic and Northeast where our properties are geographically concentrated;
- consumer spending and confidence trends;
- tenant bankruptcies;
- availability, terms and deployment of capital;
- general volatility of the capital markets and the market price of our common and preferred stock;
- the degree and nature of our competition;
- changes in governmental regulations, accounting rules, tax rates and similar matters;
- litigation risks;
- lease-up risks;
- increases in the Company's financing and other costs as a result of changes in interest rates and other factors, including the discontinuation of the London Interbank Offered Rate ("LIBOR");
- changes in our ability to obtain and maintain financing;
- damage to the Company's properties from catastrophic weather and other natural events, and the physical effects of climate change;
- information technology security breaches;
- the Company's ability and willingness to maintain its qualification as a real estate investment trust ("REIT") in light of economic, market, legal, tax and other considerations;
- the impact of e-commerce on our tenants' business; and
- inability to generate sufficient cash flows due to market conditions, competition, uninsured losses, changes in tax or other applicable laws.

We caution that the foregoing list of factors is not all-inclusive. Moreover, we operate in a very competitive and rapidly changing environment. New factors emerge from time to time and it is not possible for management to predict all such factors, nor can it assess the impact of all such 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. All subsequent written and oral forward-looking statements concerning us or any person acting on our behalf are expressly qualified in their entirety by

the cautionary statements above. We caution not to place undue reliance upon any forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date made. We do not undertake or accept any obligation or undertaking to release publicly any updates or revisions to any forward-looking statement to reflect any change in our expectations or any change in events, conditions or circumstances on which any such statement is based.

## **Company Overview**

The Company, a Maryland corporation, is a fully integrated, self-managed commercial real estate investment trust that owns, leases and operates income-producing retail properties with a primary focus on grocery-anchored centers.

As of March 31, 2022, the Trust, through the Operating Partnership, owned and operated fifty-seven retail shopping centers and four undeveloped properties in Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Kentucky, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

## **Recent Trends and Activities**

### *Pending Acquisition of Cedar Realty Trust*

On March 2, 2022, the Company entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (as amended, the “Merger Agreement”) with Cedar Realty Trust, Inc. (“Cedar”), Cedar Realty Trust Partnership, L.P., (“Cedar OP”), WHLR Merger Sub Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company, and WHLR OP Merger Sub LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary of Merger Sub I (“Merger Sub II”), pursuant to which the Company agreed to acquire Cedar, including 19 of its shopping center assets, in an all-cash merger transaction (the “Cedar Acquisition”). The Cedar Acquisition is conditioned on, among other things, the completion of Cedar’s pending sale of 33 grocery-anchored shopping centers and sale of certain redevelopment assets.

On the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, Merger Sub II will merge with and into Cedar OP (the Partnership Merger”), with Cedar OP being the surviving partnership (the “Surviving Partnership”) in such merger, and, immediately following the Partnership Merger, Merger Sub I will merge with and into Cedar (the “REIT Merger” and, together with the Partnership Merger, the “Mergers”), with Cedar being the surviving company (the “Surviving Company”) in the REIT Merger.

On April 19, 2022, the parties to the Merger Agreement executed the First Amendment to the Merger Agreement pursuant to which Section 2.4(a) of the Merger Agreement was amended and restated to clarify that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of Cedar immediately prior to the merger effective time will be the articles of incorporation and bylaws of the Surviving Company immediately after the merger effective time, until thereafter amended as provided therein or by applicable law.

Upon completion of and by virtue of the Mergers, the issued and outstanding shares of Cedar’s common stock, par value \$0.06 per share (“Cedar Common Stock”), and the issued and outstanding common units of Cedar OP held by persons other than Cedar (“Third Party Cedar OP Units”), will be cancelled and converted into the right to receive an aggregate of \$130.00 million of cash merger consideration (the “Aggregate Merger Consideration”), without interest. The portion of the Aggregate Merger Consideration to be received per share of Cedar Common Stock and per Third Party Cedar OP Unit will depend on the number of shares of Cedar Common Stock and the number of Third Party Cedar OP Units outstanding immediately prior to the effective time of the Mergers.

Following the REIT Merger, the Cedar Common Stock will be held by the Company and will no longer be publicly traded. Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, Cedar’s currently outstanding 7.25% Series B Preferred Stock and 6.50% Series C Preferred Stock (collectively, the “Cedar Preferred Stock”) will remain outstanding as shares of preferred stock in the Surviving Company following the Mergers. Both classes of Cedar Preferred Stock are expected to remain listed on the New York Stock Exchange following closing of the Mergers, and the Surviving Company is expected to continue to be an independent filer of periodic reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) under the Exchange Act. This post-closing structure whereby the Cedar Preferred Stock will remain outstanding preferred securities of an independent public reporting entity that holds a portfolio of income-producing assets is intended to provide for the Surviving Company to pay all required dividends on the Cedar Preferred Stock in accordance with the articles supplementary governing the terms of the Cedar Preferred Stock and applicable law.

The Cedar Acquisition has been approved by the boards of directors of each of the Company and Cedar. The consummation of the Cedar Acquisition is subject to Cedar receiving the approval of holders of two-thirds of the issued and outstanding shares of Cedar Common Stock, among other conditions.

In connection with the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement, WHLR has obtained a debt financing commitment from KeyBank National Association (the “Lender”) in an amount of up to \$130.00 million. The Lender’s commitment to provide debt financing (the “Debt Financing”) for the Cedar Acquisition consists of a bridge loan on the terms, and subject to the conditions set forth in a debt commitment letter, dated as of March 2, 2022, and delivered to WHLR concurrently with the execution of the Merger Agreement (the “Debt Commitment Letter”).

The obligations of the Lender to provide the Debt Financing under the Debt Commitment Letter are subject to a number of customary conditions, including the consummation of the transactions contemplated in the Merger Agreement, the delivery of specified due diligence items, the receipt of executed loan documentation, the payment of certain fees, and the absence of any material adverse change in the business, financial condition, assets or results of operations of Cedar or Cedar OP that, individually or in the aggregate, has had or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect. The Debt Financing will be secured by first mortgage liens on substantially all of the properties owned by certain subsidiaries of Cedar OP.

The “outside date” for closing of the Cedar Acquisition is August 30, 2022 (subject to possible extension for up to an additional 60 days under certain circumstances). However, we currently expect the Cedar Acquisition to close by the end of the second quarter of 2022, subject to receipt of the approval of Cedar’s stockholders and the satisfaction or waiver of the other conditions to closing described in the Merger Agreement.

The Cedar Acquisition is expected to increase the Company’s presence in the Northeast, and create a total operating portfolio of 76 shopping centers (the majority of which will be grocery-anchored), consisting of approximately 8.3 million square feet of gross leasable area.

The amounts presented herein for the three months ended March 31, 2022, are solely the Company’s stand-alone results of operations and therefore do not include Cedar’s results of operations for these periods.

***Dispositions***

Disposal Date	Property	Contract Price	Gain (loss)	Net Proceeds
(in thousands, unaudited)				
January 11, 2022	Walnut Hill Plaza - Petersburg, VA	\$ 1,986	\$ (15)	\$ 1,786

In conjunction with the Walnut Hill Plaza sale the Company made a \$1.79 million principal paydown on the Walnut Hill Plaza loan and on February 17, 2022, the Company paid the remaining loan balance of \$1.34 million.

***Assets Held for Sale***

At March 31, 2022, assets held for sale included Harbor Pointe Associates, LLC as the Company had committed to a plan to sell the entity. At December 31 2021, assets held for sale included Walnut Hill Plaza.

***New Leases, Leasing Renewals and Expirations***

The following table presents selected lease activity statistics for our properties:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
<b>Renewals<sup>(1)</sup>:</b>		
Leases renewed with rate increase (sq feet)	66,348	145,173
Leases renewed with rate decrease (sq feet)	5,328	24,873
Leases renewed with no rate change (sq feet)	20,329	17,959
Total leases renewed (sq feet)	<u>92,005</u>	<u>188,005</u>
Leases renewed with rate increase (count)	20	27
Leases renewed with rate decrease (count)	2	5
Leases renewed with no rate change (count)	12	8
Total leases renewed (count)	<u>34</u>	<u>40</u>
Option exercised (count)	2	4
Weighted average on rate increases (per sq foot)	\$ 1.15	\$ 0.68
Weighted average on rate decreases (per sq foot)	\$ (2.13)	\$ (1.15)
Weighted average rate on all renewals (per sq foot)	\$ 0.71	\$ 0.38
Weighted average change over prior rates	<u>5.86 %</u>	<u>4.22 %</u>
<b>New Leases<sup>(1) (2)</sup>:</b>		
New leases (sq feet)	68,919	112,594
New leases (count)	23	19
Weighted average rate (per sq foot)	\$ 13.09	\$ 8.25
Gross Leasable Area ("GLA") expiring during the next 9 months, including month-to-month leases	<u>5.01 %</u>	<u>4.43 %</u>

(1) Lease data presented is based on average rate per square foot over the renewed or new lease term.

(2) The Company does not include ground leases entered into for the purposes of new lease sq feet and weighted average rate (per sq foot) on new leases.

### Three Months Ended March 31, 2022 Compared to the Three Months Ended March 31, 2021

#### Results of Operations

The following table presents a comparison of the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively:

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Three Months Ended Changes	
	2022	2021	Change	% Change
<b>PROPERTY DATA:</b>				
Number of properties owned and leased at period end (1)	57	59	(2)	(3.39)%
Aggregate gross leasable area at period end (1)	5,391,432	5,511,881	(120,449)	(2.19)%
Ending leased rate at period end (1)	95.8 %	91.1 %	4.7 %	5.16 %
<b>FINANCIAL DATA:</b>				
Rental revenues	\$ 15,332	\$ 14,656	\$ 676	4.61 %
Other revenues	165	72	93	129.17 %
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>15,497</b>	<b>14,728</b>	<b>769</b>	<b>5.22 %</b>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES:</b>				
Property operations	5,250	4,884	366	7.49 %
Depreciation and amortization	3,616	3,716	(100)	(2.69)%
Impairment of assets held for sale	660	—	660	100.00 %
Corporate general & administrative	1,264	1,582	(318)	(20.10)%
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>10,790</b>	<b>10,182</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>5.97 %</b>
(Loss) gain on disposal of properties	(15)	176	(191)	(108.52)%
<b>Operating Income</b>	<b>4,692</b>	<b>4,722</b>	<b>(30)</b>	<b>(0.64)%</b>
Interest income	13	—	13	100.00 %
Interest expense	(4,628)	(8,961)	4,333	48.35 %
Net changes in fair value of derivative liabilities	(3,962)	(347)	(3,615)	(100.00)%
Other income	—	552	(552)	(100.00)%
Other expense	(691)	—	(691)	(100.00)%
<b>Net Loss</b>	<b>(4,576)</b>	<b>(4,034)</b>	<b>(542)</b>	<b>(13.44)%</b>
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	4	15	(11)	(73.33)%
<b>Net Loss Attributable to Wheeler REIT</b>	<b>\$ (4,580)</b>	<b>\$ (4,049)</b>	<b>\$ (531)</b>	<b>(13.11)%</b>

(1) Excludes the undeveloped land parcels. Includes assets held for sale.

#### *Total Revenue*

Total revenues were \$15.50 million and \$14.73 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, representing an increase of 5.22%. The increase in rental revenues of \$676 thousand is primarily a result of an increase of 4.3% in occupancy, partially offset by the decrease from sold properties. See Same Store and Non-same Store Operating Income for further details about the changes within operating revenue.

#### *Total Operating Expenses*

Total operating expenses were \$10.79 million and \$10.18 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, representing an increase of 5.97%. Impairment of assets held for sale was \$660 thousand and \$0 for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, as a result of Harbor Pointe Land Parcel. Depreciation and amortization decreased \$100 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2022 primarily as a result of lease intangibles becoming fully amortized. See Same Store and Non-same Store Operating Income for further details about the changes within property operations expense.

Corporate general and administrative expenses were \$1.26 million and \$1.58 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, representing a decrease of 20.10%, primarily a result of the following:

- \$357 thousand decrease in professional fees primarily related to lower legal fees and timing of director and officer insurance reimbursement;
- \$130 thousand decrease in other expenses, primarily related to lower fees associated with capital, debt and financing activities; partially offset by

- \$78 thousand increase in compensation and benefits primarily driven by payroll related costs;

#### ***Disposal of Properties***

The net (loss) gain on disposal of properties change of \$191 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2022 is a result of the 2022 sale of Walnut Hill Plaza compared to the 2021 sale of the Berkley Shopping Center and Berkley Land Parcel.

#### ***Interest Expense***

Interest expense was \$4.63 million and \$8.96 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, representing a decrease of 48.35%. Loan cost amortization accounted for \$3.22 million of the decrease, primarily attributable to the 2021 write-off of debt issuance costs and \$687 thousand in defeasance paid resulting from the sale of Berkley Shopping Center.

#### ***Net Change in Fair Value of Derivative Liabilities***

The net change in fair value of the derivative liabilities loss of \$3.96 million and \$347 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, represents non-cash loss from changes in fair value. The largest impact on the derivative liabilities' valuation is a result of increased fair market value of the Company's securities described at Note 6 on this Form 10-Q and the 2021 conversion features on Convertible Notes.

#### ***Other Income and Expense***

Other income was \$552 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2021, relating to Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") Promissory Note forgiveness. Other expense was \$691 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2022 relating to legal settlement costs. Other income and other expense are non-operating in nature.

#### ***Preferred Dividends***

The Company had accumulated undeclared dividends of \$28.28 million to holders of shares of our Series D Preferred, of which \$2.12 million is attributable to the three months ended March 31, 2022.

#### ***Same Store and Non-same Store Operating Income***

Net operating income ("NOI") is a widely-used non-GAAP financial measure for REITs. The Company believes that NOI is a useful measure of the Company's property operating performance. The Company defines NOI as property revenues (rental and other revenues) less property and related expenses (property operation and maintenance and real estate taxes). Because NOI excludes general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization, interest expense, interest income, provision for income taxes, gain or loss on sale or capital expenditures and leasing costs and impairment of assets held for sale and held for use, it provides a performance measure, that when compared year over year, reflects the revenues and expenses directly associated with owning and operating commercial real estate properties and the impact to operations from trends in occupancy rates, rental rates and operating costs, providing perspective not immediately apparent from net income. The Company uses NOI to evaluate its operating performance since NOI allows the Company to evaluate the impact of factors, such as occupancy levels, lease structure, lease rates and tenant base, have on the Company's results, margins and returns. NOI should not be viewed as a measure of the Company's overall financial performance since it does not reflect general and administrative expenses, depreciation and amortization, involuntary conversion, interest expense, interest income, provision for income taxes, gain or loss on sale or disposition of assets, and the level of capital expenditures and leasing costs necessary to maintain the operating performance of the Company's properties. Other REITs may use different methodologies for calculating NOI, and accordingly, the Company's NOI may not be comparable to that of other REITs.

The following table is a reconciliation of same store and non-same store NOI from the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure of net income (loss). Same stores consist of those properties owned during all periods presented in their entirety, while non-same stores consist of those properties acquired or disposed of during the periods presented. The non-same store category consists of the following properties:

- Continuing operations:
  - Berkley Shopping Center and Berkley Land Parcel (sold March 25, 2021).
  - Tulls Creek Land Parcel (sold July 9, 2021);
  - Rivergate Shopping Center Out Parcel (sold August 31, 2021);

- Columbia Fire Station (sold November 17, 2021); and
- Walnut Hill Plaza (sold January 11, 2022).

	Three Months Ended March 31,					
	Same Store		Non-same Store		Total	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021
	(in thousands, unaudited)					
<b>Net Loss</b>	\$ (4,539)	\$ (3,210)	\$ (37)	\$ (824)	\$ (4,576)	\$ (4,034)
Adjustments:						
Other expense	691	—	—	—	691	—
Net changes in fair value of derivative liabilities	3,962	347	—	—	3,962	347
Interest expense	4,616	8,059	12	902	4,628	8,961
Interest income	(13)	—	—	—	(13)	—
Loss (gain) on disposal of properties	—	—	15	(176)	15	(176)
Corporate general & administrative	1,257	1,540	7	42	1,264	1,582
Impairment of assets held for sale	660	—	—	—	660	—
Depreciation and amortization	3,616	3,661	—	55	3,616	3,716
Other non-property revenue	(8)	(565)	—	—	(8)	(565)
<b>Property Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,242</b>	<b>\$ 9,832</b>	<b>\$ (3)</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ 10,239</b>	<b>\$ 9,831</b>
Property revenues	\$ 15,486	\$ 14,556	\$ 3	\$ 159	\$ 15,489	\$ 14,715
Property expenses	5,244	4,724	6	160	5,250	4,884
<b>Property Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 10,242</b>	<b>\$ 9,832</b>	<b>\$ (3)</b>	<b>\$ (1)</b>	<b>\$ 10,239</b>	<b>\$ 9,831</b>

#### *Property Revenues*

Total same store property revenues were \$15.49 million and \$14.56 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, representing an increase of 6.39% primarily due to:

- \$1.05 million increase in rental revenues (excluding straight-line revenue) and reimbursement revenue primarily due to increased occupancy; partially offset by
- \$211 thousand decrease in straight-line rental revenues.

#### *Property Expenses*

Total same store property expenses were \$5.24 million and \$4.72 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, an increase of 11.01%. The \$520 thousand increase for the three months ended March 31, 2022 is primarily due to increases of \$113 thousand in insurance, \$218 thousand in snow removal and \$122 thousand in remaining common area expenses.

There were no significant unusual or non-recurring items included in non-same store property expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021.

#### *Property Net Operating Income*

Total property net operating income was \$10.24 million and \$9.83 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, and 2021, respectively, representing a increase of \$408 thousand or 4.15%, primarily attributable to same stores.

#### *Funds from Operations (FFO)*

We use FFO, a non-GAAP measure, as an alternative measure of our operating performance, specifically as it relates to results of operations and liquidity. We compute FFO in accordance with standards established by the Board of Governors of NAREIT in its March 1995 White Paper (as amended in November 1999, April 2002 and December 2018). As defined by NAREIT, FFO represents net income (computed in accordance with GAAP), excluding gains (or losses) from sales of property,

plus real estate related depreciation and amortization (excluding amortization of loan origination costs), plus impairment of real estate related long-lived assets and after adjustments for unconsolidated partnerships and joint ventures. Most industry analysts and equity REITs, including us, consider FFO to be an appropriate supplemental measure of operating performance because, by excluding gains or losses on dispositions and excluding depreciation, FFO is a helpful tool that can assist in the comparison of the operating performance of a company's real estate between periods, or as compared to different companies. Management uses FFO as a supplemental measure to conduct and evaluate our business because there are certain limitations associated with using GAAP net income alone as the primary measure of our operating performance. Historical cost accounting for real estate assets in accordance with GAAP implicitly assumes that the value of real estate assets diminishes predictably over time, while historically real estate values have risen or fallen with market conditions. Accordingly, we believe FFO provides a valuable alternative measurement tool to GAAP when presenting our operating results.

Below is a comparison of same and non-same store FFO, which is a non-GAAP measurement (in thousands, unaudited):

	Three Months Ended March 31,							
	Same Store		Non-same Store		Total		Period Over Period Changes	
	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	\$	%
Net Loss	\$ (4,539)	\$ (3,210)	\$ (37)	\$ (824)	\$ (4,576)	\$ (4,034)	\$ (542)	(13.44) %
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets	3,616	3,661	—	55	3,616	3,716	(100)	(2.69) %
Impairment of assets held for sale	660	—	—	—	660	—	660	100.00 %
Loss (gain) on disposal of properties	—	—	15	(176)	15	(176)	191	108.52 %
FFO	\$ (263)	\$ 451	\$ (22)	\$ (945)	\$ (285)	\$ (494)	\$ 209	42.31 %

During the three months ended March 31, 2022, same store FFO decreased \$714 thousand primarily due to the following:

- \$3.44 million decrease in interest expense;
- \$410 thousand increase in property net operating income;
- \$283 thousand decrease in corporate general and administrative expenses; partially offset by
- \$3.62 million decrease in the net change in fair value of derivative liability;
- \$691 thousand increase in other expense for legal settlements; and
- \$552 thousand decrease in other income for PPP Promissory Note forgiveness in 2021.

We believe the computation of FFO in accordance with NAREIT's definition includes certain items that are not indicative of the results provided by our operating portfolio and affect the comparability of our period-over-period performance. These items include, but are not limited to, legal settlements, non-cash share-based compensation expense, non-cash amortization on loans and acquisition costs. Therefore, in addition to FFO, management uses Adjusted FFO ("AFFO"), which we define to exclude such items. Management believes that these adjustments are appropriate in determining AFFO as they are not indicative of the operating performance of our assets. In addition, we believe that AFFO is a useful supplemental measure for the investing community to use in comparing us to other REITs as many REITs provide some form of adjusted or modified FFO. However, there can be no assurance that AFFO presented by us is comparable to the adjusted or modified FFO of other REITs.

Total AFFO is shown in the table below:

	Three Months Ended March 31,	
	2022	2021
FFO	\$ (285)	\$ (494)
Preferred Stock dividends - undeclared	(2,264)	(2,273)
Preferred stock accretion adjustments	146	162
FFO available to common stockholders and common unitholders	(2,403)	(2,605)
Capital related costs	(24)	128
Other non-recurring and non-cash expense	701	145
Net changes in fair value of derivative liabilities	3,962	347
Straight-line rental revenue, net straight-line expense	(69)	(214)
Loan cost amortization	420	3,642
Above (below) market lease amortization	23	(12)
Recurring capital expenditures and tenant improvement reserves	(270)	(276)
AFFO	\$ 2,340	\$ 1,155

Other non-recurring and non-cash expenses are costs we believe will not be incurred on a go forward basis. Other nonrecurring expenses of \$701 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2022 primarily include legal settlement costs. Other nonrecurring expenses of \$145 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2021 include \$687 thousand loan prepayment penalty on sale of the Berkley Shopping Center, partially offset with \$552 thousand in PPP Promissory Note forgiveness.

Net changes in fair value of derivative liabilities is the result of the non-cash loss or gain from adjusting the warrant liabilities and embedded derivative liabilities to their fair market value, further details are described at Note 6 on this Form 10-Q.

Loan cost amortization was \$420 thousand and \$3.64 million for three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The 2022 decrease is primarily related to the write-off of loan costs associated with the Powerscourt Financing Agreement in 2021, partially offset with the amortization of the Convertible Notes.

The preferred stock accretion adjustments represent the amortization of offering costs associated with raising the Series B Preferred and Series D Preferred.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

At March 31, 2022, our consolidated cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash totaled \$36.82 million compared to consolidated cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash of \$44.21 million at March 31, 2021. Cash flows from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities were as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

	Three Months Ended March 31,		Period Over Period Change	
	2022	2021	\$	%
Operating activities	\$ 3,374	\$ 4,739	\$ (1,365)	(28.80) %
Investing activities	\$ (1,269)	\$ 2,975	\$ (4,244)	(142.66) %
Financing activities	\$ (5,706)	\$ (6,273)	\$ 567	9.04 %

#### Operating Activities

Our cash flows from operating activities were \$3.37 million and \$4.74 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, representing a decrease of 28.80% or \$1.37 million. This decrease is primarily a result of the timing of receivables, deferred costs and other assets and other non-operating expenses, partially offset by the decrease in interest expense, an increase in property NOI of \$408 thousand, the timing of accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities and the decrease in corporate general and administrative expense.

#### Investing Activities

Our cash flows used in investing activities were \$1.27 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022, compared to \$2.98 million of cash flows provided by investing activities for the three months ended 2021, representing a decrease of 142.66% or \$4.24 million due to costs related to the Cedar Acquisition, sales described in Note 3 included in this Form 10-Q and an increase in capital expenditures paid of \$583 thousand.

### Financing Activities

Our cash flows used in financing activities were \$5.71 million and \$6.27 million for the three months ended March 31, 2022 and 2021, respectively, representing an increase of 9.04% or \$567 thousand due to the following:

- \$9.42 million decrease in loan principal payments, net loan proceeds primarily as a result of the 2021 Powerscourt Financing Agreement payoff, the Wilmington Financing Agreement proceeds, the Tuckernuck refinance and Berkley Shopping Center sale, partially offset by the 2022 Walnut Hill Plaza payoff;
- \$6.10 million decrease as a result of 2021 preferred stock redemptions;
- \$3.20 million decrease in deferred financing costs primarily related to the Wilmington Financing Agreement; and
- \$687 thousand decrease in prepayment penalty related to the Berkley/Sangaree/Tri-County loan payoff.

We intend to continue managing our debt prudently so as to maintain a conservative capital structure and minimize leverage within the Company. Our debt balances, excluding unamortized debt issuance costs, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	March 31, 2022	December 31, 2021
	(unaudited)	
Fixed-rate notes <sup>(1)</sup>	\$ 339,548	\$ 344,177
Adjustable-rate mortgages	2,000	2,085
Total debt	<u>\$ 341,548</u>	<u>\$ 346,262</u>

(1) Includes portion attributable to liabilities held for sale, see Note 3 included in this Form 10-Q.

The weighted-average interest rate and term of our fixed-rate debt including assets held for sale are 4.90% and 3.91 years, respectively, at March 31, 2022. We have \$16.20 million of debt maturing, including scheduled principal repayments, during the twelve months ending March 31, 2023. While we anticipate being able to refinance all the loans at reasonable market terms upon maturity, our inability to do so may materially impact our financial position and results of operations. See Note 5 included in this Form 10-Q for additional mortgage indebtedness details.

### Material Cash Requirements, Contractual Obligations and Commitments

Our expected material cash requirements for the twelve months ended March 31, 2023 and thereafter are comprised of (i) contractually obligated expenditures; (ii) other essential expenditures; and (iii) opportunistic expenditures.

The primary liquidity needs of the Company, in addition to the funding of our ongoing operations, at March 31, 2022 are \$16.20 million in principal and regularly scheduled payments due in the twelve months ended March 31, 2023 as described in Note 5 on this Form 10-Q. The Company plans to pay these obligations through a combination of refinances, dispositions and operating cash. Management intends to refinance or extend the remaining maturing debt as it comes due.

In addition to liquidity required to fund debt payments we may incur some level of capital expenditures during the year for our existing properties that cannot be passed on to our tenants.

To meet these future liquidity needs, at March 31, 2022 the Company had:

- \$21.11 million in cash and cash equivalents;
- \$15.71 million held in lender reserves for the purpose of tenant improvements, lease commissions, real estate taxes and insurance; and
- intends to use cash generated from operations during the twelve months ended March 31, 2023.

In addition, our Board of Directors suspended Series A Preferred, Series B Preferred and Series D Preferred dividend payments beginning with the fourth quarter 2018 dividend. On November 3, 2021, common stockholders of the Company approved amendments to the Company's Articles Supplementary to remove the cumulative dividend of the Series A Preferred and the Series B Preferred. These amendments had the effect of significantly reducing the Company's financial obligation to its preferred stockholders, which the Company believes impeded the potential growth and strategic opportunities available to it.

Additionally, the Company plans to undertake measures to grow its operations and increase liquidity through delivering space currently leased but not yet occupied, replacing tenants who are in default of their lease terms, increasing future lease revenue through tenant improvements partially funded by restricted cash, disposition of assets and refinancing properties.

### Series D Preferred Stock

Beginning on September 21, 2023 (the “Series D Redemption Date”), holders of the Series D Preferred (the “Series D Preferred Holders”) will have the right to cause the Company to redeem their Series D Preferred at a price of \$25.00 per share plus the amount of all accrued but unpaid dividends. This redemption price is payable by the Company, at the Company’s election, in cash or shares of the Company’s Common Stock, or a combination of cash and shares of the Company’s Common Stock. Since January 2019, the Company’s Series D Preferred (of which there are approximately 3.15 million shares outstanding at March 31, 2022) have been accruing unpaid dividends at a rate of 10.75% per annum of the \$25.00 liquidation preference per share of Series D Preferred, or at \$2.6875 per share per annum. As of March 31, 2022, the outstanding Series D Preferred had an aggregate liquidation preference of approximately \$78.81 million, with aggregate accrued and unpaid dividends in the amount of approximately \$28.28 million.

As of March 31, 2022, the Series D Preferred is convertible, in whole or in part, at any time, at the option of the Series D Preferred Holders, into previously unissued Common Stock at a conversion price of \$16.96 per share of Common Stock. Based upon the closing price of our Common Stock on May 9, 2022 of \$2.21 per share, we believe it unlikely that Series D Preferred Holders would convert their shares of Series D Preferred into Common Stock in advance of the Series D Redemption Date and would instead choose to exercise their redemption rights on or after the Series D Redemption Date.

The Company further believes that it is unlikely that on the Series D Redemption Date the Company will have sufficient available cash to pay the aggregate redemption price in cash. Accordingly, the Company would not be able to meet our redemption obligation without either liquidating assets or issuing significant additional amounts of Common Stock.

The Company does not believe it is in its interests to liquidate assets to fund redemptions. The Company further believes that issuing Common Stock to either (i) fund cash redemptions or (ii) directly settle redemptions in Common Stock could result in a substantial dilution of our Common Stock, which would be detrimental both to holders of Common Stock and to Series D Preferred Holders, who would likely see a significant reduction in the value of any Common Stock paid to settle the Series D Preferred redemption amount.

In an effort to address this risk of a significant reduction to the value of a holder’s investment in Series D Preferred and Common Stock following the Series D Redemption Date, the Company executed a modified Dutch auction tender offer in March 2021 for up to \$6.00 million of our Series D Preferred, in which 387,097 shares were accepted for purchase for an aggregate cost of \$6.00 million. We subsequently launched a second modified Dutch auction tender offer in April 2021 for up to \$12.00 million of our Series D Preferred, in which 103,513 shares were accepted for purchase for an aggregate cost of \$1.86 million.

In July 2021, we raised additional capital for the Company by distributing to holders of our Common Stock, on a pro-rata basis, non-transferable subscription rights to purchase up to \$30.00 million in aggregate principal amount (the “Rights Offering”) of our 7.00% senior subordinated convertible notes due 2031 (“Convertible Notes”). These Convertible Notes were fully subscribed in the Rights Offering and interest is payable on the Convertible Notes at the Company’s option in cash, Series B Preferred and/or Series D Preferred. On December 31, 2021, the first interest payment date on the Convertible Notes, interest was paid in the form of Series D Preferred. For purposes of determining the value of the Series D Preferred paid as interest on the Convertible Notes, each share of Series D Preferred was deemed to have a value equal to the product of (x) the average of the per share volume-weighted average prices of the Series D Preferred for the 15 consecutive trading days ending on the third business day immediately preceding the interest payment date, and (y) 0.55.

However, the Rights Offering could have the effect of causing, if interest on the Convertible Notes is continued to be paid in shares of Series D Preferred, a further substantial dilution of the Series D Preferred and reduction in the value of any Series D Preferred.

The Company continues to analyze ways to address the risk associated with the significant and growing financial obligation to the Series D Preferred Holders which, as stated above, the Company is unlikely to be able to pay in cash, and which could cause a significant reduction to the value of a holder’s investment in Series D Preferred and Common Stock following the Series D Redemption Date, as well as ways to improve the Company’s capital structure.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements beginning on page 8 of this Current Report on Form 10-Q.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

In preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements, we have made estimates, assumptions and judgements that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities as of the date of the

financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reported periods. Actual results may differ from these estimates. A summary of our critical accounting estimates and policies is included in our 2021 Form 10-K under “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.” During the three months ended March 31, 2022, there have been no significant changes to these estimates and policies previously disclosed in our 2021 Form 10-K. For disclosure regarding recent accounting pronouncements and the anticipated impact they will have on our operations, please refer to Note 2 of the condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q.

#### **Available Information**

The Company’s website address is [www.whlr.us](http://www.whlr.us). We make available free of charge through our website our most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those reports as soon as reasonably practicable after we electronically file or furnish such materials to the SEC. In addition, we have posted the Charters of our Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, and Governance and Nominating Committee, as well as our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Employees, Officers, Agents and Representatives, Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for Members of the Board of Directors, Corporate Governance Principles, including guidelines on director independence, and Insider Trading Policy, all under separate headings. The content of our website is not incorporated by reference into this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or in any other report or document we file with the SEC, and any references to our website is intended to be inactive textual references only.

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

Not applicable.

#### **Item 4. Controls and Procedures.**

##### **Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures**

The management of the Company, under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures in ensuring that the information required to be disclosed in our filings under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms, including ensuring that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company’s management, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. Based on such evaluation, our principal executive and financial officers have concluded that such disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of March 31, 2022 (the end of the period covered by this Form 10-Q) to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in our filings under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC’s rules and forms and to provide reasonable assurance that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

##### **Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

None.

**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**

**Item 1. Legal Proceedings.**

See Note 10, Commitments and Contingencies, to our condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors.**

We are a smaller reporting company as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act and are not required to provide the information under this item.

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

- (a) Not applicable.
- (b) Not applicable.
- (c) Not applicable.

**Item 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities.**

As of May 11, 2022, the Company had accumulated undeclared dividends of \$28.28 million to holders of shares of our Series D Preferred, of which \$2.12 million is attributable to the three months ended March 31, 2022.

**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.**

Not applicable.

**Item 5. Other Information.**

None.

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Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibit

- [2.1](#) [Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 2, 2022, by and among Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., WHLR Merger Sub Inc., WHLR OP Merger Sub LLC, Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., and Cedar Realty Trust Partnership, L.P.\(Filed as an exhibit to Form 8-K, filed on March 7, 2022\).](#)
- [2.2](#) [First Amendment to Merger Agreement, dated as of April 19, 2022, by and among Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., WHLR Merger Sub Inc., WHLR OP Merger Sub LLC, Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., and Cedar Realty Trust Partnership, L.P. \(Filed herewith\).](#)
- [31.1](#) [Certification of the Chief Executive Officer of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(Filed herewith\).](#)
- [31.2](#) [Certification of the Chief Financial Officer of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. pursuant to Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, as adopted pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(Filed herewith\).](#)
- [32.1](#) [Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(Filed herewith\).](#)
- [32.2](#) [Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 \(Filed herewith\).](#)

- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document (Filed herewith).
- 101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document (Filed herewith).
- [101.CAL](#) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase (Filed herewith).
- [101.DEF](#) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase (Filed herewith).
- [101.LAB](#) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Labels Linkbase (Filed herewith).
- [101.PRE](#) XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase (Filed herewith).

**SIGNATURE**

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

WHEELER REAL ESTATE INVESTMENT TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ Crystal Plum

CRYSTAL PLUM

Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: May 11, 2022

## FIRST AMENDMENT TO MERGER AGREEMENT

This FIRST AMENDMENT TO MERGER AGREEMENT (this "Amendment"), dated as of April 19, 2022, is entered into by and among Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation ("Parent"), WHLR Merger Sub Inc., a Maryland corporation and a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent ("Merger Sub"), WHLR OP Merger Sub LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly owned subsidiary of Merger Sub ("OP Merger Sub"), and together with Parent and Merger Sub, the "Parent Parties"), Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), and Cedar Realty Trust Partnership, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), and together with the Company, the "Company Parties"). Each entity listed above is referred to as a "Party" and collectively the "Parties".

### RECITALS

- A. The Parties entered into that certain Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of March 2, 2022 (the "Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which the Parent Parties intend to acquire the Company Parties by means of the mergers described therein.
- B. All initially capitalized terms used in this Amendment not expressly defined in this Amendment shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Merger Agreement.
- C. The Parties wish to amend certain provisions of the Merger Agreement as set forth herein.

For and in consideration of the promises contained herein and other good and sufficient consideration, the receipt and adequacy of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties acknowledge and agree as follows with respect to the Merger Agreement:

1. Amendment. Section 2.4(a) of the Merger Agreement is hereby deleted and replaced with the following:

"(a) From and after the Effective Time, the charter of the Company, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be the charter of the Surviving Company until thereafter amended as provided therein or by applicable Law. The bylaws of the Company, as in effect immediately prior to the Effective Time, shall be the bylaws of the Surviving Company until thereafter amended as provided therein or by applicable Law."

2. Merger Agreement Still in Force. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Amendment, or any claim of any Party or any other Person or entity to the contrary, all of the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement not specifically modified by Section 1 above of this Amendment are in full force and effect; provided, that all references to "this Agreement" in the Merger Agreement (including all exhibits and schedules attached thereto) shall be deemed to refer to the Merger Agreement as amended hereby. Except as specifically amended hereby, the Merger Agreement shall remain unchanged and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with the provisions thereof, all of which are ratified and affirmed in all respects. In the case of any conflict between the Merger Agreement and this Amendment, this Amendment shall control.

3. Advice from Independent Counsel/Voluntary Agreement. Each of the Parties represents that it has retained or had the opportunity to retain legal counsel of its choice regarding this Amendment, it is fully aware of and understands the effect of and the terms and conditions contained herein, and it has voluntarily and without coercion or duress of any kind entered into this Amendment.

4. Miscellaneous. Each Party represents and warrants that it has the full authority and legal power to enter into and deliver this Amendment. This Amendment may only be amended in writing signed by the Parties. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which, together, shall constitute one and the same instrument. Copies of originals, including copies delivered by facsimile, .pdf or other electronic means, shall have the same import and effect as original counterparts and shall be valid, enforceable and binding for the purposes of this Amendment. Signatures executed electronically using DocuSign or similar signature software shall be regarded as original signatures for all purposes hereunder. The headings in this Amendment are for purposes of reference only and shall not limit or otherwise affect the meaning hereof. Should any provisions of this Amendment require judicial interpretation, it is expressly acknowledged and

agreed that a court interpreting or construing the same shall not apply a presumption that the terms hereof shall be more strictly construed against any Party hereto by reason of the rule of construction that a document is to be construed more strictly against the Party who itself or through its counsel or agent prepared the same, it being expressly acknowledged and agreed that both Parties hereto have participated in the preparation of this Amendment.

*[Signatures on Following Page]*

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have each executed this Amendment as of the date appearing on the first page of this Amendment.  
**Cedar Realty Trust, Inc.**

By: /s/ Bruce J. Schanzer  
Name: Bruce J. Schanzer  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**Cedar Realty Trust Partnership, L.P.**

By: /s/ Bruce J. Schanzer  
Name: Bruce J. Schanzer  
Title: President and Chief Executive Officer

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.**

By: /s/ M. Andrew Franklin  
Name: M. Andrew Franklin  
Title: Chief Executive Officer

**WHLR Merger Sub Inc.**

By: /s/ M. Andrew Franklin  
Name: M. Andrew Franklin  
Title: President

**WHLR OP Merger Sub LLC**

By: WHLR Merger Sub Inc., its sole member  
By: /s/ M. Andrew Franklin  
Name: M. Andrew Franklin  
Title: President

*[Signature Page to First Amendment to Merger Agreement]*

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.**  
**Quarterly Certification**  
**Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, M. Andrew Franklin, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 11, 2022

/s/ M. Andrew Franklin

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M. Andrew Franklin  
Chief Executive Officer

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.**  
**Quarterly Certification**  
**Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

I, Crystal Plum, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
  - a. Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
  - b. Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
  - c. Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
  - d. Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
  - a. All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
  - b. Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 11, 2022

/s/ CRYSTAL PLUM

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Crystal Plum  
Chief Financial Officer

**Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc.**  
**Certification Pursuant to**  
**18 U.S.C. Section 1350,**  
**as Adopted Pursuant to**  
**Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the three months ended March 31, 2022, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), I, M. Andrew Franklin, Chief Executive Officer of the Company, and I, Crystal Plum, Chief Financial Officer of the Company, each certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

1. The Report fully complies with the requirements of section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
2. Information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

May 11, 2022

/s/ M. Andrew Franklin

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M. Andrew Franklin  
Chief Executive Officer

/s/ CRYSTAL PLUM

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Crystal Plum  
Chief Financial Officer