# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

# **FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2023

OR

**I** 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

Commission me number 001-55/15

# 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% 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  $\square$  No  $\square$ 

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.

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

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 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 November 3, 2023, there were 3,226,691 common shares, \$0.01 par value per share, outstanding.

# Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. and Subsidiaries

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# **Forward-Looking Statements**

Certain statements made in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or incorporated by reference herein are "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and, as such, may involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. (the "Company") to be materially different from future results, performance or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements, which are based on certain assumptions and describe the Company's future plans, strategies and expectations, are generally identifiable by use of the words "may", "will", "should", "estimates", "projects", "anticipates", "believes", "expects", "intends", "future", and words of similar import, or the negative thereof.

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 adverse effect any future pandemic, endemic or outbreak of infectious disease, and mitigation efforts to control their spread;
- the use of and demand for retail space;
- general and economic business conditions, including those affecting the ability of individuals to spend in retail shopping centers and/or the rate and other terms on which
  we are able to lease our properties;
- tenant bankruptcies;
- · 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;
- availability, terms and deployment of capital;
- substantial dilution of our common stock, par value \$0.01 ("Common Stock") and steep decline in its market value resulting from the exercise by the holders of our Series D Preferred Stock of their redemption rights and downward adjustment of the conversion price on our outstanding Convertible Notes, each of which has already occurred and is anticipated to continue;
- the degree and nature of our competition;
- changes in governmental regulations, accounting rules, tax rates and similar matters;
- adverse economic or real estate developments in our markets of South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Maryland, West Virginia, and Oklahoma;
- the ability and willingness of the Company's tenants and other third parties to satisfy their obligations under their respective contractual arrangements with the Company;
  the ability and willingness of the Company's tenants to renew their leases with the Company upon expiration, the Company's ability to re-lease its properties on the similar or better terms in the event of non-renewal or in the event the Company exercises its right to replace an existing tenant, and obligations the Company may incur
- in connection with the replacement of an existing tenant;
- litigation risks;
- increases in the Company's financing and other costs as a result of changes in interest rates and other factors;
- the Company's ability to maintain listing on Nasdaq Capital Market;
- the effects of the one-for-ten reverse stock split of our Common Stock (which we refer to as the "Reverse Stock Split") on the trading market of our Common Stock;
- inability to successfully integrate the acquisition of Cedar Realty Trust, Inc.;
- 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;
- an uninsured loss on the Company's properties or a loss that exceeds the limits of the Company's insurance policies could subject the Company to lost capital or revenue on those properties;
- continued increases in the cost of necessary insurance could negatively impact the Company's profitability;
- information technology security breaches;
- the Company's ability and willingness to maintain its qualification as a REIT;
- the ability of our operating partnership, Wheeler REIT, L.P., and each of our other partnerships and limited liability companies to be classified as partnerships or disregarded entities for federal income tax purposes;

- · 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.

The forward-looking statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q are based on our current expectations and beliefs concerning future developments and their potential effects on the Company. There can be no assurance that future developments affecting the Company will be those that the Company has anticipated. Except for ongoing obligations to disclose material information as required by the federal securities laws, the Company undertakes no obligation to release publicly any revisions to any forward-looking statements to reflect events or circumstances after the date hereof or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. All of the above factors are difficult to predict, contain uncertainties that may materially affect the Company's actual results and may be beyond the Company's control. New factors emerge from time to time, and it is not possible for the Company's management to predict all such factors or to assess the effects of each factor on the Company's business. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the Company's current expectations will be realized.

You should carefully consider the risks and uncertainties described in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q as they identify and address other important risks and uncertainties that could cause actual events and results to differ materially from those contained in the forward-looking statements. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should any of our assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary in material respects from those projected in these forward-looking statements.

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

(in thousands, except par value and snare data)	S	D
	September 30, 2023 (unaudited)	December 31, 2022
ASSETS:	(unaudited)	
Real estate:		
Land and land improvements	\$ 149,272	\$ 144,53
Buildings and improvements	504,123	494,66
Bundings and millionality	653,395	639,20
Less accumulated depreciation	(91,176)	
Real estate, net	562,219	560,98
Cash and cash equivalents	25,419	28,49
Restricted cash	23,438	27,37
Receivables, net	11,691	13,54
Investment securities - related party	6,580	_
Above market lease intangibles, net	2,347	3,13
Operating lease right-of-use assets	9,502	15,13
Deferred costs and other assets, net	30,741	35,88
Total Assets	\$ 671,937	\$ 684,53
JABILITIES:		
Loans payable, net	\$ 477,432	\$ 466,02
Below market lease intangibles, net	19,022	23,96
Derivative liabilities	13,392	7,11
Operating lease liabilities	10,377	16,47
Series D Preferred Stock redemptions	6,448	-
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	18,291	18,39
Total Liabilities	544,962	531,98
Series D Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock	117,353	101,51
EQUITY:		
Series A Preferred Stock (no par value, 4,500 shares authorized, 562 shares issued and outstanding; \$0.6 million in aggregate liquidation value)	453	45.
Series B Convertible Preferred Stock (no par value, 5,000,000 authorized, 3,379,142 shares issued and outstanding; \$84.5 million aggregate liquidation preference)	44,976	44,91
Common Stock (\$0.01 par value, 200,000,000 shares authorized, 980,857 and 979,396 shares issued and outstanding, respectively)	10	1
Additional paid-in capital	235,295	235,08
Accumulated deficit	(337,231)	(295,61)
Total Stockholders' Deficit	(56,497)	(15,16)
Noncontrolling interests	66,119	66,19
Total Equity	9,622	51,03
Total Liabilities and Equity	\$ 671,937	\$ 684,53

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 September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 3			
		2023		2022	2023	2	022
REVENUE:							
Rental revenues	\$	24,655	\$	18,486	\$ 74,738	\$	49,142
Other revenues		549		232	1,372		552
Total Revenue		25,204		18,718	76,110		49,694
OPERATING EXPENSES:							
Property operations		8,771		6,655	26,068		16,637
Depreciation and amortization		6,875		4,981	21,642		12,222
Impairment of assets held for sale		—		—	—		760
Corporate general & administrative		2,475		2,498	8,364		5,434
Total Operating Expenses		18,121		14,134	56,074		35,053
Gain (loss) on disposal of properties		2,204			2,204		(15)
Operating Income		9,287		4,584	22,240		14,626
Interest income		163		15	336		42
Gain on investment securities, net		49		—	80		—
Interest expense		(7,469)		(6,949)	(24,125)		(19,079)
Net changes in fair value of derivative liabilities		(11,163)		(656)	(6,281)		(2,533)
Other expense		(2,233)			(5,273)		(691)
Net Loss Before Income Taxes		(11,366)		(3,006)	(13,023)		(7,635)
Income tax expense		(2)			(48)		—
Net Loss		(11,368)		(3,006)	(13,071)		(7,635)
Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		2,693		1,234	8,061		1,237
Net Loss Attributable to Wheeler REIT		(14,061)		(4,240)	(21,132)		(8,872)
Preferred Stock dividends - undeclared		(2,415)		(2,264)	(6,940)		(6,792)
Deemed distribution related to preferred stock redemptions		(13,542)		—	(13,542)		_
Net Loss Attributable to Wheeler REIT Common Stockholders	\$	(30,018)	\$	(6,504)	\$ (41,614)	\$	(15,664)
Loss per share:							
Basic and Diluted	\$	(30.61)	\$	(6.64)	\$ (42.46)	\$	(16.07)
Weighted average number of shares:							
Basic and Diluted		980,654		979,282	980,031		974,965

See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

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

	Serie	es A	Serie	s B					
	Preferre	d Stock	Stock Preferred Stock		Commo	n Stock			Total
	Shares	Value	Shares	Value	Shares	Value	Additional Paid-in Capital	Accumulated Deficit	Stockholders' (Deficit) Equity
Balance, December 31, 2022	562	\$ 453	3,379,142	\$ 44,911	979,396	\$ 10	\$ 235,081	\$ (295,617)	\$ (15,162)
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount	_	_	_	22	_	_	_	_	22
Conversion of Series D Preferred Stock to Common Stock	_	_	_	_	625	_	140	_	140
Adjusted for noncontrolling interest in operating partnership	_	_	_	_	_	_	(13)	_	(13)
Dividends and distributions			—	—	—	—	—	(2,264)	(2,264)
Net (Loss) Income			_	—	_	_		(3,101)	(3,101)
Balance, March 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	562	453	3,379,142	44,933	980,021	10	235,208	(300,982)	(20,378)
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount	_	_	_	22	_	_	_	_	22
Dividends and distributions			_	_	—	_		(2,261)	(2,261)
Net (Loss) Income			_	_		_		(3,970)	(3,970)
Balance, June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	562	453	3,379,142	44,955	980,021	10	235,208	(307,213)	(26,587)
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount	_	_	_	21	_	_	_	_	21
Conversion of Operating Partnership units to Common Stock	_	_	_	_	898	_	57	_	57
Adjustments for noncontrolling interest in operating partnership	_	_	_	_	_	_	30	_	30
Adjustment of Series D Preferred Stock to redemption value	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(13,542)	(13,542)
Redemption of fractional units as a result of reverse stock split	_	_	_	_	(62)	_	_	(13,312)	(13,512)
Dividends and distributions		—	—	—	—	—	—	(2,415)	(2,415)
Net (Loss) Income	_	_	_	_		_	_	(14,061)	(14,061)
Balance, September 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	562	\$ 453	3,379,142	\$ 44,976	980,857	\$ 10	\$ 235,295	\$ (337,231)	\$ (56,497)

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

	Operation Partners		Consolidated Subsidiary	Total	Total Equity
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 1,	351 \$	64,845	\$ 66,196	\$ 51,034
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount		_	_	_	22
Conversion of Series D Preferred Stock to Common Stock		_	_	_	140
Adjusted for noncontrolling interest in operating partnership		13	_	13	_
Dividends and distributions		—	(2,688)	(2,688)	(4,952)
Net (Loss) Income		4	2,688	2,692	(409)
Balance, March 31, 2023 (Unaudited)	1,	368	64,845	66,213	45,835
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount		_	_	_	22
Dividends and distributions		—	(2,688)	(2,688)	(4,949)
Net (Loss) Income		(12)	2,688	2,676	(1,294)
Balance, June 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	1,	356	64,845	66,201	39,614
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount		_	_	_	21
Conversion of Operating Partnership units to Common Stock		(57)	_	(57)	_
Adjustments for noncontrolling interest in operating partnership		(30)	_	(30)	_
Adjustment of Series D Preferred Stock to redemption value		_	_	_	(13,542)
Redemption of fractional units as a result of reverse stock split		_		_	_
Dividends and distributions		—	(2,688)	(2,688)	(5,103)
Net (Loss) Income		5	2,688	2,693	(11,368)
Balance, September 30, 2023 (Unaudited)	\$ 1,	274 \$	64,845	\$ 66,119	\$ 9,622

	Serie Preferre		Serie Preferred		Commo	n Stock	Additional		Total	
	Shares	Value	Shares	Value	Shares	Shares Value		Accumulated Deficit	Stockholders' (Deficit) Equity	
Balance, December 31, 2021	562	\$ 453	1,872,448	\$ 41,189	972,053	\$ 10	\$ 234,316	\$ (274,107)	\$ 1,861	
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount	_	_	_	22	_	_	_	_	22	
Conversion of Series B Preferred Stock to Common Stock	_	_	(4,105)	(90)	256	_	90	_	_	
Dividends and distributions			—	—			—	(2,264)	(2,264)	
Net (Loss) Income	—			—			_	(4,580)	(4,580)	
Balance, March 31, 2022 (Unaudited)	562	453	1,868,343	41,121	972,309	10	234,406	(280,951)	(4,961)	
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount	_	_	_	22	_	_	_	_	22	
Conversion of Operating Partnership units to Common Stock	_	_	_	_	6,962	_	159	_	159	
Adjustments for noncontrolling interest in operating partnership	_	_	_	_	_	_	470	_	470	
Paid-in-kind interest, issuance of Series B Preferred Stock	_	_	432,994	2,099	_	_	_	_	2,099	
Dividends and distributions	_							(2,264)	(2,264)	
Net Loss								(52)	(52)	
Balance, June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	562	453	2,301,337	43,242	979,271	10	235,035	(283,267)	(4,527)	
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount	_	_	_	21	_	_	_	_	21	
Conversion of Operating Partnership units to Common Stock	_	_	_	_	78	_	2	_	2	
Adjustments for noncontrolling interest in operating partnership	_	_	_	_	_	_	7	_	7	
Noncontrolling interests assumed from the acquisition	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	
Dividends and distributions	_	—	—	_	—	—	—	(2,264)	(2,264)	
Net Loss	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	(4,240)	(4,240)	
Balance, September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	562	\$ 453	2,301,337	\$ 43,263	979,349	\$ 10	\$ 235,044	\$ (289,771)	\$ (11,001)	

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

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

	Noncontrolling Interests							
	Operating Partnership		Consolidated Subsidiary			Total		Total Equity
Balance, December 31, 2021	\$	1,941	\$	_	\$	1,941	\$	3,802
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount		_		_		_		22
Conversion of Series B Preferred Stock to Common Stock		_		_		_		_
Dividends and distributions		_		_		_		(2,264)
Net (Loss) Income		4		_		4		(4,576)
Balance, March 31, 2022 (Unaudited)		1,945		_		1,945		(3,016)
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount		_		_		_		22
Conversion of Operating Partnership units to Common Stock		(159)		_		(159)		_
Adjustments for noncontrolling interest in operating partnership		(470)		_		(470)		_
Paid-in-kind interest, issuance of Series B Preferred Stock		_		_		_		2,099
Dividends and distributions		_		_		_		(2,264)
Net Loss		(1)		_		(1)		(53)
Balance, June 30, 2022 (Unaudited)		1,315		_		1,315		(3,212)
Accretion of Series B Preferred Stock discount		_		_		_		21
Conversion of Operating Partnership units to Common Stock		(2)		_		(2)		_
Adjustments for noncontrolling interest in operating partnership		(7)		_		(7)		_
Noncontrolling interests assumed from acquisition		_		64,845		64,845		64,845
Dividends and distributions		_		(1,225)		(1,225)		(3,489)
Net Loss		9		1,225		1,234		(3,006)
Balance, September 30, 2022 (Unaudited)	\$	1,315	\$	64,845	\$	66,160	\$	55,159

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)

		Nine Months eptember 30,
	2023	2022
OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Loss	\$ (13,071	) \$ (7,635
Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net loss to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	21,642	,
Deferred financing cost amortization	2,357	, · ·
Changes in fair value of derivative liabilities	6,281	
Above (below) market lease amortization, net	(3,865	/
Paid-in-kind interest	2,006	
Loss on repurchase of debt securities	1,647	
Unrealized gain on investment securities, net	(80	,
Straight-line expense	7	
(Gain) loss on disposal of properties	(2,204	
Credit losses on operating lease receivables	481	
Impairment of assets held for sale		- 760
Net changes in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables, net	1,373	
Deferred costs and other assets, net	(3,166	,
Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	1,624	
Net cash provided by operating activities	15,032	27,954
INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Investment property acquisitions	(4,259	(135,510
Expenditures for real estate improvements	(11,618	6,382
Purchase of investment securities	(6,500	) –
Cash received from disposal of properties	2,759	1,786
Net cash used in investing activities	(19,618	(140,106
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments for deferred financing costs	(4,440	) (8,748
Dividends and distributions paid on noncontrolling interests	(8,064	) –
Loan proceeds	123,230	265,000
Loan principal payments	(108,274	) (127,603
Repurchase of debt securities	(3,116	) –
Loan prepayment penalty	(1,758	(2,614
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities	(2,422	126,033
(DECREASE) INCREASE IN CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH	(7,008	13,88
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, beginning of period	55,865	40,41
CASH, CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED CASH, end of period	\$ 48,857	7 \$ 54,302
Supplemental Disclosure:		
The following table provides a reconciliation of cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 25,419	\$ 24,05
Restricted cash	23,438	30,24
Cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash	\$ 48,857	7 \$ 54,302
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See accompanying notes to condensed consolidated financial statements.

## 1. Business and Organization

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 September 30, 2023, the Trust owned 99.11% of the Operating Partnership. As of September 30, 2023, the Trust, through the Operating Partnership, owned and operatedseventy-five retail shopping centers and four undeveloped properties in South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Maryland, West Virginia, and Oklahoma. These centers and undeveloped properties include the properties acquired through the Cedar Acquisition (defined below). 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") (WRE and, together with WI, 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.

#### Acquisition of Cedar Realty Trust

On August 22, 2022, the Company completed a merger transaction (the "Cedar Acquisition") with Cedar Realty Trust, Inc. ("Cedar"). As a result of the merger, the Company acquired all of the outstanding shares of Cedar's common stock, which ceased to be publicly traded on the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"). Through this acquisition, the Company acquired an additional 19 retail shopping centers in the Northeast. Cedar's outstanding 7.25% Series B Preferred Stock and 6.50% Series C Preferred Stock remain outstanding and continue to trade on the NYSE. As a result of the Cedar Acquisition, Cedar became a subsidiary of the REIT.

## 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### Principles of Consolidation/Basis of Preparation

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the instructions to Form 10-Q and include all of the information and disclosures required by U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") for interim reporting. Accordingly, they do not include all of the disclosures required by GAAP for complete financial statement disclosures. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for fair presentation (including normal recurring accruals) have been included. All material balances and transactions between the consolidated entities of the Company have been eliminated. All per share amounts, common units and shares outstanding, warrants, and conversion features of our 7.00% Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2031 (the "Convertible Notes") for all periods presented reflect the one-for-ten Reverse Stock Split, which took effect on August 17, 2023. The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis in accordance with GAAP, which requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the periods covered by the financial statements. Actual results could differ from these estimates. The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and related notes contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2022 (the "2022 Form 10-K").

The unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q include Cedar starting from the date of the Cedar Acquisition. We have determined that this acquisition is not a variable interest entity, as defined under the consolidation topic of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the "FASB"), Accounting Standards Codification, or ASC, and we evaluated such entity under the voting model and concluded we should consolidate the entity. Under the voting model, we consolidate the entity if we determine that we, directly or indirectly, have greater than 50% of the voting rights and that other equity holders do not have substantive participating rights.

See the Company's audited 2022 Form 10-K for further disclosure regarding the Cedar Acquisition.

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

#### Supplemental Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows Information

	For the Nine Months Ended September 30,			
		2023		2022
Non-Cash Transactions:				
Conversion of common units to Common Stock	\$	57	\$	160
Conversion of Series B Preferred Stock to Common Stock	\$	—	\$	90
Conversion of Series D Preferred Stock to Common Stock	\$	140	\$	—
Accretion of Preferred Stock discounts	\$	438	\$	438
Buildings and improvements included in accounts payable, accrued expenses and other liabilities	\$	1,979	\$	736
Other Cash Transactions:				
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities	\$	798	\$	700
Cash paid for interest	\$	18,951	\$	14,137

## Other Expense

Other expense represents expenses which are non-operating in nature. Other expenses were \$2.2 million and \$5.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively, which consisted of \$0.0 million and \$2.4 million for an exchange offer (the "Exchange Offer") for outstanding shares of the Company's Series D Cumulative

Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series D Preferred Stock") and \$1.1 million and \$1.6 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively, for the repurchases of the Company's Convertible Notes described in Note 7 in this Form 10-Q. Additionally, other expense included transaction costs related to the redemptions by holders of the Series D Preferred Stock and Reverse Stock Split for \$1.1 million and \$1.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively.

Other expenses were \$0.0 million and \$0.7 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively, which consisted of legal settlement costs.

#### **Recently Issued and Adopted Accounting Pronouncements**

Accounting standards that have been recently 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. These reclassifications had no effect on net loss. All per share amounts, common units and shares outstanding, warrants, and conversion features of the Convertible Notes for all periods presented reflect our one-for-ten Reverse Stock Split which was effective August 17, 2023.

## 3. Real Estate

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.

## St. George Plaza Land Acquisition



# 3. Real Estate (continued)

On February 21, 2023 the Company purchased a 2.5 acre land parcel adjacent to St. George Plaza, located in St. George, South Carolina, for \$0.2 million.

#### **Devine Street Land Acquisition**

On August 18, 2023, the Company purchased a 3.25 acre land parcel within Devine Street, located in Columbia, South Carolina, for \$4.1 million (the "Devine Street Land Acquisition"). The Devine Street Land Acquisition terminated the Company's ground lease associated with this property.

## Assets Held for Sale, Impairment and Dispositions

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. No impairment expense was recorded for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023. Impairment expense was \$0.0 million and \$0.8 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively, resulting from reducing the carrying value of Harbor Pointe Associates, LLC, an approximate 5 acre land parcel ("Harbor Pointe Land Parcel"). The Harbor Pointe Land Parcel did not meet the requirements to be classified as held for sale at September 30, 2023 or December 31, 2022.

The following properties were sold during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 (in thousands, unaudited):

Disposal Date	Property	<b>Contract Price</b>	 Gain (Loss)	 Net Proceeds
July 11, 2023	Carll's Corner Outparcel	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,204	\$ 2,759
January 11, 2022	Walnut Hill Plaza	\$ 1,986	\$ (15)	\$ 1,786

#### 4. Investment Securities - Related Party

On June 1, 2023, the Company subscribed for an investment in the amount of \$3.0 million for limited partnership interests in Stilwell Activist Investments, L.P., a limited partnership formed in the State of Delaware ("SAI"). On September 1, 2023, the Company subscribed for an additional investment in the amount of \$3.5 million for limited partnership interests in SAI. The investment objective of SAI is to seek long-term capital appreciation through investing primarily in publicly-traded undervalued financial institutions, or businesses with a strong financial component, or the securities of any of them, and pursuing an activist shareholder agenda with respect to those institutions.

Stilwell Value LLC ("Value") is the general partner of SAI. Joseph Stilwell, a member of the Company's Board of Directors (the "Board"), is the managing member of Value and a limited partner in funds advised by Value. Additionally, E.J. Borrack, a member of the Board, serves as the General Counsel to Value and its affiliated entities, including SAI and related funds, and is a limited partner in one of the funds advised by Value. Megan Parisi, a member of Value and its affiliated entities, including SAI and related funds, is a non-managing member of Value and is a limited partner in one of the funds advised by Value.

The Company's initial subscription was approved by the disinterested directors of the Company, and, after the formation of the Related Person Transactions Committee, the second subscription was approved by that Committee.

A portion of SAI's underlying investments are in the Company's own equity and debt securities.

SAI records investment transactions based on trade date. Realized gains and losses from investment transactions are determined on a specific identification basis. Dividend income, net of withholding taxes, and dividend expense are recognized on the ex-dividend date, and interest income and expense are recognized on an accrual basis. Discounts and premiums to the face amount of debt securities are accreted and amortized using the effective interest rate method over the lives of the respective debt securities.

The Company may not withdraw its capital from SAI for a period ofone year measured from the date of the Company's initial investment, subject to certain exceptions.



#### 4. Investment securities (continued)

In consideration for management, administrative and operational services, limited partners of SAI pay a management fee to an affiliate of Value each calendar quarter, in advance, equal to 0.25% (an annualized rate of 1%) of each limited partner's capital account balance on the first day of such calendar quarter. In addition, as of the last day of each specified performance period, an incentive allocation of 20% of the amount by which the "positive performance change," if any, that has been credited to the capital account of a limited partner during such period exceeds any positive balance in such limited partner's "carryforward account," is debited from the limited partner's capital account and is simultaneously credited to the capital account of Value.

The Company's SAI investment is accounted for under the equity method and measured at net asset value as a practical expedient and has not been classified within the fair value hierarchy. All gains and losses, realized and unrealized, and fees are recorded through "gains (losses) on investment securities, net" on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of September 30, 2023, the fair value of the Company's SAI investment was \$6.6 million, which includes \$6.5 million from subscriptions and \$33 thousand in fees. Unrealized gains on investment securities net of fees were \$49 thousand and \$80 thousand for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively.

#### 5. Deferred Costs and Other Assets, Net

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

	September 3	), 2023	D	December 31, 2022
Leases in place, net	\$	18,374	\$	24,956
Lease origination costs, net		6,573		7,165
Ground lease sandwich interest, net		1,188		1,393
Tenant relationships, net		328		500
Legal and marketing costs, net		331		389
Prepaid expenses		3,944		1,456
Other		3		21
Total deferred costs and other assets, net	\$	30,741	\$	35,880
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As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company's intangible accumulated amortization totaled \$68.2 million and \$62.4 million, respectively.

# 6. Rental Revenue and Tenant Receivables

#### **Tenant Receivables**

As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company's allowance for uncollectible tenant receivables totaled \$1.3 million and \$3.1 million, respectively.

# Lease Contract Revenue

At September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, there were \$7.5 million and \$6.5 million, respectively, in unbilled straight-line rent, which is included in "receivables,



# 6. Rental Revenue and Tenant Receivables (continued)

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

	Three Months Ended September 30,			Nine Months Ended September 30,			ptember 30,	
		2023		2022		2023		2022
Base rent	\$	18,190	\$	13,791	\$	54,316	\$	37,607
Tenant reimbursements - variable lease revenue		5,030		3,875		15,467		10,455
Above (below) market lease amortization		1,232		494		3,865		478
Straight-line rents		285		314		1,004		547
Percentage rent - variable lease revenue		217		89		567		322
Lease termination fees		_		10		115		117
Other		549		222		1,257		435
Total		25,503		18,795		76,591		49,961
Credit losses on operating lease receivables		(299)		(77)		(481)		(267)
Total	\$	25,204	\$	18,718	\$	76,110	\$	49,694

# 7. Loans Payable

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

Property/Description	Me	onthly Payment	Interest Rate	Maturity	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Cypress Shopping Center	\$	34,360	4.70%	July 2024	\$ 5,804	\$ 5,903
Conyers Crossing		Interest only	4.67%	October 2025	5,960	5,960
Winslow Plaza	\$	24,295	4.82%	December 2025	4,351	4,409
Tuckernuck	\$	32,202	5.00%	March 2026	4,807	4,915
Chesapeake Square	\$	23,857	4.70%	August 2026	4,038	4,106
Sangaree/Tri-County	\$	32,329	4.78%	December 2026	6,014	6,086
Timpany Plaza		Interest only	7.27%	September 2028	9,060	_
Village of Martinsville	\$	89,664	4.28%	July 2029	14,864	15,181
Laburnum Square		Interest only	4.28%	September 2029	7,665	7,665
Rivergate (1)	\$	100,222	4.25%	September 2031	17,670	18,003
Convertible Notes		Interest only	7.00%	December 2031	31,530	33,000
Guggenheim Loan Agreement (2)		Interest only	4.25%	July 2032	75,000	75,000
JANAF Loan Agreement (3)		Interest only	5.31%	July 2032	60,000	60,000
Guggenheim-Cedar Loan Agreement (4)		Interest only	5.25%	November 2032	110,000	110,000
Patuxent Crossing/Coliseum Marketplace Loan Agreement		Interest only	6.35%	January 2033	25,000	25,000
Term loan, 12 properties		Interest only	6.19%	June 2033	61,100	_
Term loan, 8 properties		Interest only	6.24%	June 2033	53,070	_
Term loans - fixed interest rate		various	4.47% (5)	various	—	107,219
Total Principal Balance					495,933	482,447
Unamortized deferred financing cost					(18,501)	(16,418)
Total Loans Payable, net					\$ 477,432	\$ 466,029

In 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%.
 Collateralized by 22 properties.
 Collateralized by JANAF properties.
 Collateralized by 10 Cedar properties.
 Contractual interest rate weighted average.

## Debt Maturity

The Company's scheduled principal repayments on indebtedness as of September 30, 2023 are as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

or the remaining three months ended December 31, 2023	\$ 361
ecember 31, 2024	7,220
ecember 31, 2025	12,313
ecember 31, 2026	16,260
ecember 31, 2027	3,049
ecember 31, 2028	12,924
hereafter	 443,806
Total principal repayments and debt maturities	\$ 495,933

# Term Loan Agreement, 12 properties

On May 5, 2023, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "Term Loan Agreement, 12 properties") for \$61.1 million at a fixed rate of 6.194% and interest-only payments due monthly through June 2025. Commencing in July 2025, until the maturity date of June 1, 2033, monthly principal and interest payments will be \$0.4 million. Loan proceeds were used to refinance 12 properties, including \$1.1 million in defeasance.

#### Term Loan Agreement, 8 properties

## 7. Loans Payable (continued)

On May 18, 2023, the Company entered into a loan agreement (the "Term Loan Agreement,8 properties") for \$53.1 million at a fixed rate of 6.24% and interest-only payments due monthly through June 2028. Commencing in July 2028, until the maturity date of June 10, 2033, monthly principal and interest payments will be \$0.3 million. Loan proceeds were used to refinance 8 properties, including \$0.7 million in defeasance.

#### Timpany Plaza Loan Agreement

On September 12, 2023, the Company entered into a term loan agreement with Cornerstone Bank for \$1.6 million at a fixed rate of 7.27% with interest-only payments due monthly for the first twelve months (the "Timpany Plaza Loan Agreement"). Commencing on September 12, 2024, until the maturity date of September 12, 2028, monthly principal and interest payments will be made based on a 30-year amortization schedule calculated based on the principal amount as of that time. On the closing date, the Company received \$9.1 million of the \$11.6 million, and the remaining \$2.5 million will be received upon certain lease-related contingencies being met. The Timpany Plaza Loan Agreement is collateralized by the Timpany Plaza shopping center.

#### **Convertible** Notes

Interest expense on the Convertible Notes consisted of the following (in thousands, except for shares ):

		Series D Preferred					
For the nine months ended	Series B Preferred	Stock		nvertible Note			<b>-</b>
 September 30,	number of shares <sup>(1)</sup>	number of shares <sup>(1)</sup>	inter	est at 7% coupon	Fair v	alue adjustment	Interest expense
2023	—	160,455	\$	1,718	\$	851	\$ 2,569
2022	432,994	—	\$	1,733	\$	944	\$ 2,677

(1) Shares issued as interest payment on Convertible Notes.

On June 8, 2023, the Company paid down \$0.6 million of the Convertible Notes through an open market purchase of 23,784 units totaling \$1.2 million. On September 11, 2023, the Company paid down \$0.9 million of the Convertible Notes through an open market purchase of 35,000 units totaling \$1.9 million. As a result of these transactions, the Company recognized a \$1.1 million and \$1.6 million loss for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively, which represents the fair value of the purchase over principal pay down. The loss is included in "other expense" on the condensed consolidated statements of operations.

#### Fair Value Measurements

The fair value of the Company's fixed rate secured term loans was estimated using available market information and discounted cash flow analyses based on borrowing rates the Company believes it could obtain with a similar term and maturities. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the fair value of the Company's fixed rate secured term loans, which were determined to be Level 3 within the valuation hierarchy, was \$441.8 million and \$429.1 million, respectively, and the carrying value of such loans, was \$451.2 million and \$440.2 million, respectively.

The fair value of the Convertible Notes was estimated using available market information. As of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the fair value of the Convertible Notes, which were determined to be Level 1 within the valuation hierarchy, was \$69.4 million and \$40.9 million, respectively, and the carrying value, was \$26.2 million and \$25.8 million, respectively.

## 8. Derivative Liabilities

#### Fair Value of Warrants

The Company utilized the Monte Carlo simulation model to calculate the fair value of the two warrant agreements (the "Warrant Agreements") described within the 2022 Form 10-K. 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



# 8. Derivative Liabilities (continued)

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.

Warrants to purchase shares of Common Stock outstanding at September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 are as follows:

Warrant Name	Warrants	<b>Exercise Price</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>
Powerscourt Warrant	49,641	\$31.20	12/22/2023
Wilmington Warrant Tranche A	51,020	\$34.30	3/12/2026
Wilmington Warrant Tranche B	42,424	\$41.25	3/12/2026
Wilmington Warrant Tranche C	12,727	\$68.75	3/12/2026

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

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Common Stock price	\$3.28	\$13.96
Weighted average contractual term to maturity	1.7 years	2.5 years
Range of expected market volatility %	92.98% - 168.12%	66.00% - 72.88%
Range of risk free interest rate	4.92% - 5.55%	4.14% - 4.68%

#### 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 binomial 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, optional conversion price and term. The **in**omial lattice model is a Level 3 valuation technique because it requires the development of significant internal assumptions in addition to observable market indicators.

## 8. Derivative Liabilities (continued)

In measuring the embedded derivative liability, the Company used the following inputs in its binomial latticemodel:

	September 30, 2023	December 31, 2022
Conversion price	\$1.85 <sup>(1)</sup>	\$62.50
Common Stock price	\$3.28	\$13.96
Contractual term to maturity	8.3 years	9.0 years
Expected market volatility %	80.00%	205.00%
Risk-free interest rate	4.60%	3.87%
Traded WHLRL price, % of par	220.00%	120.50%

(1) Represents the volume weighted average of the Company's closing Common Stock price for the 10 trading days

preceding the valuation date of September 30, 2023, less a discount of 45%.

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):

	Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023			Year Ended December 31, 2022		
Balance at the beginning of period	\$	7,111	\$	4,776		
Changes in fair value - Warrants		(466)		(753)		
Changes in fair value - Convertible Notes		6,747		3,088		
Balance at end of period	\$	13,392	\$	7,111		

# 9. Equity and Mezzanine Equity

### Common Stock One-for-Ten Reverse Stock Split

On August 7, 2023, we announced that our Board of Directors had approved the Reverse Stock Split. The Reverse Stock Split took effect as of 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, on August 17, 2023 (the "Effective Time"). At the Effective Time, every ten issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock were converted into one share of Common Stock, and as a result, the number of outstanding shares of Common Stock was reduced from approximately 9,809,195 to approximately 980,919. The par value of each share of Common Stock remained unchanged. No fractional shares were issued in connection with the Reverse Stock Split. Stockholders who would have otherwise been issued a fractional share of the Company's Common Stock as a result of the Reverse Stock Split instead received a cash payment in lieu of such fractional share in an amount equal to the applicable fraction multiplied by the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the Nasdaq Capital Market ("Nasdaq") on August 17, 2023 (as adjusted for the Reverse Stock Split), without any interest. All share and share-related information presented in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, including our condensed consolidated financial statements, has been retroactively adjusted to reflect the decreased number of shares resulting from the Reverse Stock Split.

## Series D Preferred Stock - Redeemable Preferred Stock

After September 21, 2023, each holder of Series D Preferred Stock has the right, at such holder's option, to request that the Company redeem any or all of such holder's shares of Series D Preferred Stock on a monthly basis ("Holder Redemption Date"). Redemptions commenced on September 22, 2023 and the first Holder Redemption Date was October 5, 2023.

At September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, the Company had3,308,603 and 3,152,392 issued shares, respectively and 6,000,000 authorized shares of Series D Preferred Stock, without par value with a \$25.00 liquidation preference per share, or \$123.8 million and \$113.4 million in aggregate liquidation value, respectively, of which the Company had received requests to redeem 172,241 shares as of September 30, 2023. These redemptions were considered certain at September 30, 2023 and \$6.4 million was reclassed from mezzanine equity to a liability, "Series D Preferred Stock redemptions," on the condensed consolidated balance sheets.

# 9. Equity and Mezzanine Equity (continued)

The changes in the carrying value of the Series D Preferred Stock for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022 are as follows (in thousands, unaudited):

	Series D	Series D Preferred Stock		
Balance December 31, 2022	\$	101,518		
Accretion of Preferred Stock discount		125		
Conversion of Series D Preferred Stock to Common Stock		(140)		
Undeclared dividends		2,118		
Balance March 31, 2023		103,621		
Accretion of Preferred Stock discount		124		
Undeclared dividends		2,115		
Paid-in-kind interest, issuance of Preferred Stock		2,006		
Balance June 30, 2023		107,866		
Accretion of Preferred Stock discount		124		
Undeclared dividends		2,269		
Accretion to liquidation preference <sup>(1)</sup>		13,542		
Series D Preferred Stock redemptions		(6,448)		
Balance September 30, 2023	\$	117,353		

(1) As of the Series D Redemption Date, the Series D Preferred Stock was adjusted to \$5.00 liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends, representing a \$13.5 million adjustment to its carrying value.

	Series D	Preferred Stock
Balance December 31, 2021	\$	92,548
Accretion of Preferred Stock discount		125
Undeclared dividends		2,118
Balance March 31, 2022		94,791
Accretion of Preferred Stock discount		124
Undeclared dividends		2,118
Balance June 30, 2022		97,033
Accretion of Preferred Stock discount		125
Undeclared dividends		2,118
Balance September 30, 2022	\$	99,276

#### 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 earning 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 Operating Partnership common units ("Common Units"), Series B Preferred, Series D Preferred Stock, 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



# 9. Equity and Mezzanine Equity (continued)

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	Se	ptember 30, 2023
	Outstanding shares	<b>Potential Dilutive Shares</b>
	13,560	5 13,566
ferred Stock	3,379,142	2 211,196
ck	3,308,60	3 729,958
purchase Common Stock	_	- 155,812
le Notes	-	- 9,405,539

#### Dividends

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

	 Series D Prefer	red St	OCK
Arrears Date	Arrears	]	Per Share
For the nine months ended September 30, 2023	\$ 6,502	\$	1.97
For the nine months ended September 30, 2022	\$ 6,354	\$	2.01

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The total cumulative dividends in arrears for Series D Preferred Stock is \$41.1 million as of September 30, 2023 (per share \$12.42). Commencing September 21, 2023, the Series D Preferred Stock holders are entitled to cumulative cash dividends at an annual dividend rate of 12.75% increased by 2% of the liquidation preference per annum on each subsequent anniversary thereafter, subject to a maximum annual dividend rate of 16%, including the 2% default rate.

There were no dividends declared to holders of Common Stock, Series A Preferred, Series B Preferred or Series D Preferred Stock during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

#### 10. Commitments and Contingencies

#### 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 September 30, 2023 and 2022, the weighted average remaining lease term of our leases was36 and 34 years, respectively. Rent expense under the operating lease agreements were \$0.3 million and \$0.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively. Rent expense under the operating lease agreements was \$0.9 million and \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

#### 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:

In Re: Cedar Realty Trust, Inc. Preferred Shareholder Litigation, Case No.: 1:22-cv-1103, in the United States District Court for the District of Maryland. On April 8, 2022, several purported holders of outstanding Cedar preferred stock filed a putative class action complaint against Cedar, Cedar's Board of Directors prior to the Cedar Acquisition and the Company in Montgomery County Circuit Court, Maryland entitled Sydney, et al. v. Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., et al., (Case No. C-15-CV-22-001527). On May 6, 2022, the Plaintiffs in Sydney filed a motion for a preliminary injunction. Also on May, 6, 2022, a purported holder of Cedar's outstanding preferred stock filed a separate putative class action complaint against Cedar and Cedar's Board of Directors prior to the Cedar Acquisition in the United States District

#### 10. Commitments and Contingencies (continued)

Court for the District of Maryland, entitled *Kim v. Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., et al.*, Civil Action No. 22-cv-01103. On May 11, 2022, Cedar, former Board of Directors of Cedar and the Company removed the *Sydney* action to the United States District Court for the District of Maryland, Case No. 8:22-cv-01142-GLR. On May 16, 2022, the court ordered that a hearing on the *Sydney* Plaintiffs' motion for preliminary injunction be held on June 22, 2022. On June 2, 2022, the Plaintiffs in*Kim* also filed a motion for a preliminary injunction. The court consolidated the motions for preliminary injunction.

On June 23, 2022, following a hearing, the court issued an order denying both motions for preliminary injunction, holding that the Plaintiffs in both cases were unlikely to succeed on the merits and that Plaintiffs had not established that they would suffer irreparable harm if the injunction was denied.

By order dated July 11, 2022, the court consolidated the *Sydney* and *Kim* cases and set an August 24, 2022 deadline for the Plaintiffs in both cases to file a consolidated amended complaint. Plaintiffs filed their amended complaint on August 24, 2022. The amended complaint alleges on behalf of a putative class of holders of Cedar's preferred stock, among other things, claims for breach of contract against Cedar and Cedar's former Board of Directors with respect to the articles supplementary governing the terms of Cedar's preferred stock, breach of fiduciary duty against Cedar's former Board of Directors, and tortious interference and aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty against the Company. On October 7, 2022, Defendants moved to dismiss the amended complaint. Plaintiffs opposed the motion to dismiss and filed a motion to certify a question of law to Maryland's Supreme Court. On August 1, 2023, the court issued a decision and order granting Defendants' motion to certify a question of law to the Maryland Supreme Court. The Plaintiffs appealed the dismissal to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, Case No. 23-1905, docketed on August 30, 2023. The Court has set a briefing schedule. At this juncture, the outcome of the litigation remains uncertain.

*High Income Securities Fund v. Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., et al*, No. 2:22-cv-4031, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York. On July 11, 2022, a purported holder of Cedar's outstanding preferred stock filed a complaint against Cedar and Cedar's Board of Directors prior to the Merger in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, entitled *High Income Securities Fund v. Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., et al*, No. 2:22-cv-4031. The complaint alleged that the Defendants violated Section 10(b) of the Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder by making false and misleading statements and omissions, and that Cedar's former Board of Directors are control persons under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act. On September 25, 2023, the Court granted Defendants' motion to dismiss the complaint with prejudice, and the time within which the Plaintiff could have appealed such decision has passed.

*Krasner v. Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., et. al.*, in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of New York, Case No. 2:22-cv-06945. On October 14, 2022, a purported holder of Cedar's outstanding preferred stock filed a putative class action against Cedar, the Board of Directors prior to the Cedar Acquisition, and the Company in Nassau County Supreme Court, New York entitled *Krasner v. Cedar Realty Trust, Inc., et al.*, (Case No. 613985/2022). The complaint alleges on behalf of a putative class of holders of Cedar's preferred stock, among other things, claims for breach of contract against Cedar and the former Board of Directors with respect to the articles supplementary governing the terms of Cedar's preferred stock, breach of fiduciary duty against the former Board of Directors, and tortious interference and aiding and abetting breach of fiduciary duty against the Company. The complaint seeks, among other relief, an award of monetary damages, attorneys' fees, and expert fees. Defendants removed the case to a federal court. On April 24, 2023, the federal court granted Plaintiff's motion to remand the case to the Nassau County Supreme Court. Defendants filed motions in the Nassau County action to dismiss or stay the case based both on the pendency of the lawsuit in Maryland in which the same claims were asserted by other preferred stockholders and on the merits. The motions have been fully briefed, including supplemental briefing on the impact of the Maryland decision. The court held a hearing on the motions on October 27, 2023, but has not yet issued a ruling thereon. At this juncture, the outcome of the litigation is uncertain.

#### **11. Related Party Transactions**

# **Related Party Transactions with Cedar**

The Company performs property management and leasing services for Cedar, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, pursuant to the Wheeler Real Estate Company Management Agreement. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, Cedar paid the Company \$0.7 million and \$1.1 million, respectively, for these services. During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, Cedar paid the Company \$0.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, for these services. The Operating Partnership and Cedar's operating partnership, Cedar Realty Trust Partnership, L.P., are party to a cost sharing and reimbursement agreement, pursuant to which the parties agreed to share costs and expenses associated with certain employees, certain facilities and property, and certain arrangements with third parties (the "Cost Sharing Agreement"). Related party amounts due to the Company from Cedar as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022 are comprised of:

	Septem	ber 30, 2023		
		(b)	December 3	31, 2022 (b)
2022 financings and real estate taxes	\$	7,166	\$	7,166
Management fees		220		110
Leasing commissions		555		85
Cost Sharing Agreement allocations (a)		424		
Other		21		(33)
Total	\$	8,386	\$	7,328

(a) Includes allocations for executive compensation and directors' liability insurance. In 2022, the were no allocations made to Cedar for these services due to certain limitations set forth in the Cost Sharing Agreement.

(b) These related party amounts have been eliminated for consolidation purposes.

#### Investment securities - related party

The Company has investments held with SAI, a related party. See Note 4 in this Form 10-Q for additional details.

#### 12. Subsequent Events

#### Series D Preferred Stock Redemption update

The first monthly Holder Redemption Date occurred on October 5, 2023. The Company received fully complete and timely redemption requests from 50 Series D Preferred Holders, collectively redeeming 172,911 shares of Series D Preferred Stock for a redemption price per share of approximately \$7.48. The Company settled the redemption price in Common Stock. The volume weighted average of the closing sales price, as reported on the Nasdaq, per share of Common Stock for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the Holder Redemption Date was approximately \$2.89. Accordingly, the Company issued 2,245,591 shares of Common Stock in settlement of an aggregate redemption price of approximately \$6.5 million.

The second monthly Holder Redemption Date occurred on November 6, 2023. The Company received fully complete and timely redemption requests from 90 Series D Preferred Holders, collectively redeeming 319,762 shares of Series D Preferred Stock for a redemption price per share of approximately \$7.76. The Company settled the redemption price in Common Stock. The volume weighted average of the closing sales price, as reported on the Nasdaq, per share of Common Stock for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the Holder Redemption Date was approximately \$0.84. Accordingly, the Company issued 14,355,723 shares of Common Stock in settlement of an aggregate redemption price of approximately \$12.1 million.

The Company recognized an aggregate \$5.9 million gain as a result of the difference between the VWAP used to calculate the number of shares of Common Stock distributed to redeeming holders of Series D Preferred Stock and the fair market value of such Common Stock on each of the two Holder Redemption Dates.

#### 12. Subsequent Events (continued)

#### Adjustment to Conversion Price of Convertible Notes

Because at least 100,000 shares of the Series D Preferred Stock have been redeemed, pursuant to Section 14.02 (Optional Conversion) of the indenture governing the Company's Convertible Notes (the "Convertible Notes Indenture"), effective October 5, 2023, the conversion price for the Convertible Notes was adjusted to \$1.59 per share of the Company's Common Stock, (15.72 shares of Common Stock for each \$25.00 of principal amount of the Convertible Notes being converted).

For the November redemptions, the lowest price at which any Series D Preferred Stock was converted by a holder into Common Stock was approximately \$0.84.

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 14.02 (Optional Conversion) of the Convertible Notes Indenture, the conversion price for the Convertible Notes was further adjusted to \$0.46 per share of Common Stock (54.05 shares of Common Stock for each \$25.00 of principal amount of the Convertible Notes being converted), representing a45% discount to \$0.84.

## 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 Quarterly Report on 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 2022 Form 10-K. All per share amounts, common units and shares outstanding, warrants, and conversion features of the Convertible Notes for all periods presented reflect the one-for-ten Reverse Stock Split, which took effect on August 17, 2023. 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.

In addition to historical information, this discussion and analysis contains forward-looking statements based on current expectations that involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions, such as our plans, objectives, expectations and intentions. These statements are not guarantees of future performance and are subject to risks, uncertainties and other factors, including those discussed under the section entitled "Forward-Looking Statements." 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.

#### **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. In August 2022, the Company acquired Cedar Realty Trust. As a result of that acquisition, Cedar became a subsidiary of the Company and this Form 10-Q includes Cedar starting from the date of acquisition.

As of September 30, 2023, the Company, through the Operating Partnership, owned and operatec seventy-five retail shopping centers and four undeveloped properties in South Carolina, Georgia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Florida, Connecticut, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Maryland, West Virginia, and Oklahoma. This list includes the properties acquired through the Cedar Acquisition.

The Company's portfolio of properties is dependent upon regional and local economic conditions, and is geographically concentrated in the Mid-Atlantic, Southeast and Northeast, which markets represent approximately 45%, 40% and 15% respectively, of the total annualized base rent of the properties in its portfolio as of September 30, 2023. 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.

#### **Recent Trends and Activities**

#### Series D Preferred Stock - Exchange Offer and Consent Solicitation

On November 22, 2022, the Company commenced the Exchange Offer, which, as subsequently amended, provided for the exchange of up to 2,112,103 outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock, representing 67% of the outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock, for (i) 6.00% Subordinated Convertible Notes due 2028, and (ii) Common Stock, in each case to have been newly issued by the Company. As of the expiration of the Exchange Offer on January 20, 2023, 864,391 shares of Series D Preferred Stock (representing 26.8% of the total outstanding Series D Preferred Stock) had been validly tendered (and not validly withdrawn) in the Exchange Offer. Accordingly, the condition that the holders of at least 66 2/3% of the outstanding shares of Series D Preferred Stock validly tender their Series D Preferred Stock into the Exchange Offer had not been satisfied and the Exchange Offer expired on January 20, 2023.

#### Series D Preferred Stock - Redemption

After September 21, 2023, each holder of the Series D Preferred Stock of the Company has the right, at such holder's option, to request that the Company redeem any or all of such holder's shares of Series D Preferred Stock on a monthly basis – with redemptions commencing September 22, 2023 and the first Holder Redemption Date of October 5, 2023. At September 30, 2023, the Company had received requests to redeem 172,241 shares of Series D Preferred Stock. As such, the redemption of these Series D Preferred Stock is considered certain at September 30, 2023 and \$6.4 million was reclassed from mezzanine equity to a liability, "Series D Preferred Stock redemptions" on the condensed consolidated balance sheets. This represents the \$25.00 liquidation preference plus accrued and unpaid dividends at September 30, 2023.

Dispositions				
<b>Disposal Date</b>	Property	<b>Contract Price</b>	Gain	Net Proceeds
July 11, 2023	Carll's Corner Outparcel - Bridgeton, New Jersey	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,204	\$ 2,759

#### Land Acquisitions

On February 21, 2023 the Company purchased a 2.5 acre land parcel adjacent to St. George Plaza, located in St. George, South Carolina, for \$0.2 million.

On August 18, 2023 the Company purchased a 3.25 acre land parcel within Devine Street, located in Columbia, South Carolina, for \$4.1 million. The Devine Street Land Acquisition terminated the Company's ground lease associated with this property.

#### Term Loan Agreement, 12 properties

On May 5, 2023, the Company entered into the Term Loan Agreement, 12 properties for \$61.1 million at a fixed rate of 6.194% and interest-only payments due monthly through June 2025. Commencing in July 2025, until the maturity date of June 1, 2033, monthly principal and interest payments will be \$0.4 million. Loan proceeds were used to refinance 12 properties, including \$1.1 million in defeasance.

#### Term Loan Agreement, 8 properties

On May 18, 2023, the Company entered into the Term Loan Agreement, 8 properties for \$53.1 million at a fixed rate of 6.24% and interest-only payments due monthly through June 2028. Commencing in July 2028, until the maturity date of June 10, 2033, monthly principal and interest payments will be \$0.3 million. Loan proceeds were used to refinance 8 properties, including \$0.7 million in defeasance.

# Timpany Plaza Loan Agreement

On September 12, 2023, the Company entered into the Timpany Plaza Loan Agreement for \$11.6 million at a fixed rate of 7.27% with interest-only payments due monthly for the first twelve months. Commencing on September 12, 2024, until the maturity date of September 12, 2028, monthly principal and interest payments will be made based on a 30-year amortization schedule calculated based on the principal amount as of that time. On the closing date, the Company received \$9.1 million of the \$11.6 million and the remaining \$2.5 million will be received upon certain lease-related contingencies. The Timpany Plaza Loan Agreement is collateralized by the Timpany Plaza shopping center.

## Convertible Notes

operations.

Interest expense on the Convertible Notes consisted of the following (in thousands, except for shares):

For the nine months ended September 30,	Series B Preferred number of shares <sup>(1)</sup>	Series D Preferred Stock number of shares <sup>(1)</sup>	Convertible Note interest at 7% coupon	Fair	value adjustment	Interest expense
2023	_	160,455	\$ 1,718	\$	851	\$ 2,569
2022	432,994	—	\$ 1,733	\$	944	\$ 2,677

(1) Shares issued as interest payment on Convertible Notes.

On June 8, 2023, the Company paid down \$0.6 million of the Convertible Notes through an open market purchase of 23,784 units totaling \$1.2 million. On September 11, 2023, the Company paid down \$0.9 million of the Convertible Notes through an open market purchase of 35,000 units totaling \$1.9 million. As a result of these transactions the Company recognized a \$1.1 million and \$1.6 million loss for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively, which represents the fair value of the purchase over principal pay down. The loss is included in "other expense" on the condensed consolidated statements of

#### **Related Party Transactions**

The Company performs property management and leasing services for Cedar, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. During the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, Cedar paid the Company \$0.7 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, for these services. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, Cedar paid the Company \$1.1 million and \$0.1 million, respectively, for these services. Related party amounts due to the Company from Cedar were \$8.4 million and \$7.3 million as of September 30, 2023 and December 31, 2022, respectively, and have been eliminated for consolidation purposes.

On June 1, 2023 the Company subscribed for an investment in the amount of \$3.0 million for limited partnership interests in SAI. On September 1, 2023 the Company subscribed for an additional investment in the amount of \$3.5 million for limited partnership interests in SAI.

The Company's SAI investment is accounted for under the equity method and measured at net asset value as a practical expedient and has not been classified within the fair value hierarchy. All gains and losses, realized and unrealized, and fees are recorded through "gains (losses) on investment securities, net" on the condensed consolidated statements of operations. As of September 30, 2023, the fair value of the Company's SAI investment was \$6.6 million which includes \$6.5 million from subscriptions and \$33 thousand in fees. Unrealized gains on investment securities, net of fees were \$49 thousand and \$80 thousand for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively. See Note 4 in the condensed consolidated financial statements for additional details.

#### Preferred Dividends

At September 30, 2023, the Company had accumulated undeclared dividends of \$41.1 million to holders of shares of our Series D Preferred Stock of which \$2.3 million and \$6.5 million is attributable to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively. Commencing September 21, 2023, the Series D Preferred Stock holders are entitled to cumulative cash dividends at an annual dividend rate of 12.75% increased by 2% of the liquidation preference per annum on each subsequent anniversary thereafter, subject to a maximum annual dividend rate of 16%, including the 2% default rate.

#### New Leases and Leasing Renewals

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

	Three Months Ended September 30,				Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	 2023		2022	_	2023		2022	
Renewals <sup>(1)</sup> :								
Leases renewed with rate increase (sq feet)	129,041		166,594		598,259		382,802	
Leases renewed with rate decrease (sq feet)	_		47,538		_		59,027	
Leases renewed with no rate change (sq feet)	133,119		143,060		210,377		217,711	
Total leases renewed (sq feet)	 262,160		357,192		808,636	_	659,540	
Leases renewed with rate increase (count)	32		31		91		75	
Leases renewed with rate decrease (count)	_		5		—		10	
Leases renewed with no rate change (count)	7		6		16		24	
Total leases renewed (count)	 39		42		107		109	
Option exercised (count)	6		5		22		12	
Weighted average on rate increases (per sq foot)	\$ 1.32	\$	1.18	\$	0.84	\$	1.22	
Weighted average on rate decreases (per sq foot)	\$ _	\$	(0.70)	\$	—	\$	(1.15)	
Weighted average rate on all renewals (per sq foot)	\$ 0.65	\$	0.46	\$	0.62	\$	0.61	
Weighted average change over prior rates	 7.2 %	<u>.</u>	5.5 %	<u>)</u>	6.9 %	<u>)</u>	6.6 %	
New Leases <sup>(1) (2)</sup> :								
New leases (sq feet)	135,537		84,874		267,319		183,064	
New leases (count)	16		18		44		56	
Weighted average rate (per sq foot)	\$ 10.71	\$	11.21	\$	12.37	\$	11.99	

Lease data presented is based on average rate per square foot over the renewed or new lease term.
 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 and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2023 Compared to the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2022

#### **Results of Operations**

Results from operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023 reflect the results of the Cedar Acquisition on August 22, 2022. Accordingly, our results of operations will reflect the combined operations for future quarters subsequent to the acquisition date. Therefore, our historical financial statements will not be indicative of future operating results.

# Comparison of the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

The following table presents a comparison of the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:

	Three Months E	nded September 30,	Three Mor	ths Ended Changes
	2023	2022	Change	% Change
PROPERTY DATA:				
Number of properties owned and leased at period end (1)	7.	5 76	(1)	(1.3)%
Aggregate gross leasable area at period end (1)	8,140,236	8,183,345	(43,109)	(0.5)%
Ending leased rate at period end (1)	93.1 9	% 92.1 %	1.0 %	1.1 %
FINANCIAL DATA:				
Rental revenues	\$ 24,655	\$ 18,486	\$ 6,169	33.4 %
Other revenues	549	232	317	136.6 %
Total Revenue	25,204	18,718	6,486	34.7 %
OPERATING EXPENSES:				
Property operations	8,771	6,655	2,116	31.8 %
Depreciation and amortization	6,875	4,981	1,894	38.0 %
Corporate general & administrative	2,475	2,498	(23)	(0.9)%
Total Operating Expenses	18,121	14,134	3,987	28.2 %
Gain on disposal of properties	2,204	_	2,204	100.0 %
Operating Income	9,287	4,584	4,703	102.6 %
Interest income	163	15	148	986.7 %
Gain on investment securities, net	49	_	49	100.0 %
Interest expense	(7,469)	(6,949)	(520)	(7.5)%
Net changes in fair value of derivative liabilities	(11,163)	(656)	(10,507)	(1,601.7)%
Other expense	(2,233)	_	(2,233)	(100.0)%
Net Loss Before Income Taxes	(11,366)	(3,006)	(8,360)	(278.1)%
Income tax expense	(2)		(2)	(100.0)%
Net Loss	(11,368)	(3,006)	(8,362)	(278.2)%
Less: Net Income attributable to noncontrolling interests	2,693	1,234	1,459	118.2 %
Net Loss Attributable to Wheeler REIT	\$ (14.061)	\$ (4,240)	\$ (9,821)	(231.6)%
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(1) Excludes the undeveloped land parcels. Includes assets held for sale.

#### **Total Revenue**

Total revenues were \$25.2 million and \$18.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing an increase of 34.7%. The increase in rental revenues of \$6.2 million is primarily a result of the \$5.8 million increase in non-same store property revenues due to the Cedar Acquisition, and a \$0.7 million increase in market lease amortization.

#### **Total Operating Expenses**

Total operating expenses were \$18.1 million and \$14.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing an increase of 28.2%. Property operations expense increased \$2.1 million, primarily a result of the \$1.4 million increase in non-same store property expense due to the Cedar Acquisition and a \$0.7 million increase in same store property expense.

Depreciation and amortization increased 38.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2023, as a result of the Cedar Acquisition.

Corporate general and administrative expenses were \$2.5 million and \$2.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

# Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$7.5 million and \$6.9 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing an increase of 7.5%. Below is a comparison of the components which make up interest expense (in thousands, unaudited):

	 Three Months En	ded S	September 30,	Three Months Ended Changes			
	 2023		2022		Change	% Change	
Property debt interest - excluding Cedar debt	\$ 4,353	\$	3,715	\$	638	17.2 %	
Convertible Notes interest	563		578		(15)	(2.6)%	
Defeasance paid	—		1,156		(1,156)	(100.0)%	
Amortization of deferred financing costs	636		806		(170)	(21.1)%	
Property debt interest - Cedar	1,917		694		1,223	100.0 %	
Total Interest Expense	\$ 7,469	\$	6,949	\$	520	7.5 %	

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

The net changes in the fair value of derivative liabilities was a loss of \$11.2 million and a loss of \$0.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which represents a non-cash adjustment from a change in the fair value that includes adjustments in valuation assumptions. See Note 8 in the condensed consolidated financial statements for additional details.

# Other Expense

Other expense represents expenses which are non-operating in nature. Other expenses were \$2.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023, which is the result of \$1.1 million for the repurchases of the Company's Convertible Notes described in Note 7 in this Form 10-Q and transaction costs related to the Series D Redemptions and Reverse Stock Split for \$1.1 million. Other expenses were \$0.0 million for the three months ended September 30, 2022.

## Comparison of the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

The following table presents a comparison of the condensed consolidated statements of operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022:

	N	ine Months Ended	September 30,	Nine Months	Nine Months Ended Changes			
		2023	2022	Change	% Change			
PROPERTY DATA:								
Number of properties owned and leased at period end (1)		75	76	(1)	(1.3)%			
Aggregate gross leasable area at period end (1)		8,140,236	8,183,345	(43,109)	(0.5)%			
Ending leased rate at period end (1)		93.1 %	92.1 %	1.0 %	1.1 %			
FINANCIAL DATA:								
Rental revenues	\$	74,738 \$	49,142	\$ 25,596	52.1 %			
Other revenues		1,372	552	820	148.6 %			
Total Revenue		76,110	49,694	26,416	53.2 %			
OPERATING EXPENSES:								
Property operations		26,068	16,637	9,431	56.7 %			
Depreciation and amortization		21,642	12,222	9,420	77.1 %			
Impairment of assets held for sale			760	(760)	(100.0)%			
Corporate general & administrative		8,364	5,434	2,930	53.9 %			
Total Operating Expenses		56,074	35,053	21,021	60.0 %			
Gain (loss) on disposal of properties		2,204	(15)	2,219	14,793.3 %			
Operating Income		22,240	14,626	7,614	52.1 %			
Interest income		336	42	294	700.0 %			
Gain on investment securities, net		80	_	80	100.0 %			
Interest expense		(24,125)	(19,079)	(5,046)	(26.4)%			
Net changes in fair value of derivative liabilities		(6,281)	(2,533)	(3,748)	(148.0)%			
Other expense		(5,273)	(691)	(4,582)	(663.1)%			
Net Loss Before Income Taxes		(13,023)	(7,635)	(5,388)	(70.6)%			
Income tax expense		(48)	_	(48)	(100.0)%			
Net Loss		(13,071)	(7,635)	(5,436)	(71.2)%			
Less: Net Income attributable to noncontrolling interests		8,061	1,237	6,824	551.7 %			
Net Loss Attributable to Wheeler REIT	\$	(21,132) \$	(8,872)	\$ (12,260)	(138.2)%			

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

# Total Revenue

Total revenues were \$76.1 million and \$49.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing an increase of 53.2%. The increase in rental revenues of \$25.6 million is primarily a result of the \$21.7 million increase in non-same store property revenues due to the Cedar Acquisition, \$0.7 million increase in same store property revenues and a \$3.4 million increase in market lease amortization.

#### **Total Operating Expenses**

Total operating expenses were \$56.1 million and \$35.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing an increase of 60.0%. Property operations expense increased \$9.4 million, primarily a result of the \$8.1 million increase in non-same store property expense due to the Cedar Acquisition and a \$1.3 million increase in same store property expense.

Impairment of assets held for sale was \$0.0 million and \$0.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, as a result of Harbor Pointe Land Parcel impairment.

Depreciation and amortization increased 77.1% for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, as a result of the Cedar Acquisition.

Corporate general and administrative expenses were \$8.4 million and \$5.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing an increase of 53.9%, primarily a result of the following:

- \$2.1 million increase in professional fees, primarily due to the Cedar Acquisition;
- \$0.3 million increase in compensation and benefits, primarily driven by hiring more employees due to the Cedar Acquisition and payroll-related costs; and
- \$0.4 million increase in corporate administration costs.

#### Interest Expense

Interest expense was \$24.1 million and \$19.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing an increase of 26.4%. Below is a comparison of the components which make up interest expense (in thousands, unaudited):

	Nine Months End	ed Sep	otember 30,	Nine Months Ended Changes			
	2023	2022		Change	% Change		
Property debt interest - excluding Cedar debt	\$ 11,850	\$	10,940	\$ 910	8.3 %		
Convertible Notes interest (1)	2,569		2,677	(108)	(4.0)%		
Defeasance paid	1,758		2,614	(856)	(32.7) %		
Amortization of deferred financing costs	2,357		2,154	203	9.4 %		
Property debt interest - Cedar	5,591		694	4,897	100.0 %		
Total Interest Expense	\$ 24,125	\$	19,079	5,046	26.4 %		

(1) Includes the fair value adjustment for the paid-in-kind interest.

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

The net changes in the fair value of derivative liabilities was a loss of \$6.3 million and a loss of \$2.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which represents a non-cash adjustment from a change in the fair value that includes adjustments in valuation assumptions. See Note 8 in the condensed consolidated financial statements for additional details.

#### Other Expense

Other expense represents expenses which are non-operating in nature. Other expenses were \$5.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, which consisted of \$2.4 million costs for the Exchange Offer and \$1.6 million result of the two repurchases of Convertible Notes. Additionally, other expense included transaction costs related to the Series D Redemptions and Reverse Stock Split for \$1.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023. Other expenses were \$0.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2022, which consisted of legal settlement costs.

#### 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 charges, 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 operating form 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 team these, 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, interest income, provision for income taxes, straight-line rents, market lease amortization, 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 NOI from operating income (the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure). Same stores consist only of those properties owned during all periods presented in their entirety.



	T	hree Months End	ed September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,					
		2023	2022		2023		2022			
			(in thous	ands, unaudit	ed)					
Operating Income	\$	9,287	\$ 4,58	4 \$	22,240	\$	14,626			
Adjustments:										
(Gain) loss on disposal of properties		(2,204)	-	_	(2,204)		15			
Corporate general & administrative		2,475	2,49	8	8,364		5,434			
Impairment of assets held for sale		_	-	_	_		760			
Depreciation and amortization		6,875	4,98	1	21,642		12,222			
Straight-line rents		(285)	(31	4)	(1,004)		(547)			
Above (below) market lease amortization		(1,232)	(49	4)	(3,865)		(478)			
Other non-property revenue		_		2	(131)		(14)			
NOI related to non-same store properties		(5,384)	(1,00	4)	(14,994)		(1,432)			
Same Store Property Net Operating Income	\$	9,532	\$ 10,25	\$3	30,048	\$	30,586			
Property revenues	\$	15,384	\$ 15,38	32 \$	46,287	\$	45,551			
Property expenses		5,852	5,12	.9	16,239		14,965			
Same Store Property Net Operating Income	\$	9,532	\$ 10,25	\$3	30,048	\$	30,586			

Total same store property NOI was \$9.5 million and \$10.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing a decrease of 7.0% primarily due to a 14.1 % increase in property expenses. Total same store property NOI was \$30.0 million and \$30.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022, respectively, representing an decrease of 1.8% primarily due to increases in property expenses.

# Funds from Operations

We use funds from operations ("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 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 site 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 reconciliation of net loss to FFO, a non-GAAP measurement(in thousands, unaudited):

	Th	ree Months E 3	d September	N	ine Months Ei 3	nded 0,	l September	 Three Months	Ended Changes	 Nine Months Ended Changes		
		2023	 2022		2023		2022	Change	% Change	 Change	% Change	
Net Loss	\$	(11,368)	\$ (3,006)	\$	(13,071)	\$	(7,635)	\$ (8,362)	(278.2)%	\$ (5,436)	(71.2)%	
Depreciation and amortization of real estate assets		6,875	4,981		21,642		12,222	1,894	38.0 %	9,420	77.1 %	
Impairment of assets held for sale		_	_				760	—	— %	(760)	(100.0)%	
(Gain) loss on disposal of properties		(2,204)	_		(2,204)		15	(2,204)	(100.0)%	(2,219)	(14,793.3)%	
FFO	\$	(6,697)	\$ 1,975	\$	6,367	\$	5,362	\$ (8,672)	(439.1)%	\$ 1,005	18.7 %	

During the three months ended September 30, 2023, FFO decreased \$8.7 million. During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, FFO increased \$1.0 million.

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 September 30,			Nine Months End	Nine Months Ended September 30,		
		2023	2022	2023	2022		
FFO	\$	(6,697)	\$ 1,975	\$ 6,367	\$ 5,362		
Preferred Stock dividends - undeclared		(2,415)	(2,264)	(6,940)	(6,792)		
Dividends on noncontrolling interests preferred stock		(2,688)	(1,225)	(8,064)	(1,225)		
Preferred stock accretion adjustments		146	146	438	438		
FFO available to common stockholders and common unitholders		(11,654)	(1,368)	(8,199)	(2,217)		
Other non-recurring and non-cash expense		8	1,241	2,043	3,388		
Gain on investment securities, net		(49)		(80)	_		
Net changes in fair value of derivative liabilities		11,163	656	6,281	2,533		
Straight-line rental revenue, net straight-line expense		(293)	(306)	(997)	(523)		
Deferred financing cost amortization		636	806	2,357	2,154		
Paid-in-kind interest		—	—	2,006	2,099		
Above (below) market lease amortization		(1,232)	(494)	(3,865)	(478)		
Recurring capital expenditures and tenant improvement reserves		(404)	(409)	(1,221)	(948)		
AFFO	\$	(1,825)	\$ 126	\$ (1,675)	\$ 6,008		

Other non-recurring and non-cash expenses are costs of the Company that we believe will not be incurred on a go-forward basis. Other non-recurring expenses of \$0.0 million and \$2.0 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively, were primarily a result of \$1.8 million in loan defeasance payments and \$0.3 million costs to demolish decommissioned space not included in the Company's gross leasable area. Other non-recurring expenses of \$1.2 million and \$3.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2022, respectively, primarily include \$1.2 million and \$2.6 million in loan defeasance payments, respectively, a result of the 2022 loan refinancing activities, \$0.0 million and \$0.7 million legal settlement costs, respectively and severance.

#### Liquidity and Capital Resources

At September 30, 2023, our consolidated cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash totaled \$48.9 million compared to consolidated cash, cash equivalents and restricted cash of \$54.3 million at September 30, 2022. Cash flows from operating activities, investing activities and financing activities were as follows (in thousands, unaudited):



	Nine Months Ended September 30,			
	 2023	2022	-	
Operating activities	\$ 15,032	\$ 27,954		
Investing activities	\$ (19,618)	\$ (140,106)	)	
Financing activities	\$ (2,422)	\$ 126,035		

#### **Operating** Activities

Our cash flows from operating activities decreased \$12.9 million. Net cash provided by operating activities, before net changes in operating assets and liabilities, was \$15.2 million and \$12.0 million for 2023 and 2022, respectively, an increase of \$3.2 million. The increase was primarily a result of the Cedar Acquisition, partially offset by an increase in cash paid for interest expense, other expenses and corporate general and administrative expenses.

#### **Investing** Activities

Our cash flows used in investing activities decreased \$120.5 million, primarily due to the costs related to the Cedar Acquisition in 2022 and the proceeds from the Carll's Corner Out Parcel sale, partially offset by the investment purchase of \$6.5 million subscription with SAI, increase in capital expenditures paid of \$9.5 million, including the purchases of the St. George Plaza Land Parcel and Devine Street Land Acquisition and the proceeds from the Walnut Hill Plaza property sale in 2022.

#### Financing Activities

Our cash flows used in financing activities were \$2.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2023, compared to cash flows provided by financing activities of \$126.0 million for the comparable period in 2022.

Financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2023 primarily consisted of:

Cash inflows:

• \$16.4 million 2023 loan refinancing activities, net, including loan agreement for Timpany Plaza;

Cash outflows:

- \$8.1 million for distributions paid on noncontrolling interests;
- \$4.4 million payments for deferred financing costs;
- \$1.8 million defeasance payments;
- \$3.1 million repurchase of debt securities; and
- \$1.4 million scheduled loan principal payments on debt.

Financing activities during the nine months ended September 30, 2022 primarily consisted of:

Cash inflows:

- \$14.3 million 2022 loan refinancing activities, net; and
- \$130.0 million loan related to the Cedar Acquisition;

#### Cash outflows:

- \$8.7 million payments for deferred financing costs;
- \$3.8 million scheduled loan principal payments on debt;
- \$3.1 million loan principal payment related to the sale of Walnut Hill Plaza; and
- \$2.6 million defeasance payments.

The Company continues to endeavor to manage its debt prudently with the objective of achieving a conservative capital structure and minimizing leverage within the Company. Our debt balances, excluding unamortized debt issuance costs, consisted of the following (in thousands):

	Septe	September 30, 2023		December 31, 2022	
	(u	naudited)			
Fixed-rate notes	\$	495,933	\$	482,447	
Total debt	\$	495,933	\$	482,447	

The weighted average interest rate and term of our fixed-rate debt are 5.42% and 8.41 years, respectively, at September 30, 2023. We have \$7.1 million of debt maturing, including principal repayments, during the twelve months ending September 30, 2024. 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 7 included in the condensed consolidated financial statements for additional mortgage indebtedness details.

# NASDAQ Notices

On June 26, 2023, we received a letter from the listing qualifications staff (the "Staff") of Nasdaq notifying the Company that it is not in compliance with the minimum bid price requirement set forth in Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) (the "Bid Price Rule") for continued listing standards. This rule requires listed securities to maintain a minimum bid price of \$1.00 per share, and Nasdaq Listing Rule 5810(c)(3)(A) provides that a failure to meet the minimum bid price requirement exists if the deficiency continues for a period of 30 consecutive business days.

On September 1, 2023, the Company received a letter from the Listing Qualifications Department of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC notifying the Company that, based on the closing bid price of the Company's Common Stock having been at least \$1.00 per share for the required period, the Company has regained compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rule 5550(a)(2) and the minimum bid price deficiency matter previously disclosed by the Company on June 28, 2023 was closed.

In addition, effective as of June 2, 2023, one of our directors, Michelle D. Bergman, tendered her resignation, for personal reasons, as a member of the Board of Directors, including her membership on the Audit Committee and Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The effect of this resignation caused the Audit Committee to consist of two members. On July 12, 2023, we received a letter from the Staff of Nasdaq notifying the Company that because the Audit Committee only had two members, the Company no longer complied with the requirement set forth in the Nasdaq Listing Rule 5605 that the Audit Committee consist of at least three members. On August 31, 2023, the Board voted to elect Dennis Pollack as a director of the Company and to appoint him to the Audit Committee, in each case effective as of September 5, 2023. On September 14, 2023, Nasdaq notified the Company that it had regained compliance with Nasdaq Listing Rules 5605(b)(1) and 5605(c)(2), which require an audit committee of a Nasdaq-listed company to have a minimum of three members, each satisfying the independence requirements set forth in the applicable listing rules, and the matter was closed.

# Material Cash Requirements, Contractual Obligations and Commitments

Our expected material cash requirements for the twelve months ended September 30, 2024 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 September 30, 2023 are \$7.1 million in principal and regularly scheduled payments due in the twelve months ended September 30, 2024 as described in Note 7 in the condensed consolidated financial statements.

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, the Company:

- had \$25.4 million in cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2023;
- had \$23.4 million held in lender reserves for the purpose of tenant improvements, lease commissions, real estate taxes and insurance at September 30, 2023; and
- intends to use cash generated from operations during the twelve months ended September 30, 2024.

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

Our success in executing on our strategy will dictate our liquidity needs going forward. If we are unable to execute in these areas, our ability to grow may be limited without additional capital.

## **Convertible** Notes

In July 2021, we raised additional capital for the Company through a rights offering pursuant to which the Common Stock holders purchased \$30.0 million in aggregate principal amount of our Convertible Notes. Interest on the Convertible Notes is payable at the Company's option in cash, Series B Preferred and/or Series D Preferred Stock.

On December 31, 2021, the first interest payment date on the Convertible Notes, interest was paid in the form of Series D Preferred Stock. On June 30, 2023, interest was paid in the form of Series D Preferred Stock; which was the second instance when interest on the Convertible Notes was paid in the form of Series D Preferred Stock. For purposes of determining the value of the Series D Preferred Stock paid as interest on the Convertible Notes, each share of Series D Preferred Stock 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 Stock for the 15 consecutive trading days ending on the third business day immediately preceding the interest payment date, and (y) 0.55.

The Convertible Notes could have the effect of causing, if interest is paid in the future in shares of Series D Preferred Stock, substantial dilution of the Series D Preferred Stock and reduction in the value of any Series D Preferred Stock. In addition, depending on the prices at which the ongoing monthly redemptions of Series D Preferred Stock occur, the conversion price for the Convertible Notes could be repeatedly adjusted downwards which would in turn cause significant pressure on the value of the Company's Common Stock.

In an effort to address the risk associated with the significant and growing financial obligation to the Series D Preferred Holders, and to provide the Series D Preferred Holders with an opportunity to receive value for their Series D Preferred Stock prior to the Series D Redemption Date, on November 22, 2022, the Company commenced an Exchange Offer and related Consent Solicitation which was unsuccessful and expired in January 2023.

#### Series D Preferred Stock

As of September 30, 2023, the outstanding Series D Preferred Stock had an aggregate liquidation preference of approximately \$82.7 million, with aggregate accrued and unpaid dividends in the amount of approximately \$41.1 million, for a total liquidation value of \$123.8 million. After September 21, 2023, each holder of Series D Preferred Stock has the right, at such holder's option, to request that the Company redeem any or all of such holder's shares of Series D Preferred Stock on a monthly basis.

The first monthly Holder Redemption Date occurred on October 5, 2023. The Company received fully complete and timely redemption requests from 50 Series D Preferred Holders, collectively redeeming 172,911 shares of Series D Preferred Stock for a redemption price per share of approximately \$37.48. The Company settled the redemption price in Common Stock. The volume weighted average of the closing sales price, as reported on the Nasdaq, per share of Common Stock for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the Holder Redemption Date was approximately \$2.89. Accordingly, the Company issued 2,245,591 shares of Common Stock in settlement of an aggregate redemption price of approximately \$6.5 million.

The second monthly Holder Redemption Date occurred on November 6, 2023. The Company received fully complete and timely redemption requests from 90 Series D Preferred Holders, collectively redeeming 319,762 shares of Series D Preferred Stock for a redemption price per share of approximately \$37.76. The Company settled the redemption price in Common Stock. The volume weighted average of the closing sales price, as reported on the Nasdaq, per share of Common Stock for the ten consecutive trading days immediately preceding, but not including, the Holder Redemption Date was approximately \$0.84. Accordingly, the Company issued 14,355,723 shares of Common Stock in settlement of an aggregate redemption price of approximately \$12.1 million.

We anticipate that, in the event the Series D Preferred Holders' continue to exercise their redemption rights, the Company will continue to pay the aggregate redemption price in shares of our Common Stock.

The Company does not believe it is in its interests to liquidate assets or incur indebtedness to fund cash redemptions of the Series D Preferred Stock and, accordingly, it has no intention of doing so. Therefore, the Company intends to continue to settle redemptions of Series D Preferred in Common Stock.



We believe that the issuance of Common Stock to settle redemptions in Common Stock will continue to result in a substantial dilution of the outstanding Common Stock.

# Inflation

If inflation rates increase, substantially all of the Company's tenant leases contain provisions designed to partially mitigate the negative impact of inflation in the near term. Such lease provisions include clauses that require tenants to reimburse the Company for inflation-sensitive costs such as real estate taxes, insurance and many of the operating expenses it incurs. In addition, many of our leases are for terms of less than ten years, which permits us to seek increased rents upon re-rental at market rates. However, significant inflation rate increases over a prolonged period of time may have a material adverse impact on the Company's business.Conversely, deflation could lead to downward pressure on rents and other sources of income.

Interest rate increases could result in higher incremental borrowing costs for the Company and our tenants. The duration of the Company's indebtedness and our relatively low exposure to floating rate debt have mitigated the direct impact of inflation and interest rate increases. The degree and pace of these changes have had and may continue to have impacts on our business.

#### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

See Note 2 to the condensed consolidated financial statements beginning on page 13 of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

#### **Critical Accounting Policies**

In preparing the condensed consolidated financial statements, we have made estimates, assumptions and judgments 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 2022 Form 10-K under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations." During the nine months ended September 30, 2023, there have been no significant changes to these estimates and policies previously disclosed in our 2022 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 Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

## **Available Information**

The Company's website address is 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 Asset Liability Committee, Audit Committee, Compensation Committee, Governance and Nominating Committee, Executive Committee, Litigation Committee, Related Person Transactions Committee and Series D Redemption Facilitation Committee, as well as our Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, Corporate Governance Principles, 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 September 30, 2023 (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 Quarterly Report on 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 November 7, 2023, the Company had accumulated undeclared dividends of \$36.8 million to holders of shares of our Series D Preferred Stock, of which \$2.3 million and \$6.5 million were attributable to the three and nine months ended September 30, 2023, respectively.

#### Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.

Not applicable.

## Item 5. Other Information.

None.

# Item 6. Exhibits.

Exhibit	
<u>3.1</u>	Articles of Amendment of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. filed with SDAT on August 17, 2023 (Filed as an Exhibit to Form 8-K, filed on August 17, 2023)
<u>3.2</u>	Articles of Amendment of Wheeler Real Estate Investment Trust, Inc. filed with SDAT on August 17, 2023 (Filed as an Exhibit to Form 8-K, filed on August 17, 2023)
<u>31.1</u>	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).
<u>31.2</u>	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).
<u>32.1</u>	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).
<u>32.2</u>	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).
- 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and contained in Exhibit 101)

# 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: November 7, 2023

# 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.;
- 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;
- 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: November 7, 2023

/s/ M. Andrew Franklin

M. Andrew Franklin Chief Executive Officer and President

# 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;
- 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: November 7, 2023

/s/ Crystal Plum

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 and nine months ended September 30, 2023, 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.

November 7, 2023

/s/ M. Andrew Franklin

M. Andrew Franklin Chief Executive Officer and President

/s/ Crystal Plum Crystal Plum Chief Financial Officer