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THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 24, 2025

PLYMOUTH INDUSTRIAL REIT, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

MARYLAND (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 001-38106 (Commission File Number) 27-5466153 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

20 Custom House Street, 11th Floor Boston, MA 02110 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(617) 340-3814 (Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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Item 1.01 Entry into Material Definitive Agreement.

Agreement and Plan of Merger

On October 24, 2025, Plymouth Industrial REIT, Inc., a Maryland corporation (the "Company"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement") by and among Plymouth Industrial OP, LP, a Delaware limited partnership (the "Operating Partnership"), PIR Ventures LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("Parent"), PIR Industrial REIT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("REIT Merger Sub"), and PIR Industrial OP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company wholly-owned by REIT Merger Sub ("OP Merger Sub"). The Merger Agreement provides, among other things, and subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein and in accordance with Maryland General Corporation Law, the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act, and the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act, as applicable, (i) that the Company will be merged with and into REIT Merger Sub, with REIT Merger Sub surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of Parent (the "REIT Merger") and (ii) that, immediately prior to the consummation of the REIT Merger, the Operating Partnership will be merged with and into OP Merger Sub, with OP Merger Sub surviving as a wholly owned subsidiary of REIT Merger Sub (the "Partnership Merger" and, together with the REIT Merger, the "Mergers").

The board of directors of the Company (the "Board") unanimously (i) authorized, adopted and approved the execution, delivery and performance of the Merger Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement and declared that the Merger Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement are advisable and in the best interests of the Company, (ii) directed that the REIT Merger be submitted for consideration at a meeting of the Company stockholders and (iii) resolved to recommend that the stockholders of the Company approve the REIT Merger.

Subject to the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in the Merger Agreement, the Company expects the Mergers to close in early 2026 (although there can be no assurances as to when or if the Closing will occur). The stockholders of the Company will be asked to vote on the approval of the REIT Merger at a stockholder meeting that will be held on a date and at a time and place to be announced when finalized.

REIT Merger Consideration

Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions in the Merger Agreement, at the effective time of the REIT Merger (the "<u>REIT Merger Effective Time</u>"), each share of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of the Company (the "<u>Company Common Stock</u>") then outstanding will be cancelled and retired and automatically converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to \$22.00 (the "<u>REIT Merger Consideration</u>"), without interest and as may be adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement (subject to any applicable withholding taxes).

Notwithstanding the foregoing, each share of Company Common Stock then outstanding and held by any wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Parent or any subsidiary of Parent will automatically be retired and shall cease to exist, and no REIT Merger Consideration shall be paid with respect thereto, nor shall any other payment or right inure or be made with respect thereto in connection with or as a consequence of the REIT Merger.

Redemption of Series C Preferred Units and Partnership Merger Consideration

Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions in the Merger Agreement, (i) immediately prior to effective time of the Partnership Merger (the "Partnership Merger Effective Time"), each Series C Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Unit of the Operating Partnership (each, a "Series C Preferred Unit" and, collectively, the "Series C Preferred Units") as designated by that certain Certificate of Designations Establishing and Fixing the Rights, Limitations and Preferences of the Series C Preferred Units (the "Certificate of Designations"), issued and outstanding at such time and not held by the Company shall automatically be redeemed in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Designations for an amount in cash equal to the Redemption Price (as defined in the Certificate of Designations) and (ii) at the Partnership Merger Effective Time:

• Each limited partnership interest in the Operating Partnership (other than the Series C Preferred Units) (each, an "Operating Partnership Unit" and collectively, the "Operating Partnership Units") issued and

outstanding immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time and not held by the Company, the Original Limited Partner (as defined below) or any other subsidiary of the Company will automatically be converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to \$22.00 (the "Partnership Merger Consideration"), without interest and as may be adjusted in accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement (subject to any applicable withholding taxes).

- The Company's general partner interests in the Operating Partnership and any Operating Partnership Units held by the Company and Plymouth OP Limited, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and the original limited partner in the Operating Partnership (the "Original Limited Partner"), will automatically be converted into 100 validly issued and outstanding limited liability company interests of OP Merger Sub.
- Each warrant issued by the Operating Partnership (each, an "Operating Partnership Warrant" and, collectively, the "Operating Partnership Warrants") pursuant to that certain warrant agreement, dated as of August 26, 2024, by and among the Operating Partnership, the Company and Isosceles Investments, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company (the "Warrant Agreement") that is outstanding and unexercised as of immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time shall, in accordance with its terms, automatically cease to represent an Operating Partnership Warrant exercisable for Operating Partnership Units and shall become an Operating Partnership Warrant exercisable for the consideration shall equal \$0 if the applicable Strike Price (as defined in the Operating Partnership Warrant) is equal to or greater than the Partnership Merger Consideration.

Company Restricted Stock and Company Performance Stock Units

Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions in the Merger Agreement, immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, each share of restricted Company Common Stock granted pursuant to the Company's incentive plan ("Company Restricted Stock") that is outstanding immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, whether vested or unvested, will automatically become fully vested and free of any forfeiture restrictions. At the REIT Merger Effective Time, each share of Company Restricted Stock shall be considered an outstanding share of Company Common Stock for all purposes under the Merger Agreement, including the right to receive the REIT Merger Consideration (subject to any applicable withholding taxes).

Pursuant to the terms and subject to the conditions in the Merger Agreement, immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, each performance stock unit payable in shares of Company Common Stock subject to performance-based vesting requirements granted under the Company's incentive plan (each, a "Company Performance Stock Unit") that is outstanding shall be cancelled, terminated and automatically converted into the right to receive an amount in cash (subject to any applicable withholding taxes) equal to the product of (i) the sum of (x) the greater of (A) the target number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Company Performance Stock Unit and (B) the actual number of shares of Company Common Stock to which the holder of such Company Performance Stock Unit would be entitled based on actual performance with respect to the applicable performance goals as of the REIT Merger Effective Time as if such date were the last day of the applicable performance period; provided that, for purposes of determining actual performance, the performance goals shall be pro-rated through the REIT Merger Effective Time and (y) the number of shares of Company Common Stock that would result, pursuant to the terms of the applicable Company Performance Stock Unit award agreement, from crediting to the holder of such Company Performance Stock Unit's account the amount of dividends in cash or shares of Company Common Stock, if any, that Company declared during the applicable performance period (accrued as of the REIT Merger Effective Time, but not yet credited), multiplied by (ii) the REIT Merger Consideration.

Representations, Warranties and Covenants

The Merger Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants by the Company and the Operating Partnership, including, among others, covenants by the Company to conduct its business in the ordinary course and to maintain REIT status, in each case, between the date of the Merger Agreement and the earlier to occur of the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time and the date, if any, on which the Merger Agreement is terminated pursuant to the terms set forth therein, not to engage in certain kinds of material transactions during such period, for the Board to recommend that the stockholders approve the REIT Merger, subject to certain customary exceptions, and to convene and hold a meeting of its stockholders for the purpose of

obtaining the Company Stockholder Approval (as defined below). The Merger Agreement also contains customary representations, warranties and covenants of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub.

During the term of the Merger Agreement, the Company may not pay dividends except for (i) dividends for the third fiscal quarter of 2025, in accordance with past practice and subject to specified limitations and (ii) as reasonably necessary for the Company to maintain its status as a real estate investment trust for tax purposes and to avoid incurring any entity level income or excise tax (except that any such dividends to maintain real estate investment trust status or to reduce imposition of tax will result in an equitable adjustment to the REIT Merger Consideration).

Parent has obtained debt and equity financing commitments to finance the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement and to pay the related fees and expenses to be incurred by Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. has agreed to provide to Parent committed debt financing of an aggregate of approximately \$1.4 billion, a portion of which will be used to finance a portion of the consideration due under the Merger Agreement, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in the applicable debt commitment letter. Certain entities affiliated with Makarora Management LP (collectively, "Makarora") and certain entities affiliated with Ares Alternative Credit funds (collectively, "Ares" and, together with Makarora the "Equity Investors") have committed to provide equity financing of up to an aggregate of \$700 million to finance a portion of the consideration due under the Merger Agreement, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in each of the applicable equity commitment letters. Certain additional financing may be required to the extent Parent determines to repay additional indebtedness of the Company's subsidiaries in connection with the transactions contemplated by the Merger Agreement. As a condition of the Merger Agreement and concurrently with the execution of the Merger Agreement, the Equity Investors entered into a limited guaranty, guaranteeing, severally and not jointly, certain payment obligations of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub in connection with the Merger Agreement, subject to the terms and conditions set forth therein (the "Limited Guaranty").

Closing Conditions

The closing of the Mergers is subject to various customary mutual conditions, including (i) the receipt of the approval of the REIT Merger by holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Company Common Stock entitled to vote on the REIT Merger at the stockholder meeting (the "Company Stockholder Approval"), (ii) the absence of any temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction or other judgment, order or decree that prohibits the consummation of the Mergers or any other transaction contemplated by the Merger Agreement, and (iii) the absence of any law enacted, entered, promulgated or enforced that makes illegal or otherwise prohibits the consummation of the Mergers.

The obligation of each party to consummate the Mergers is also conditioned on the accuracy of the representations and warranties of the other party contained in the Merger Agreement, subject to customary materiality qualifications, as of the date of the Merger Agreement and as of the closing of the Mergers (the "Closing"), and compliance by the other party in all material respects with the covenants and agreements contained in the Merger Agreement. In addition, the obligation of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub to consummate the Mergers is subject to the absence of a Company Material Adverse Effect (as defined in the Merger Agreement) on the Closing. Pursuant to the terms of the Merger Agreement, closing of the Mergers will occur not later than the third business day following the satisfaction or waiver of the conditions to Closing (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied or waived at the Closing). The Closing is not subject to a financing condition.

Acquisition Proposals

During the period beginning on the date of the Merger Agreement and continuing until 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on November 23, 2025 (the "No Shop Period Start.

Date"), the Company has the right to (i) solicit, seek, initiate, propose, facilitate, induce or encourage any Acquisition Proposals (as defined in the Merger Agreement) or any proposal, inquiry or offer that constitutes, or could result in or constitute, an Acquisition Proposal (an "Inquiry"), (ii) engage in and otherwise participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding an Acquisition Proposal or an Inquiry, (iii) provide information (including non-public information) relating to the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Company's subsidiaries and afford access to the business, properties, personnel, assets, books, records and other non-public information of the Company, the Operating Partnership and the Company's subsidiaries to a third-party pursuant to an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement (as defined in the Merger Agreement), and (iv) otherwise cooperate with or assist with any Acquisition Proposal or Inquiry.

From and after the No Shop Period Start Date, other than as permitted with respect to certain circumstances as described in the Merger Agreement, the Company has agreed to cease any solicitations, discussions, communications or negotiations with any third-party with respect to any Inquiry, Acquisition Proposal or potential Acquisition Proposal and not to solicit, engage in discussions with or provide information to third-parties in connection with any Inquiry, Acquisition Proposal or potential Acquisition Proposal. Notwithstanding the above, on or after the No Shop Period Start Date and prior to obtaining Company Stockholder Approval, the Company may engage in discussions or negotiations and provide non-public information to a third-party who has made an unsolicited, bona fide written bona Acquisition Proposal if the Board determines in good faith, after consultation with outside legal counsel and financial advisors, that such Company Acquisition Proposal constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to result in, a Superior Proposal (as defined in the Merger Agreement).

Termination of the Merger Agreement; Termination Fees

The Merger Agreement contains customary termination rights, including that either the Company or Parent may, subject to specified limitations, terminate the Merger Agreement if the Mergers are not consummated on or before 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on July 24, 2026. In addition, Parent may terminate the Merger Agreement under certain circumstances and subject to certain restrictions, including if the Board effects a Change of Recommendation (as defined in the Merger Agreement).

The Merger Agreement provides that, upon termination of the Merger Agreement by the Company or Parent in certain customary circumstances, including termination by the Company to accept a Superior Proposal and termination by Parent following a Change of Recommendation, a fee of \$40.1 million will be payable by the Company to Parent; provided that a fee of \$15.0 million will apply with respect to a termination by the Company to accept a Superior Proposal from certain parties from whom the Company received an Acquisition Proposal prior to the Cut-Off Time (as defined in the Merger Agreement).

The Merger Agreement also provides that, in certain circumstances, including the termination of the Merger Agreement following a failure by Parent to consummate the Mergers in breach of the Merger Agreement, subject to certain conditions, Parent would be required to pay the Company a termination fee of \$70.2 million. Parent's payment obligation with respect to the termination fee is guaranteed by the Equity Investors pursuant to the Limited Guaranty and subject to the terms and limitations contained therein.

The above-description of the Merger Agreement is only a summary, does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the full text of the Merger Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.1, and is incorporated into this Current Report on Form 8-K by reference in its entirety. The Merger Agreement has been attached as an exhibit to provide investors and stockholders of the Company with information regarding its terms. It is not intended to provide any other factual information about the Company, the Operating Partnership, Parent, OP Merger Sub or REIT Merger Sub. The representations, warranties and covenants contained in the Merger Agreement were made only for the purposes of the Merger Agreement and as of specified dates, were solely for the benefit of the parties to the Merger Agreement and may be subject to limitations agreed upon by the contracting parties. The representations and warranties may have been made for the purposes of allocating contractual risk between the parties to the Merger Agreement instead of establishing these matters as facts, and may be subject to standards of materiality applicable to the contracting parties that differ from those applicable to investors. Investors and stockholders of the Company accordingly should not rely on the representations, warranties and covenants or any descriptions thereof as characterizations of the actual state of facts or condition of the Company, the Operating Partnership, Parent, OP Merger Sub, REIT Merger Sub or any of their respective subsidiaries or affiliates. In addition, the assertions embodied in the representations and warranties contained in the Merger Agreement are qualified by information in confidential disclosure schedules that the Company exchanged with Parent, OP Merger Sub and REIT Merger Sub in connection with the execution of the Merger Agreement. Moreover, information concerning the subject matter of the representations and warranties may change after the date of the Merger Agreement, which subsequent information may or may not be fully reflected in the Company's public disclosures. The Merger Agreement should not be read alone, but should instead be read in conjunction with the other information regarding the parties to the Merger Agreement and the Mergers that will be contained in, or incorporated by reference into, the proxy statement that the Company will be filing in connection with the Mergers, as well as in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and other documents that the Company has filed or may file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

Following the REIT Merger Effective Time, the Company's common stock will be de-listed from the New York Stock Exchange and de-registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act").

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On October 24, 2025, the Company and Parent announced that they had entered into the Merger Agreement. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

The information contained in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 of Form 8-K and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Exchange Act, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Furthermore, the information in Item 7.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K, including the information in the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be incorporated by reference in the filings of the registrant under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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How to Find Further Information

This communication does not constitute a solicitation of any vote or approval in connection with the proposed acquisition of the Company by Makarora. In connection with the proposed Mergers, the Company will file a proxy statement with the SEC, which the Company will furnish with any other relevant documents to its stockholders in connection with the special meeting of the Company's stockholders to vote on the REIT Merger. This communication is not a substitute for the proxy statement or any other document that the Company may file with the SEC or send to its stockholders in connection with the Mergers. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, WE URGE STOCKHOLDERS TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY AND THE PROPOSED MERGERS. The proposals for consideration by the Company's stockholders regarding the REIT Merger will be made solely through the proxy statement. In addition, a copy of the proxy statement (when it becomes available) may be obtained free of charge by directing a request to Plymouth Industrial REIT, Inc., 20 Custom House Street, 11th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attention: Anne A. Hayward, Corporate Secretary. Security holders also will be able to obtain, free of charge, copies of the proxy statement and any other documents filed by the Company with the SEC in connection with the Mergers at the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov, and at the Company's website at plymouthreit.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

The directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees of the Company may be deemed "participants" in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the approval of the proposed transactions. Information regarding the Company's directors and officers and their respective interests in the Company by security holdings or otherwise is available in (i) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, including under the headings "Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance", "Item 11. Executive Compensation", "Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" and "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence", which was filed with the SEC on March 3, 2025, (ii) the Company's definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for its 2025 annual meeting of stockholders, including under the headings "Proposal 1: Election of Directors", "Beneficial Ownership of Shares of Common Stock", "Executive Officers", "Executive Compensation", "Compensation Tables" and "Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions", which was filed with the SEC on April 28, 2025 and (iii) subsequent statements of changes in beneficial ownership on file with the SEC. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants is or will be included in the proxy statement and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC, when they become available, including in connection with the solicitation of proxies to approve the Mergers. These documents may be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and the Company's website at plymouthreit.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This communication includes forward-looking statements. These forward-looking statements generally can be identified by phrases such as "anticipate," "expect," "estimate" "plan," "outlook," and "project" or other words or phrase of similar import. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about the industry, markets in which the Company operates, management's beliefs, assumptions made by management and the transactions described in this communication. While the Company's management believes the assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements and information are reasonable, such information is necessarily subject to uncertainties and may involve certain risks, many of which are difficult to predict and are beyond management's control. These risks include, but are not limited to: (1) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Merger Agreement; (2) the nature, cost and outcome of any litigation and other legal proceedings, including any such proceedings related to the Mergers that may be instituted against the parties and others following announcement of the Merger Agreement; (3) the inability to consummate the transaction within the anticipated time period, or at all, due to any reason, including the failure to obtain the requisite stockholder approval and adoption, failure to obtain required regulatory approval or the failure to satisfy other conditions to completion of the transaction; (4) risks that the proposed transaction disrupts current plans and operations of the Company or diverts management's attention from its ongoing business; (5) the ability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the transaction; (6) the amount of the costs, fees, expenses and charges related to the transaction; (7) the risk that the Merger Agreement may be terminated in circumstances requiring the Company to pay a termination fee; (8) the effect of the announcement of the Mergers on the ability of the Company to retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with its tenants, suppliers and others with whom it does business; (9) the effect of the announcement of the Mergers on the Company's operating results and business generally; (10) the risk that the Company's stock price may decline significantly if the Mergers are not consummated; and (11) the other risks and important factors contained and identified in the Company's filings with the SEC, such as the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, as well as the Company's subsequent reports on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q or Form 8-K filed from time to time, any of which could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this communication.

These risks, as well as other risks associated with the Mergers, will be more fully discussed in the proxy statement that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the Mergers. There can be no assurance that the Mergers will in fact be consummated. We caution investors not to unduly rely on any forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which the statements are made. The Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement except as required by law, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibits

Exhibit	
Number	Description
2.1+	Agreement and Plan of Merger, dated as of October 24, 2025, by and among the Company, the Operating Partnership, Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger
	Sub.
99.1	Press release announcing Merger Agreement, issued by the Company on October 24, 2025.
104	Cover Page Interactive Data File (embedded within the Inline XBRL document).

⁺ Certain of the schedules and attachments to this exhibit have been omitted in accordance with Regulation S-K, Item 601(a)(5). The registrant hereby undertakes to provide further information regarding such omitted materials to the SEC upon request.

SIGNATURES

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

PLYMOUTH INDUSTRIAL REIT, INC.

Date: October 24, 2025 By: /s/ Jeffrey E. Witherell

Jeffrey E. Witherell Chief Executive Officer

AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

AMONG

PIR VENTURES LP,
PIR INDUSTRIAL REIT LLC,
PIR INDUSTRIAL OP LLC,
PLYMOUTH INDUSTRIAL REIT, INC.,

AND

PLYMOUTH INDUSTRIAL OP, LP

DATED AS OF OCTOBER 24, 2025

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AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER

This **AGREEMENT AND PLAN OF MERGER**, dated as of October 24, 2025 (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), is by and among (i) PIR Ventures LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("<u>Parent</u>"), (ii) Plymouth Industrial REIT, Inc., a Maryland corporation that has elected to be treated as a real estate investment trust for U.S. federal income Tax purposes ("<u>Company</u>"), (iii) Plymouth Industrial OP, LP, a Delaware limited partnership ("<u>Operating Partnership</u>"), (iv) PIR Industrial REIT LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and a wholly-owned subsidiary of Parent ("<u>REIT Merger Sub</u>"), and (v) PIR Industrial OP LLC, a Delaware limited liability company wholly-owned by REIT Merger Sub ("<u>OP Merger Sub</u>"). Each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub, Company and Operating Partnership is sometimes referred to herein as a "<u>Party</u>" and collectively as the "<u>Parties</u>." Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein have the meanings ascribed to them in <u>Article 1</u>.

WHEREAS, the Parties wish to effect a merger of Company with and into REIT Merger Sub (such merger transaction, the "<u>REIT Merger</u>"), with REIT Merger Sub being the surviving company (the "<u>REIT Surviving Entity</u>") in the REIT Merger, upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and in accordance with the Maryland General Corporation Law ("<u>MGCL</u>"), the Delaware Limited Liability Company Act (the "<u>DLLCA</u>"), and pursuant to which each outstanding share of common stock, \$0.01 par value per share, of Company (the "<u>Company Common Stock</u>"), issued and outstanding immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, will be converted into the right to receive the REIT Per Share Merger Consideration;

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the consummation of the REIT Merger, Operating Partnership shall merge with and into OP Merger Sub (such merger transaction, the "<u>Partnership Merger</u>" and, together with the REIT Merger, the "<u>Mergers</u>"), with OP Merger Sub continuing as the surviving entity and a subsidiary of the REIT Surviving Entity (the "<u>Partnership Surviving Entity</u>"), and each Operating Partnership Unit (other than any Operating Partnership Unit held by Company, the Original Limited Partner or any other Company Subsidiary) will be converted into the Partnership Per Share Merger Consideration, upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement and in accordance with the Delaware Revised Uniform Limited Partnership Act ("<u>DRULPA</u>") and the DLLCA;

WHEREAS, immediately prior to the consummation of the Partnership Merger, each Series C Preferred Unit issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time and not held by Company shall automatically be redeemed in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Designations for an amount in cash equal to Redemption Price (as defined in the Certificate of Designations);

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of Company (the "<u>Company Board</u>") has (i) authorized, adopted and approved the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement and declared that this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement are advisable and in the best interests of Company, (ii) directed that the REIT Merger be submitted for consideration at a meeting of Company stockholders, and (iii) resolved to recommend that the stockholders of Company approve the REIT Merger (except to the extent that the Company Board shall have made a Change of Recommendation in accordance with <u>Section 6.3</u>);

WHEREAS, Company, in its capacity as the general partner of Operating Partnership, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, has approved and adopted this Agreement and approved the consummation of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement and has taken all actions required for the execution of this Agreement by Operating Partnership;

WHEREAS, the general partner of Parent has (a) determined that this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement are advisable and in the best interests of Parent, and (b) approved this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

WHEREAS, (i) Parent, in its capacity as the sole member of REIT Merger Sub, and (ii) REIT Merger Sub, in its capacity as the sole member of OP Merger Sub, have each taken all actions required for the execution of this Agreement by REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub, as applicable, and to adopt and approve this Agreement and to approve the consummation by REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub, as applicable, of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement;

WHEREAS, for United States ("<u>U.S.</u>") federal income Tax purposes, it is intended that (i) the REIT Merger will be treated as a taxable sale by Company of all of Company's assets (including, for the avoidance of doubt, all Operating Partnership Units held by Company and the Original Limited Partner after the Partnership Merger) to REIT Merger Sub in exchange for the REIT Merger Consideration and the Stock Award Payments provided for herein to be provided to the holders of equity interests in Company and the assumption of all of Company's other liabilities (including Company's share of Operating Partnership liabilities, as determined under the applicable U.S. federal income Tax regulations), followed by a distribution of such consideration to the holders of equity interests in Company in liquidation pursuant to Section 331 and Section 562 of the Code, and that this Agreement shall constitute a "plan of liquidation" of Company for U.S. federal income tax purposes, and (ii) the Partnership Merger and the deemed taxable purchase by REIT Merger Sub of all Operating Partnership Units held by Company and the Original Limited Partner as described in the preceding <u>clause (i)</u> shall be treated (x) by holders of Operating Partnership Units as a taxable sale of Operating Partnership Units and (y) by REIT Merger Sub as a taxable purchase of the assets of Operating Partnership pursuant to IRS Revenue Ruling 99-6, Situation 2.

WHEREAS, concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement, and as a condition and inducement to Company's willingness to enter into this Agreement, the Equity Investors are entering into a limited guaranty in favor of Company and Operating Partnership (the "Limited Guaranty"), pursuant to which, subject to the terms and conditions contained therein, the Equity Investors are guaranteeing, severally and not jointly, certain payment obligations of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub in connection with this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the Parties desire to make certain representations, warranties and agreements in connection with the execution of this Agreement and to prescribe various conditions to the Mergers.

NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the foregoing and the mutual representations, warranties, covenants and agreements contained in this Agreement, and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the Parties, intending to be legally bound, agree as follows:

ARTICLE 1 DEFINITIONS

Section 1.1 Definitions.

(a) For purposes of this Agreement:

"Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement" means a confidentiality agreement on terms that are no more favorable in any material respect to the Third Party entering into such agreement than those in the Confidentiality Agreement are to Makarora Management LP (it being understood that, notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement shall (i) not be required to contain any standstill or similar provisions or otherwise prohibit the making or amendment of any Acquisition Proposal and (ii) contain provisions that permit Company to comply with the provisions of Section 6.3).

"Acquisition Proposal" means any inquiry, offer, proposal or indication of interest from a Third Party at any time relating to, in a single transaction or series of related transactions (other than the Mergers): (i) any issuance, acquisition or purchase (including by way of merger, consolidation, sale of equity interests, share exchange, joint venture, business combination or otherwise) by any Third Party that, if consummated, would result in any Third Party becoming the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of securities (or options, rights or warrants to purchase, or securities convertible into, such securities) of Company or Operating Partnership representing more than twenty percent (20%) of the voting power of equity interest in Company or Operating Partnership, (ii) any tender offer or exchange offer for more than twenty percent (20%) of the voting power of equity interest in Company or Operating Partnership, (iii) any merger, consolidation, liquidation, dissolution, share exchange, business combination, joint venture, recapitalization, reorganization or other similar transaction involving Company and a Third Party pursuant to which holders of equity securities of Company immediately preceding such transaction beneficially own less than eighty percent (80%) of the voting power of equity interest in the surviving or resulting entity of such transaction or (iv) any sale, lease, exchange, transfer or other disposition to a Third Party of more than twenty percent (20%) of the revenue, net income or net assets (including equity interests in Company Subsidiaries) of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries (taken as a whole).

"Action" means any claim, action, cause of action, suit, litigation, proceeding, arbitration, mediation, interference, audit, assessment, hearing, or other legal proceeding (whether sounding in contract, tort or otherwise, whether civil or criminal and whether brought, conducted, tried or heard by or before, or otherwise involving, any Governmental Authority).

"Affiliate" of a specified Person means a Person that directly or indirectly, through one or more intermediaries, controls, is controlled by, or is under common control with, such specified Person. For purposes of the immediately preceding sentence, the term "control" (including, with correlative meanings, the terms "controlling," "controlled by" and "under common control with") as used with respect to any Person, means the possession, directly or indirectly, of the power to direct or cause the direction of the management and policies of such Person, whether through ownership of voting securities, by contract or otherwise; provided that, other than the Equity Investors and their direct or indirect subsidiaries involved in the Transactions (including Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub), except with respect to the proviso at the end of the last sentence of Section 6.7(a), none of the Affiliates of the Equity Investors shall be deemed to be "Affiliates" of Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub (or, following the Closing, the Partnership Surviving Entity, the REIT Surviving Entity or any of their respective Subsidiaries).

"Benefit Plan" means any "employee benefit plan" (within the meaning of Section 3(3) of ERISA) and any employment, consulting, termination, severance, change in control, separation, stock option, restricted stock, profits interest unit, performance award, outperformance, stock purchase, stock or stock-related awards, deferred compensation, bonus, incentive compensation, fringe benefit, health, medical, dental, disability, accident, life insurance, welfare benefit, cafeteria, vacation, sick or paid time off, perquisite, retirement, profit sharing, pension, or savings or any other remuneration, compensation or employee benefit plan, agreement, program, policy or other arrangement of any kind, whether or not subject to ERISA and whether written or unwritten, or funded or unfunded.

"Business Day" means any day other than a Saturday, Sunday or any day on which banks located in New York, New York or Boston, Massachusetts are authorized or required to be closed.

"Certificate of Designations" means the Certificate of Designations Establishing and Fixing the Rights, Limitations and Preferences of Series C Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Units of Operating Partnership.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Collective Bargaining Agreement" means any collective bargaining agreement or other agreement with a labor union, works council or other agency or representative body certified or recognized for the purpose of bargaining collectively on behalf of or representing employees of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries.

"Company Bylaws" means the Third Amended and Restated Bylaws of Company, as amended and supplemented and in effect on the date hereof.

"Company Charter" means the Second Articles of Amendment and Restatement, as amended, of Company, as filed with, and accepted for record by, the SDAT, in effect on the date hereof.

"Company Data" means the data contained in the Company IT Systems or any databases of Company, Operating Partnership, or any Company Subsidiary pertaining to Company's, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries' business and all other information and data

compilations used by, or necessary to Company's, Operating Partnership's and the Company Subsidiaries' business as currently conducted.

"Company Equity Incentive Plan" means Company's Fourth Amended and Restated 2014 Incentive Award Plan.

"Company IT Systems" means all IT Systems used in the Processing of Company Data for Company, Operating Partnership and/or the Company Subsidiaries to conduct their business as currently conducted.

"Company Leases" means each lease or sublease (including ground leases), occupancy agreement or similar contract to which Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries are parties as lessors or sublessors or in a similar capacity that provides for the use or occupancy of any Company Properties or any part thereof (together with all guaranties, letters of credit, amendments, modifications, supplements, renewals, exercise of options and extensions related thereto).

"Company Material Adverse Effect" means any Effect that (x) has had or would reasonably be expected to have a material adverse effect on the business, assets, liabilities, condition (financial or otherwise) or results of operations of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, or (y) has or would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair or materially delay the ability of Company or Operating Partnership to consummate the Mergers or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement before the Outside Date; provided, however, that for purposes of clause (x), no Effect to the extent resulting or arising from the following shall be deemed to constitute a Company Material Adverse Effect or shall be taken into account when determining whether a Company Material Adverse Effect exists or has occurred: (i) any changes that affect the industrial real estate industry generally, (ii) any general economic, political, geopolitical or financial, banking or securities market conditions, including changes affecting securities, financial, banking, credit, foreign exchange, interest or exchange rates or capital market conditions, (iii) any changes affecting the market for commodities, including any change in the price or availability of commodities, (iv) any changes in GAAP, in the interpretation of GAAP, or in the accounting rules and regulations of the SEC, (v) any changes in Law or regulation or the interpretation thereof, (vi) geopolitical conditions (including trade wars, tariffs or sanctions), any acts of terrorism or sabotage (including cyberattack), the commencement, continuation or escalation of a conflict, including a war (whether or not declared) or acts of armed hostility, including any material worsening of such matters threatened or existing as of the date hereof and any responses to any such matters, (vii) natural disasters or weather developments, including earthquakes, hurricanes, tsunamis, typhoons, lightening, hail storms, blizzards, tornadoes, droughts, floods, cyclones, arctic frosts, mudslides and wildfires, manmade disasters, any outbreak, pandemic or epidemic of disease, or other acts of God, including any material worsening of such matters existing as of the date hereof, (viii) except to the extent that such matter constitutes a breach of the Company's express representations and warranties set forth in Section 4.18 as of the date of this Agreement, any casualty or condemnation related to Company's or any of the Company Subsidiaries' real property rights to the land, buildings, wires, pipes, structures and other improvements thereon and fixtures thereto and any improvements located thereon, (ix) any Action made or initiated by any holder of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units, including any derivative claims, arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated hereby (including, in each case, any changes in the

operations or law affecting thereof), (x) the negotiation, execution, or delivery of this Agreement, or performance in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, or the public announcement or consummation of the Merger or the other transactions contemplated hereby, including the impact thereof on relationships, contractual or otherwise, with tenants, residents, suppliers, lenders, investors (including stockholders), venture partners or employees, (xi) the identity of the Equity Investors, Parent or any of their Affiliates, (xii) the taking of any action expressly required by this Agreement or the not taking of any action expressly prohibited by this Agreement, (xiii) any failure by Company to meet any internal or published projections, estimates, budgets, plans, forecasts or expectations of Company's revenue, earnings or other financial performance or results of operations for any period (it being understood that the facts or occurrences giving rise or contributing to such failure that are not otherwise excluded pursuant to another clause of this definition may be taken into account) or (xiv) any decline in the price or trading volume of the Company Common Stock on the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") or any other securities market or in the trading price of any other securities of Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries or any change in the ratings (including credit ratings) or ratings outlook for Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiaries (it being understood that the facts or occurrences giving rise or contributing to such decline or change that are not otherwise excluded pursuant to another clause of this definition may be taken into account); except (A) in the case of clauses (i) through and including (vii), to the extent such Effect has had a disproportionate adverse impact on Company. Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, relative to other similarly situated Persons engaged in the same industries in which Company and the Company Subsidiaries operate, in which case, to the extent not otherwise excluded pursuant to another clause of this definition, only the incremental disproportionate adverse impact of such Effect may be taken into account in determining whether a "Company Material Adverse Effect" exists or has occurred and (B) clause (x) shall not apply to the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4.5 or any certificated delivered with respect thereto.

"Company Performance Stock Unit" means each performance stock unit payable in shares of Company Common Stock subject to performance-based vesting requirements granted under the Company Equity Incentive Plan.

"Company Permitted Liens" means any of the following: (i) any Lien for Taxes or governmental assessments, charges or claims of payment not yet delinquent or being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate accruals or reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP; (ii) any Lien that is a carriers', warehousemen's, mechanics', materialmen's, repairmen's, landlord's or other similar Lien arising in the ordinary course of business that are not yet delinquent or the validity of which is being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate accruals or reserves have been established; (iii) any Lien that is a zoning regulation, building, entitlement or other land use or environmental regulation by any Governmental Authority that do not materially impair the current use or occupancy of the applicable Company Property; (iv) any Lien that is disclosed on the most recent consolidated balance sheet of Company or notes thereto (or securing liabilities reflected on such balance sheet); (v) the terms and provisions of any Company Material Contracts, or pursuant to leases, subleases, licenses, sublicenses, or other similar agreements made available to Parent prior to the date hereof or entered into following the date hereof in compliance with the terms of this Agreement by Company, the Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary for the use or

occupancy of all or any portion of Company Properties in the ordinary course of the business of Company, the Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary; (vi) the terms and provisions of Company Leases or Ground Leases made available to Parent prior to the date hereof or entered into following the date hereof in compliance with the terms of this Agreement; (vii) Liens not securing Indebtedness to the extent such Liens are recorded in a public record or disclosed on existing title policies, title commitments, title proformas or surveys made available to Parent prior to the date hereof; (viii) Liens created by or on behalf of, or with the approval or acquiescence of, Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub or their successors or assigns; (ix) any Lien, encroachment, covenant, condition, imperfection, reservation of interests in title, irregularity of title, or other, similar encumbrance that does not interfere materially with the current use of the property affected thereby (assuming its continued use in the manner in which it is currently used); (x) statutory Liens of lessors or Liens on the lessor's or prior lessor's interests related to any leased Company Properties, which do not materially interfere with the present use of the properties they affect; (xi) Liens that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to be material to Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole; or (xii) Liens arising under any Company Tax Protection Agreements.

"Company Properties" means each real property owned, or leased (including ground leased) as lessee or sublessee or similar capacity, by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary as of the date of this Agreement (including all buildings, structures and other improvements and fixtures located on or under such real property and all easements, rights and other appurtenances to such real property).

"Company Related Party" means any Related Party of Company.

"Company Restricted Stock" means a restricted stock award granted pursuant to the Company Equity Incentive Plan.

"Company Subsidiary" means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, business trust, real estate investment trust or other organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, or other legal entity of which (i) Company directly or indirectly owns or controls at least a majority of the capital stock or other equity interests having by their terms ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or others performing similar functions, (ii) Company and/or any Person that is a Company Subsidiary by reason of the application of clause (ii) or clause (iii) of this definition of "Company Subsidiary" is a general partner, manager, managing member, trustee, director or the equivalent, or (iii) Company, directly or indirectly, holds a majority of the beneficial, equity, capital, profits or other economic interest and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes the Operating Partnership and Isosceles JV, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company and each of its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Isosceles JV"). In addition, for purposes of this Agreement, any Company Subsidiary that is wholly-owned by Operating Partnership shall be deemed to be a wholly-owned Company Subsidiary. For the avoidance of doubt, AIP OP, LP is not and shall not be considered a "Company Subsidiary" for any purpose under this Agreement.

"Company Subsidiary Partnership" means any Company Subsidiary that is a partnership for United States federal income tax purposes.

"Company Tax Protection Agreements" means any written agreement to which Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party pursuant to which: (i) any liability to holders of limited partnership interests in a Company Subsidiary Partnership relating to Taxes may arise, whether or not as a result of the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or (ii) in connection with the deferral of income Taxes of a holder of limited partnership interests or limited liability company in a Company Subsidiary Partnership, Company or the Company Subsidiaries have agreed to (A) maintain a minimum level of debt, continue a particular debt or provide rights to guarantee debt, or otherwise allocate a certain amount of debt to a particular Person, (B) retain or not dispose of assets, (C) make or refrain from making Tax elections, (D) use or refrain from using a particular method of taking into account book-tax disparities under Section 704(c) of the Code with respect to one or more assets of such Person or any of its subsidiaries, (E) use or refrain from using a particular method for allocating one or more liabilities of such Person or any of its subsidiaries under Section 752 of the Code, and/or (F) only dispose of assets in a particular manner; provided that the term "Company Tax Protection Agreements" shall not include the Operating Partnership Agreement, the Certificate of Designations, or the organizational or governing documents of any Company Subsidiary.

"Company Termination Fee" means an amount equal to \$40,100,086; provided, that if Company terminates this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(d)(i) (Superior Proposal) prior to the Cut-Off Time in order to enter into a definitive agreement with an Excluded Party with respect to a Superior Proposal, then the "Company Termination Fee" shall mean an amount equal to \$15,037,532.

"Confidentiality Agreement" means the Confidentiality Agreement, dated as of July 11, 2025, between Makarora Management LP and Company.

"COVID-19" means SARS-CoV-2 and its disease commonly known as COVID-19, and any evolutions or additional strains, variations or mutations thereof or any related or associated epidemics, pandemic or disease outbreaks.

"COVID-19 Laws" means the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (Pub. L. 116-136), as amended, and any Treasury Regulations or other official guidance promulgated thereunder, or any other Law or executive order or executive memo intended to address the consequences of COVID-19, including the Health and Economic Recovery Omnibus Emergency Solutions Act, the Health, Economic Assistance, Liability, and Schools Act, the Memorandum on Deferring Payroll Tax Obligations in Light of the Ongoing COVID-19 Disaster, the Families First Coronavirus Response Act and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 and any other U.S., non-U.S., state or local stimulus fund or relief programs or Laws enacted by a Governmental Authority in connection with or in response to COVID-19.

"Cut-Off Time" means 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on November 25, 2025; <u>provided</u> that, if the foregoing time would be during a Notice of Change Period (including any new Notice of Change Period pursuant to the last sentence of <u>Section 6.3(h)</u>) with respect to Company's intention to terminate this Agreement pursuant to <u>Section 8.1(d)(i)</u> (Superior Proposal) to enter

into a definitive agreement with respect to an Acquisition Proposal that the Company Board has determined (in accordance with Section 6.3(g)) constitutes a Superior Proposal, then the Cut-Off Time shall be extended, solely with respect to the Excluded Party making such Acquisition Proposal (and solely with respect to such Acquisition Proposal) to the later of (x) 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on the date that is the next Business Day after the conclusion of such Notice of Change Period (the "Excluded Party Response Period") and (y) in the event such Excluded Party makes any amendment to the financial terms or any other material amendment of such Acquisition Proposal prior to the expiration of the Excluded Party Response Period, 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on the date that is three (3) Business Days following the expiration of the Excluded Party Response Period (an "Extended Excluded Party Response Period"); provided that a new Notice of Change Period as provided in the last sentence of Section 6.3(h) has not commenced at or before the expiration of the Extended Excluded Party Response Period, then there shall be no further Extended Excluded Party Response Periods with respect to such Excluded Party, but (B) if a new Notice of Change Period commences at or before the expiration of the Extended Excluded Party Response Period, then there shall be successive Extended Excluded Party Response Period, at which time the "Cut-Off Time" shall be 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on the date that is the last day of the last Extended Excluded Party Response Period.

"<u>Debt Financing Source</u>" means, collectively, the Persons that have committed to provide and have otherwise entered into agreements in connection with the Debt Financing, and any other lender, arranger, bookrunner or agent under the Debt Financing, including the parties to any joinder agreements, credit agreements or other definitive financing documents entered into pursuant to or in connection with the Debt Financing, their respective Affiliates and their and their Affiliates' respective officers, directors, incorporators, managers, members, employees, agents, advisors, partners, controlling parties, representatives, successors and permitted assigns.

"Effect" means any change, effect, development, circumstance, condition, fact, state of facts, event or occurrence.

"Environment" means soil, sediment, surface or subsurface strata, surface water, ground water, ambient air and any biota living in or on such media.

"Environmental Law" means any Law relating to the pollution, protection or restoration of the Environment, including, without limitation, those relating to the use, handling, presence, transportation, treatment, storage, disposal, Release or discharge of Hazardous Materials or human health or safety (solely as such matters relate to Hazardous Materials).

"Environmental Permit" means any permit, approval, license, waiver, allowance, exemption, identification number or other authorization required under any applicable Environmental Law.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"ERISA Affiliate" means, with respect to an entity (the "Referenced Entity"), any other entity, which, together with the Referenced Entity, would be treated as a single employer under Code Section 414 or ERISA Section 4001.

"Exchange Act" means the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Excluded Information" means any (i) financial statements of Company, Operating Partnership or the Company Subsidiaries other than the Required Financial Information; (ii) description of all or any component of the Debt Financing; (iii) pro forma financial statements or adjustments or projections (including information regarding any post-Closing pro forma cost savings, synergies, capitalization, ownership or other post-Closing pro forma adjustments), it being understood that Parent, and not Company, Operating Partnership or the Company Subsidiaries or their respective Representatives, will be responsible for the preparation of the pro forma financial statements and any other pro forma information, including any pro forma adjustments; provided, that the Company shall provide customary and reasonable assistance to Parent in the preparation of such pro forma financial statements and pro forma financial information; (iv) other information required by Rule 3-09, Rule 3-10 or Rule 3-16 of Regulation S-X, any 'Compensation Discussion and Analysis' required by Item 402(b) of Regulation S-K, any information required by Items 10 through 14 of Form 10-K or any other information customarily excluded from an offering memorandum for private placements of non-convertible high-yield bonds pursuant to Rule 144A; and (v) other information regarding the Company without undue effort or expense; provided, that, the term "Excluded Information" shall not include any information regarding the Company Properties necessary to satisfy the conditions set forth on Schedule B to Exhibit A to the Debt Commitment Letter.

"Excluded Party" means any Person or group of Persons, together with all Affiliates of such Persons, (i) from whom Company receives a bona fide written Acquisition Proposal during the Go-Shop Period; and (ii) whose Acquisition Proposal the Company Board determines, during the Go-Shop Period, in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) constitutes or would reasonably be expected to result in a Superior Proposal; provided that a Person or Persons shall immediately cease to be an Excluded Party (and the provisions of this Agreement applicable to Excluded Parties shall immediately cease to apply with respect to such Person or Persons) upon the earliest to occur of: (A) such time as the Acquisition Proposal made by such Third Party prior to the No Shop Period Start Date expires or is withdrawn, cancelled or terminated (provided that, for the avoidance of doubt, any amended or revised Acquisition Proposal submitted by such Excluded Party shall not be deemed to constitute a withdrawal, cancellation or termination of such previously submitted Acquisition Proposal); (B) the time the Company Board determines in good faith (after consultation with its financial advisor and outside legal counsel) that such Acquisition Proposal could no longer reasonably be expected to result in a Superior Proposal; (C) in the case of a group, if the Persons in such group as of the time such group submitted such Acquisition Proposal that most recently rendered such group an Excluded Party cease to constitute in the aggregate at least seventy-five (75%) of the equity financing (measured by voting power or value) of such group, unless the remainder of such equity financing is to be provided by Persons who were themselves in a group of Persons that constituted an Excluded Party prior to the No-Shop Period Start Date; and (D) the Cut-Off Time.

"Expenses" means all expenses (including all fees and expenses of counsel, accountants, investment bankers, experts and consultants to a Party and its Affiliates) incurred by a Party or on its behalf in connection with or related to the authorization, preparation, negotiation, execution and performance of this Agreement, the preparation, printing, filing and mailing of the Proxy Statement and all SEC and other regulatory filing fees incurred in connection with the Proxy Statement, the solicitation of stockholder approvals, engaging the services of the Paying Agent, any other filings with the SEC and all other matters related to the closing of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

"GAAP" means the U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

"Governmental Authority" means the U.S. (federal, state or local) government or any foreign government, or any other governmental or quasi-governmental regulatory, judicial or administrative authority, instrumentality, board, bureau, agency, commission, self-regulatory organization, arbitration panel or similar entity.

"<u>Hazardous Materials</u>" means any toxic, reactive, corrosive, ignitable or flammable chemical, or chemical compound, or hazardous substance, material or waste, whether solid, liquid or gas, that is subject to regulation, control or remediation or for which liability or standards of care are imposed under any Environmental Laws, including without limitation, petroleum (including crude oil or any fraction thereof), asbestos, radioactive materials, polychlorinated biphenyls, per and poly fluoroalkyl substances, toxic mold and radon.

"Indebtedness" means, with respect to any Person and without duplication, (i) the principal of and premium (if any) of all indebtedness, notes payable, accrued interest payable or other obligations for borrowed money, whether secured or unsecured, (ii) all obligations under conditional sale or other title retention agreements, or incurred as financing, in either case with respect to property acquired by such Person, (iii) all obligations issued, undertaken or assumed as the deferred purchase price for any property or assets, (iv) all obligations under capital leases, (v) all obligations in respect of bankers acceptances or letters of credit, (vi) all obligations under interest rate cap, swap, collar or similar transaction or currency hedging transactions (valued at the termination value thereof), (vii) all obligations of such Person secured by a Lien on such Person's assets, (viii) all obligations in respect of prepayment premiums, penalties, breakage costs, "make whole amounts," costs, expenses and other payment obligations that would arise if any of the Indebtedness described in the foregoing clauses (i) through (vii) were prepaid or unwound and settled; (ix) any guarantee of any of the foregoing, whether or not evidenced by a note, mortgage, bond, indenture or similar instrument; and (x) any agreement to provide any of the foregoing.

"Intellectual Property" means all U.S. and foreign (i) patents, patent applications, invention disclosures and all related continuations, continuations-in-part, divisionals, reissues, reexaminations, substitutions and extensions thereof, (ii) trademarks, service marks, trade dress, logos, trade names, corporate names, Internet domain names, design rights and other source identifiers, together with the goodwill symbolized by any of the foregoing, (iii) registered and unregistered copyrights and copyrightable works, (iv) confidential and proprietary information, including trade secrets, knowhow, ideas, formulae, models, algorithms and methodologies, (v) all rights in the foregoing and in other similar intangible assets, and (vi) all applications and registrations for the foregoing.

"Intervening Event" means a material positive Effect affecting the business, assets or operations of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, that has occurred, has arisen, or becomes known to the Company Board after the date of this Agreement but prior to the receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval, that was not known or reasonably foreseeable by the Company Board as of the date hereof or, if known or reasonably foreseeable by the Company Board as of the date hereof, the material consequences of which (or the magnitude of the consequences of which) were not known or reasonably foreseeable to the Company Board as of the date hereof; provided, that in no event shall any of the following constitute an Intervening Event or be taken into account in determining whether an Intervening Event has occurred: (i) the receipt by Company of an Acquisition Proposal; (ii) the fact that Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries meets, exceeds or fails to meet any internal or publicly announced financial projections, forecasts, guidance, estimates or budgets or internal or published financial or operating predictions of revenue, earnings, cash flow or cash position, results of operations or other financial or operating measures for any period; or (iii) changes in the market price or trading volume of the Company Common Stock, in and of itself, after the date hereof; provided, however, that, with respect to clauses (ii) and (iii), the underlying causes of such meeting, exceedance, failure and/or changes may otherwise constitute or be taken into account in determining whether an "Intervening Event" has occurred if not otherwise falling into the foregoing clauses (i) through (iii) of this definition.

"Investment Company Act" means the Investment Company Act of 1940, as amended.

"IRS" means the U.S. Internal Revenue Service or any successor agency.

"Isosceles JV Loan Source" means any lender, arranger, bookrunner, agent or other Person that has provided, or caused or participated in the provision of, the Indebtedness of the Isosceles JV as of the date hereof, or that may participate in any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, including the parties or prospective parties to any joinder agreements, credit agreements or other definitive financing documents entered into or to be entered into pursuant to or in connection with the existing Indebtedness of the Isosceles JV or an Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, their respective Affiliates and their and their Affiliates' respective officers, directors, incorporators, managers, members, employees, agents, advisors, partners, controlling parties, representatives, successors and permitted assigns.

"IT Systems" means all information technology and computer systems (including software, systems, servers, computers, hardware, firmware, middleware, networks, data processing assets, routers, hubs, switches, cloud storage and services, and backups).

"Knowledge" means (i) with respect to Company and Operating Partnership, the actual knowledge, after due and reasonable inquiry, of the persons named in Schedule A and (ii) with respect to Parent, the actual knowledge, after due and reasonable inquiry, of the persons named in Schedule B.

"Law" means any and all domestic (federal, state or local) or foreign laws, rules, regulations and Orders promulgated by any Governmental Authority.

"<u>Lien</u>" means with respect to any asset (including any security), any mortgage, deed of trust, lien, pledge, charge, security interest, option or other third party right (including right of first refusal or first offer), restriction, right of way, easement, or title defect or encumbrance of any kind in respect of such asset, including any restriction on the use, voting, transfer, receipt of income or other exercise of any attributes of ownership.

"NYSE Rules" means the rules and regulations of the NYSE.

"Operating Partnership Agreement" means that Amended and Restated Agreement of Limited Partnership of Operating Partnership, dated as of July 1, 2014, as such agreement may be amended from to time.

"Operating Partnership Unit" means a "Partnership Unit," as defined in the Operating Partnership Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, the term "Operating Partnership Unit" shall not include any Series C Preferred Units for purposes of this Agreement.

"Operating Partnership Warrant Agreement" means that certain warrant agreement, dated as of August 26, 2024, by and among Operating Partnership, Company and Isosceles Investments, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Operating Partnership Warrants" means the warrants issued by Operating Partnership pursuant to the Operating Partnership Warrant Agreement.

"Order" means a judgment, order or decree of any Governmental Authority.

"Original Limited Partner" means Plymouth OP Limited, LLC, a Delaware limited liability company.

"Parent Liability Cap" has the meaning set forth in Section 8.3(e)(ii).

"<u>Parent Material Adverse Effect</u>" means any Effect that, individually or in the aggregate, has or would reasonably be expected to prevent or materially impair or materially delay the ability of Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub to consummate the Mergers or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement before the Outside Date.

"Parent Related Party" means any Related Party of Parent.

"Parent Subsidiary" means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, joint venture, business trust, real estate investment trust or other organization, whether incorporated or unincorporated, or other legal entity of which (i) Parent directly or indirectly owns or controls at least a majority of the capital stock or other equity interests having by their terms ordinary voting power to elect a majority of the board of directors or others performing similar functions, (ii) Parent and/or any Person that is a Parent Subsidiary by reason of the application of clause (i) or clause (iii) of this definition of "Parent Subsidiary" is a general partner, manager, managing member,

trustee, director or the equivalent, or (iii) Parent, directly or indirectly, holds a majority of the beneficial, equity, capital, profits or other economic interest.

"<u>Partnership Merger Consideration</u>" means the aggregate consideration received by all holders of Operating Partnership Units as determined pursuant to <u>Section 3.2</u>.

"Person" or "person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, person (including a "person" as defined in Section 13(d)(3) of the Exchange Act), trust, association or other entity or organization (including any Governmental Authority or a political subdivision, agency or instrumentality of a Governmental Authority).

"Personal Information" means information or data, in any form, that is reasonably capable, directly or indirectly, of being associated with, related to or linked to, or used to identify, describe, contact or locate, a natural Person, device or household, and/or is considered "personally identifiable information," "personal information," "personal data" or any similar term as defined by any Privacy and Data Security Laws.

"Privacy and Data Security Laws" mean any and all Laws relating to the protection or Processing of Personal Information that are applicable to Company, Operating Partnership, or any Company Subsidiary, including, but not limited to HIPAA; U.S. state and federal Laws that prohibit unfair or deceptive acts and practices, such as the Federal Trade Commission Act, 15 U.S.C. § 45, et seq.; state consumer data privacy Laws and state consumer health data privacy Laws; and all other Laws and binding regulations relating to data protection, information security, cybercrime, Security Incident notification, Social Security number protection, outbound communications and/or electronic marketing and use of electronic data (including online privacy) in any applicable jurisdictions.

"Processing," "Process," or "Processed" means any collection, access, acquisition, storage, protection, use, recording, maintenance, operation, dissemination, re-use, disposal, disclosure, re-disclosure, deletion, destruction, sale, transfer, modification, or any other processing of Company Data.

"<u>Property Permit</u>" means any certificate, variance, permit, approval, license or other authorization (including building permits and certificates of occupancy) required from any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over the applicable Company Property for Company or any Company Subsidiary to operate its respective business at the applicable Company Property substantially as the Company Property is being conducted as of the date hereof.

"Proxy Statement" means a proxy statement in preliminary and definitive form relating to the Stockholders Meeting, together with any amendments or supplements thereto.

"Redacted Fee Letter" means the fee letter referred to in the Debt Commitment Letter in which the only redactions relate to fee amounts and other economic terms, "market flex" provisions and/or "securities demand" provisions; provided that, such redactions do not relate to any terms that (i) reduces the amount of the Debt Financing available to Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub at the Closing to an amount, when aggregated with the amount of the equity financing available under the Equity Commitment Letters, less than the Financing Amounts or (ii)

imposes any new condition or otherwise adversely amend, modify or expand any conditions precedent to the Debt Financing in a manner that would reasonably be expected to adversely affect the conditionality, enforceability, availability, or termination of the Debt Financing.

"REIT Merger Consideration" means the aggregate consideration received by all holders of Company Common Stock as determined pursuant to Section 3.1.

"Related Party" means, with respect to a Party, such Party and any of such Party's respective former, current or future Affiliates and any of the foregoing's respective former, current or future, direct or indirect, officers, directors, employees, Affiliates, shareholders, equity holders, managers, members, partners, agents, attorneys, advisors, financing sources or other Representatives or any of the foregoing's respective successors or assigns.

"Release" means any emission, spill, seepage, leak, escape, leaching, discharge, injection, pumping, pouring, emptying, dumping, disposal, migration or release of Hazardous Materials from any source into or upon the indoor or outdoor Environment in violation of Environmental Laws.

"Representative" means, with respect to any Person, such Person's directors, officers, employees, advisors (including attorneys, accountants, consultants, investment bankers, and financial advisors), agents and other representatives.

"Required Financial Information" means: (1) financial statements and operating statements for each Company Property, in each case for the prior three calendar years (if reasonably available) and trailing twelve-month operating statements, (2) rent rolls and leases for each Company Property, (3) leasing updates, (4) Tax bills, and (5) any other customary items reasonably requested by Parent that are typically required for a mortgage secured real estate financing and reasonably available to Company.

"Sarbanes-Oxley Act" means the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended from time to time.

"SDAT" means the Department of Assessments and Taxation of the State of Maryland.

"SEC" means the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (including the staff thereof).

"Securities Act" means the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder.

"Security Incident" means any unauthorized Processing of Personal Information, any unauthorized access or disruption to Company IT Systems, or any incident that requires notification to any Person, Governmental Authority, or any other entity under Privacy and Data Security Laws.

"Series C Preferred Unit" means the Series C Cumulative Perpetual Preferred Units of Operating Partnership as designated in the Certificate of Designations.

"Share Certificate" means any certificate evidencing the Company Common Stock, if applicable.

"Solvent" means, with respect to any Person and as of any date of determination, that (i) the fair saleable value (determined on a going concern basis) of the assets of such Person, together with its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, is greater than the total amount of such Person's probable liabilities as they become absolute and matured; (ii) such Person, together with its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, is able to pay its debts and obligations in the ordinary course of business as they become absolute and matured; and (iii) such Person, together with its subsidiaries, taken as a whole, will not have an unreasonably small amount of capital to carry on its businesses.

"SOS" means the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware.

"Superior Proposal" means a bona fide written Acquisition Proposal (with references in the definition of such term to "twenty percent (20%)" or "eighty percent (80%)" being deemed to be replaced with references to "fifty and one-tenth percent (50.1%)"), which the Company Board determines in good faith, after consultation with Company's outside legal and financial advisors, would result, if consummated, in a transaction that is more favorable to Company's stockholders from a financial point of view than the REIT Merger, with the Company Board taking into account (as applicable) (i) the financial, legal, regulatory and any other aspects of such proposal (including the identity of the Person making the proposal), (ii) the likelihood and timing of consummation (as compared to the Mergers), and (iii) any changes to the terms of this Agreement proposed in writing by Parent pursuant to Section 6.3 of this Agreement.

"Tax" or "Taxes" means any and all taxes and similar charges of any kind (together with any and all interest, penalties, additions to tax and additional amounts imposed with respect thereto, whether disputed or not) imposed by any government or taxing authority, including, without limitation: taxes or other charges on or with respect to income, franchises, windfall or other profits, gross receipts, property, sales, use, capital stock, payroll, employment, social security, net worth, excise, withholding, ad valorem, stamp, transfer, value added or gains taxes and similar charges.

"<u>Tax Return</u>" means all reports, returns, declarations, statements or other information required to be supplied to a taxing authority in connection with Taxes, including any schedule or attachment thereto, and including any amendments thereof.

"<u>Tenant Improvement(s)</u>" means the construction or improvement of long-term real property (not including furniture, fixtures, equipment or inventory) for use in a tenant's trade or business at the Company Properties.

"Third Party." means any Person or "group" (as defined in Section 13(d) of the Exchange Act), other than Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub or any of their Affiliates.

"<u>Transaction Documents</u>" means this Agreement, each other document, certificate, and instrument being delivered pursuant to this Agreement and the Confidentiality Agreement, including the Commitment Letters and the Limited Guaranty.

"Unit Certificate" means any certificate evidencing the Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units, if applicable.

"WARN Act" means the federal Worker Adjustment and Retraining Notification Act of 1988, and similar state, local and foreign Laws related to plant closings, relocations, mass layoffs, and employment losses.

"Willful and Material Breach" means a material breach of this Agreement that is a direct consequence of an act undertaken by the breaching Party or the deliberate failure by the breaching Party to take an act it is required to take under this Agreement, in each case with actual knowledge that the taking of or failure to take such act would, or would reasonably be expected to, result in or cause a material breach of this Agreement.

(b) The following terms have the respective meanings set forth in the sections set forth below opposite such term:

Defined Terms	Location of Definition
Agreement	Preamble
Alternative Acquisition Agreement	Section 6.3(e)
Alternative Financing	Section 6.14(c)
Bonus Period	Section 6.11(c)
Bonus Plans	Section 6.11(c)
Book-Entry Shares	Section 3.3(c)
Change of Recommendation	Section 6.3(e)
Claim	Section 6.16(a)
Claim Expenses	Section 6.16(a)
Closing	Section 2.2
Closing Date	Section 2.2
Commitment Letters	Section 5.11(b)
Company	Preamble
Company Benefit Plan	Section 4.13(a)
Company Board	Recitals
Company Board Recommendation	Section 4.4(b)
Company Common Stock	Recitals
Company Disclosure Letter	Article 4
Company Employee	Section 6.11(a)
Company Insurance Policies	Section 4.20
Company Material Contract	Section 4.17(b)
Company Pending Acquisitions	Section 6.1(b)(vi)
Company Permits	Section 4.6(a)
Company Preferred Stock	Section 4.3(a)
Company SEC Documents	Section 4.7(a)
Company Stockholder Approval	Section 4.22
Company Termination Fee	Section 8.3(a)(i)
Debt Commitment Letter	Section 5.11(a)
Debt Financing	Section 5.11(a)
Definitive Agreements	Section 6.14(a)

DLLCA Recitals **Enforcement Costs** Section 8.3(c) **Equity Commitment Letters** Section 5.11(b) **Equity Financing** Section 5.11(b) **Equity Investors** Section 5.11(b) Financing Section 5.11(b) Financing Amounts Section 5.11(d) Go-Shop Period Section 6.3(a) **Indemnified Parties** Section 6.16(a) Interim Period Section 6.1(a) Isosceles Section 1.1(a) Isosceles JV Loan Transactions Section 6.15(a) Limited Guaranty Recitals Maryland Courts Section 9.8 Material Company Leases Section 4.18(g) Mergers Recitals MGCL Recitals New Plans Section 6.11(b) No Shop Period Start Date Section 6.3(a) Old Plans Section 6.11(b) OP Merger Sub Preamble Operating Partnership Preamble Organizational Documents Section 6.16(a) Outside Date Section 8.1(b)(i) Parent Preamble Parent Disclosure Letter Article 5 Parent Reimbursement Obligations Section 6.15(b) Parent Termination Fee Section 8.3(b) **Parties** Preamble Partnership Merger Recitals Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger Section 2.3(a) Section 2.3(a) Partnership Merger Effective Time Partnership Per Share Merger Consideration Section 3.2(b)(ii) Partnership Surviving Entity Recitals Party Preamble Paying Agent Section 3.3(a) Payment Fund Section 3.3(a) Prohibited Modifications Section 6.14(b) Qualified REIT Subsidiary Section 4.11(b) Qualifying Income Section 8.3(f) Recipient Section 8.3(f) REIT Section 4.11(b) **REIT Merger** Recitals Section 2.3(b) REIT Merger Articles of Merger **REIT Merger Certificate of Merger** Section 2.3(b)

REIT Merger Effective Time

Section 2.3(b)

REIT Merger Sub
REIT Per Share Merger Consideration
REIT PSU Merger Consideration
REIT Restricted Stock Merger Consideration
REIT Surviving Entity
Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration
SEP IRA

Severance Protection Period Specified Acquisition Stock Award Payments Stockholders Meeting Takeover Statutes Taxable REIT Subsidiary Title Policies

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Section 3.1(a)(ii) Section 3.7(a)

Section 3.7(b)

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Section 3.2(c) Section 6.11(d)

Section 6.11(a)

Section 6.1(d) Section 3.7(b)

Section 6.4 Section 4.25 Section 4.11(b)

Section 6.15(a)(viii)

Section 8.5 Recitals

Section 1.2 <u>Interpretation and Rules of Construction</u>. In this Agreement, except to the extent otherwise provided or that the context otherwise requires:

- (a) All article, section, subsection, annex, schedule and exhibit references used in this Agreement are to articles, sections and subsections of, and annexes, schedules and exhibits to, this Agreement unless otherwise specified. The annexes, exhibits and schedules attached to this Agreement constitute a part of this Agreement and are incorporated in this Agreement for all purposes.
- (b) If a term is defined as one part of speech (such as a noun), it has a corresponding meaning when used as another part of speech (such as a verb). The word "or" is not exclusive, and shall be interpreted as "and/or". Words of the masculine, feminine or neuter gender shall mean and include the correlative words of other genders, and words in the singular shall include the plural, and vice versa. The words "include," "includes" or "including" mean "including without limitation," and the words "hereof," "hereby," "herein," "hereunder" and similar terms refer to this Agreement as a whole and not any particular section or article in which such words appear. The words "shall" and "will" have the same meaning. The phrase "to the extent" shall mean the degree to which a subject or other thing extends, and such phrase shall not mean simply "if." The phrases "the date of this Agreement," "the date hereof," "of even date herewith" and terms of similar import, shall be deemed to refer to the date set forth in the preamble to this Agreement.

- (c) A reference to any specific Law or to any provision of any Law, whether or not followed by the phrase "as amended," includes any amendment to, and any modification, re-enactment or successor thereof, any legislative provision substituted therefor and all rules, regulations and statutory instruments issued thereunder or pursuant thereto, except that, for purposes of any representations and warranties in this Agreement that are made as of a specific date, references to any specific Law will be deemed to refer to such legislation or provision (and all rules, regulations and statutory instruments issued thereunder or pursuant thereto) as of such date.
- (d) References to a contract or other document include references to such contract or document as amended, restated, reformed, supplemented or otherwise modified in accordance with the terms thereof and include any annexes, exhibits and schedules attached thereto.
 - (e) References to any Person include references to such Person's successors and permitted assigns.
- (f) Whenever this Agreement refers to a number of days, such number refers to calendar days unless Business Days are specified. Whenever any action must be taken hereunder on or by a day that is not a Business Day, then such action may be validly taken on or by the next day that is a Business Day. In the computation of periods of time from a specified date to a later specified date, the word "from" means "from and including"; the words "to" and "until" each mean "to but excluding"; and the word "through" means "to and including."
- (g) Headings of the articles and sections of this Agreement and the table of contents, schedules, annexes and exhibits are for convenience of the Parties only and shall be given no substantive or interpretative effect whatsoever.
- (h) Each Party acknowledges that it and its counsel have been given an equal opportunity to negotiate the terms and conditions of this Agreement and that any rule of construction to the effect that ambiguities are to be resolved against the drafting Party or any similar rule operating against the drafter of an agreement are not applicable to the construction or interpretation of this Agreement.
 - (i) An accounting term not otherwise defined has the meaning assigned to it in accordance with GAAP.
 - (i) All monetary figures shall be in United States dollars unless otherwise specified.
- (k) The phrases "furnished," "provided," "delivered," "made available" and similar terms when used with respect to information, materials or documents mean that such information, materials or documents have been (i) physically or electronically delivered to the relevant Party or posted to the electronic data site established by Company for purposes of due diligence of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries and their respective businesses in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement at least one (1) Business Day prior to the date hereof or (ii) made publicly available in the Company SEC Documents at least one (1) Business Day prior to the date hereof.

ARTICLE 2 THE MERGERS

Section 2.1 The Mergers.

- (a) Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, and in accordance with the DRULPA and the DLLCA, at the Partnership Merger Effective Time, Operating Partnership shall merge with and into OP Merger Sub, whereupon the separate existence of Operating Partnership shall cease, and OP Merger Sub shall continue as the surviving entity in the Partnership Merger. The Partnership Merger shall have the effects provided in this Agreement and as specified in the DRULPA and the DLLCA. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and subject thereto, from and after the Partnership Merger Effective Time, the Partnership Surviving Entity shall possess all properties, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of Operating Partnership and OP Merger Sub, and all of the claims, obligations, liabilities, debts and duties of the Partnership Surviving Entity.
- (b) Upon the terms and subject to the conditions of this Agreement, and in accordance with the MGCL and the DLLCA, at the REIT Merger Effective Time, Company shall be merged with and into REIT Merger Sub, whereupon the separate existence of Company shall cease, and REIT Merger Sub shall continue as the surviving entity in the REIT Merger. The REIT Merger shall have the effects set forth in the MGCL, the DLLCA and this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, and subject thereto, from and after the REIT Merger Effective Time, the REIT Surviving Entity shall possess all properties, rights, privileges, powers and franchises of Company and REIT Merger Sub, and all of the claims, obligations, liabilities, debts and duties of the REIT Surviving Entity.
- Section 2.2 <u>Closing</u>. The closing (the "<u>Closing</u>") of the Mergers will take place remotely by the exchange of documents and signatures in PDF or other electronic format by electronic mail on a date and at a time to be mutually agreed upon by the Parties, but in no event later than the third (3rd) Business Day after all of the conditions set forth in <u>Article 7</u> (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied or waived at the Closing, but subject to the satisfaction or, to the extent permitted by Law, valid waiver of such conditions) have been satisfied or validly waived by the Party entitled to the benefit of such condition (subject to applicable Law) (the date on which Closing actually occurs, the "<u>Closing Date</u>").

Section 2.3 Effective Times.

(a) Prior to the Closing, Parent, REIT Merger Sub, Operating Partnership and OP Merger Sub shall prepare and, on the Closing Date, Operating Partnership, Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub shall (i) cause the certificate of merger with respect to the Partnership Merger (the "Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger") to be duly executed and filed with the SOS as provided under the DRULPA and the DLLCA, and (ii) make any other filings, recordings or publications required to be made by Operating Partnership or OP Merger Sub under the DRULPA and the DLLCA in connection with the Partnership Merger. The Partnership Merger shall become effective upon such time as the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger has been

accepted for record by the SOS, or such later time that the Parties shall have agreed upon and designated in the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger in accordance with the DRULPA and the DLLCA as the effective time of the Partnership Merger (the "<u>Partnership Merger Effective Time</u>").

(b) Prior to the Closing, Company and REIT Merger Sub shall prepare and, on the Closing Date, Company and REIT Merger Sub shall (i) cause an articles of merger with respect to the REIT Merger (the "REIT Merger Articles of Merger") to be duly executed and filed with the SDAT as provided in the MGCL and a certificate of merger with respect to the REIT Merger (the "REIT Merger Certificate of Merger") to be duly executed and filed with the SOS as provided under the DLLCA, (ii) make any other filings, recordings or publications required to be made by Company or REIT Merger Sub under the MGCL and the DLLCA in connection with the REIT Merger. The REIT Merger shall become effective upon the later of such time as the REIT Merger Certificate of Merger has been accepted for record by the SOS and the REIT Merger Articles of Merger has been accepted for record by the SDAT, or such time which the Parties shall have agreed upon and established in such filings in accordance with the MGCL and the DLLCA as the effective time of the REIT Merger (the "REIT Merger Effective Time"), it being understood and agreed that Company and REIT Merger Sub shall cause the REIT Merger to be consummated as soon as practicable on the Closing Date immediately after the Partnership Merger Effective Time.

Section 2.4 Governing Documents.

- (a) Subject to Section 6.16, (i) the certificate of formation of OP Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time, except for such changes as may be necessary to reflect any change of name of the Partnership Surviving Entity or as otherwise determined by Parent, shall be the certificate of formation of the Partnership Surviving Entity, and (ii) the limited liability company operating agreement of OP Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time, except for such changes as may be necessary to reflect any change of name of the Partnership Surviving Entity or as otherwise determined by Parent, shall be the limited liability company operating agreement of the Partnership Surviving Entity, in each case, as of the Partnership Merger Effective Time, until thereafter amended in accordance with the provisions thereof and in accordance with applicable Law.
- (b) Subject to Section 6.16, (i) the certificate of formation of REIT Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, except for such changes as may be necessary to reflect any change of name of the REIT Surviving Entity or as otherwise determined by Parent, shall be the certificate of formation of the REIT Surviving Entity, and (ii) the limited liability company operating agreement of REIT Merger Sub, as in effect immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, except for such changes as may be necessary to reflect any change of name of the REIT Surviving Entity or as otherwise determined by Parent, shall be the limited liability company operating agreement of the REIT Surviving Entity, in each case, as of the REIT Merger Effective Time, until thereafter amended in accordance with applicable Law and the applicable provisions thereof.

- Section 2.5 Officers of the REIT Surviving Entity. The officers of REIT Merger Sub immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time shall be the officers of the REIT Surviving Entity immediately following the REIT Merger Effective Time, in each case, until each such officer's successor is duly elected in accordance with applicable Law.
- Section 2.6 <u>Management of the REIT Surviving Entity.</u> The managers and/or directors of REIT Merger Sub immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time shall be the managers and/or directors of the REIT Surviving Entity immediately following the REIT Merger Effective Time, in each case, until each such manager's and/or directors' successor is duly elected or appointed in accordance with applicable Law.
- Section 2.7 Tax Consequences. The Parties intend that for U.S. federal income Tax purposes (i) the REIT Merger will be treated as a taxable sale by Company of all of Company's assets (including, for the avoidance of doubt, Operating Partnership Units held by Company and the Original Limited Partner after the Partnership Merger) to REIT Merger Sub in exchange for the REIT Merger Consideration and the Stock Award Payments provided for herein to be provided to the holders of equity interests in Company and the assumption of all of Company's other liabilities (including Company's share of Operating Partnership liabilities, as determined under the applicable U.S. federal income Tax regulations), followed by a distribution of such consideration to the holders of equity interests in Company in liquidation pursuant to Section 331 and Section 562 of the Code, and that this Agreement shall constitute a "plan of liquidation" of Company for U.S. federal income Tax purposes, and (ii) the Partnership Merger and the deemed taxable purchase by REIT Merger Sub of all Operating Partnership Units held by Company and the Original Limited Partner as described in the preceding clause (i) shall be treated (x) by holders of Operating Partnership Units as a taxable sale of Operating Partnership Units and (y) by REIT Merger Sub as a taxable purchase of the assets of Operating Partnership pursuant to IRS Revenue Ruling 99-6, Situation 2.

ARTICLE 3 EFFECTS OF THE MERGERS

Section 3.1 Effects on Shares of Common Stock.

- (a) At the REIT Merger Effective Time, by virtue of the REIT Merger and without any further action on the part of Company, REIT Merger Sub or the holders of any securities of Company or REIT Merger Sub:
- (i) each share of Company Common Stock then outstanding and held by any wholly-owned Company Subsidiary or by Parent or any Parent Subsidiary shall automatically be retired and shall cease to exist, and no REIT Merger Consideration shall be paid with respect thereto, nor shall any other payment or right inure or be made with respect thereto in connection with or as a consequence of the REIT Merger:
- (ii) except as provided in <u>Section 3.1(a)(i)</u>, each share of Company Common Stock then outstanding will be cancelled and retired and automatically converted into the right to receive (upon the proper surrender of such Share Certificate or, in the case of a

Book-Entry Share, the proper surrender of such Book-Entry Share) an amount in cash equal to \$22.00 (the "<u>REIT Per Share Merger Consideration</u>"), without interest; and

- (iii) each unit of the limited liability company interest in REIT Merger Sub issued and outstanding immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time shall remain as an issued and outstanding unit of limited liability company interest of the REIT Surviving Entity, and each such unit of limited liability company interest shall continue to be owned by Parent.
- (b) From and after the REIT Merger Effective Time, the stock transfer books of Company shall be closed, and thereafter there shall be no further registration of transfers of Company Common Stock. From and after the REIT Merger Effective Time, Persons who held shares of Company Common Stock immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time shall cease to have rights with respect to such shares, except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement.
- (c) The REIT Per Share Merger Consideration shall be equitably adjusted appropriately to reflect the effect of any stock split, reverse stock split, stock dividend (including any dividend or distribution of securities convertible into Company Common Stock), reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification or other like change with respect to the number of shares of Company Common Stock outstanding after the date hereof and prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time.

Section 3.2 <u>Effect on Interests in Operating Partnership and OP Merger Sub.</u>

- (a) At the Partnership Merger Effective Time, by virtue of the Partnership Merger and without any further action on the part of Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub, Operating Partnership or the holders of Operating Partnership Units or units evidencing membership interests in OP Merger Sub:
- (i) each unit evidencing membership interests held by REIT Merger Sub in OP Merger Sub immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time shall remain outstanding as units evidencing the membership interests in Partnership Surviving Entity and shall be owned by REIT Merger Sub;
- (ii) Company's general partner interests in Operating Partnership and any Operating Partnership Units held by Company and the Original Limited Partner in Operating Partnership shall automatically be converted into one hundred (100) validly issued and outstanding limited liability company interests of the Partnership Surviving Entity; and
- (iii) each Operating Partnership Unit (other than the Series C Preferred Units, which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall have been redeemed immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time) issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time (including after giving effect to Section 3.2(b)) and not held by Company, the Original Limited Partner or any other Company Subsidiary shall automatically be converted into the right to receive (upon the proper surrender of any Unit Certificate representing such Operating Partnership Unit, if applicable) an amount in cash equal to \$22.00 (the "Partnership Per Share Merger Consideration"), without interest.

- (b) Immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time, each Series C Preferred Unit issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time and not held by Company shall automatically be redeemed in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Designations for an amount in cash equal to Redemption Price (as defined in the Certificate of Designations) (such amount, the "Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration").
- (c) At the Partnership Merger Effective Time, each Operating Partnership Warrant that is outstanding and unexercised as of immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time shall, in accordance with its terms, automatically and without any required action on the part of the holder thereof or any other Person, cease to represent an Operating Partnership Warrant exercisable for Operating Partnership Units and shall become an Operating Partnership Warrant exercisable for the consideration determined in accordance with Section 5(f)(i)(C) of the Operating Partnership Warrant Agreement, which consideration shall equal \$0 if the applicable Strike Price (as defined in the Operating Partnership Warrant) is equal to or greater than the Partnership Per Share Merger Consideration.
- (d) From and after the Partnership Merger Effective Time, the unit transfer books of Operating Partnership shall be closed and thereafter there shall be no further registration of transfers of Operating Partnership Units. From and after the Partnership Merger Effective Time, Persons who held Operating Partnership Units immediately prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time shall cease to have rights with respect to such units, except as otherwise provided for in this Agreement.
- (e) Other than PIK Distributions (as defined in the Certificate of Designations) that are required to be made in respect of the Series C Preferred Units, the Partnership Per Share Merger Consideration shall be equitably adjusted appropriately to reflect the effect of any Operating Partnership Unit split, reverse Operating Partnership Unit split, Operating Partnership Unit distribution (including any distribution of securities convertible into Operating Partnership Units), reorganization, recapitalization, reclassification, or other like change with respect to the number of Operating Partnership Units outstanding after the date hereof and prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time.

Section 3.3 Surrender of Certificates; Stock Transfer Books.

(a) Paying Agent. Prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time, Parent shall designate Continental Stock Transfer & Trust to act as the paying agent (the terms of designation and appointment of which shall be approved in advance by Company in writing) for purposes of effecting the payment of the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration and the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration in connection with the Mergers in accordance with this Article 3 (the "Paying Agent"). Parent shall pay, or cause to be paid, the fees and expenses of the Paying Agent. At or prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time, Parent shall deposit, or cause to be deposited, in trust for the benefit of the holders of shares of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units and Series C Preferred Units, with the Paying Agent cash in U.S. dollars sufficient to pay the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration and the aggregate Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration to which holders of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units and

Series C Preferred Units, respectively, shall be entitled at the REIT Merger Effective Time and the Partnership Merger Effective Time pursuant to this Agreement (such cash being hereinafter referred to as the "Payment Fund"). The Payment Fund shall be invested by the Paying Agent as directed by Parent, pending payment thereof by the Paying Agent to the holders of shares of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units and Series C Preferred Units in accordance with this Article 3; provided, however, that any such investments shall be in obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States government or rated A1 or P-1 or better by Moody's Investor Service, Inc. or Standard & Poor's Corporation, respectively, and, in any such case, no such instrument shall have a maturity exceeding three (3) months. In no event, however, shall such investments delay the receipt by the former holders of shares of Company Common Stock of the REIT Merger Consideration, the former holders of Operating Partnership Units of the Partnership Merger Consideration or the former holders of Series C Preferred Units of the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, or otherwise impair any such holders' rights hereunder. Earnings from such investments shall be the sole and exclusive property of Parent, the REIT Surviving Entity or the Partnership Surviving Entity, as Parent directs, and no part of such earnings shall accrue to the benefit of holders of shares Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units. To the extent that (i) there are any losses with respect to any such investments or (ii) the Payment Fund has diminished for any reason below the level required for the Paying Agent to make prompt cash payment pursuant to Section 3.1 and Section 3.2. Parent shall, or shall cause the REIT Surviving Entity or the Partnership Surviving Entity to, promptly replace or restore the cash in the Payment Fund so as to ensure that the Payment Fund is, at all times, maintained at a level sufficient for the Paying Agent to make such payments promptly as and when required pursuant to Section 3.1 and Section 3.2. Parent shall cause the Paying Agent to make delivery of the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration and the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, out of the Payment Fund in accordance with this Agreement. The Payment Fund shall not be used for any purpose other than the purposes expressly provided for in this Agreement.

(b) Certificates. As soon as reasonably practicable after the REIT Merger Effective Time (and in no event later than two (2) Business Days after the REIT Merger Effective Time), Parent, the REIT Surviving Entity and the Partnership Surviving Entity shall cause the Paying Agent to mail to each Person that was, immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time or the Partnership Merger Effective Time, as applicable, a holder of record of shares of Company Common Stock represented by Share Certificates or Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units represented by Unit Certificates, which Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, at the REIT Merger Effective Time or Partnership Merger Effective Time, as applicable, pursuant to this Agreement: (A) a letter of transmittal, which shall specify that delivery shall be effected, and risk of loss and title to the Share Certificates or Unit Certificates, as applicable, shall pass, only upon delivery of the Share Certificates or Unit Certificates, as applicable, to the Paying Agent, and shall otherwise be in such form as Parent, Company and the Paying Agent shall reasonably agree prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time and (B) instructions for effecting the surrender of the Share Certificates or Unit Certificates (or affidavits of loss in lieu of the Share Certificates or Unit Certificates as provided in Section 3.5) in exchange for payment of the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable.

Upon surrender of a Share Certificate or Unit Certificate (or affidavit of loss in lieu thereof as provided in Section 3.5) to the Paying Agent, together with delivery of a letter of transmittal, duly executed and in proper form, with respect to such Share Certificate or Unit Certificate, the holder of such Share Certificate or Unit Certificate shall be entitled to receive the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, formerly represented by such Share Certificate or Unit Certificate, and the Share Certificate or Unit Certificate so surrendered shall forthwith be cancelled. In the event of a transfer of ownership of shares of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units that is not registered in the records of Company or Operating Partnership, as applicable, payment may be made to a Person other than the Person in whose name the shares of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units so surrendered are registered if the Share Certificates or Unit Certificates, as applicable, formerly representing such shares of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units are presented to the Paying Agent, accompanied by all documents reasonably required to evidence and effect such transfer and to evidence that any applicable stock transfer Taxes have been paid or are not applicable, in each case, in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to the Paying Agent. Any other transfer or similar Taxes arising out of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be paid and borne by Parent in accordance with Section 8.5. No interest will be paid or accrued on any amount payable upon due surrender of the Share Certificates or the Unit Certificates. Until surrendered as contemplated hereby, each Share Certificate or Unit Certificate shall be deemed at any time after the REIT Merger Effective Time or Partnership Merger Time, as applicable, to represent only the right to receive the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, in cash as contemplated by this Agreement.

- (c) Book Entry. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, no holder of non-certificated shares of Company Common Stock, holder of non-certificated Operating Partnership Units or holder of non-certificated Series C Preferred Units, in each case, represented by book-entry (collectively, "Book-Entry Shares") shall be required to deliver a Share Certificate, a Unit Certificate or, in the case of holders of Book-Entry Shares held through The Depository Trust Company, an executed letter of transmittal, to the Paying Agent to receive the REIT Merger Consideration, Partnership Merger Consideration or Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, that such holder is entitled to receive pursuant to Section 3.1 and Section 3.2.
- (i) Each holder of record of one or more Book-Entry Shares held through The Depository Trust Company whose shares of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units were converted into the right to receive the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, shall automatically upon the REIT Merger Effective Time or Partnership Merger Effective Time be entitled to receive, and Parent shall cause the Paying Agent to pay and deliver to The Depository Trust Company or its nominee as promptly as practicable after the REIT Merger Effective Time or Partnership Merger Effective Time, in respect of each such Book-Entry Share a cash amount in immediately available funds equal to the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, and such Book-Entry Shares of such holder shall be cancelled.

- (ii) As soon as practicable after the REIT Merger Effective Time (and in no event later than two (2) Business Days after the REIT Merger Effective Time), Parent shall cause the Paying Agent to mail to each Person that was, immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, a holder of record of Book-Entry Shares not held through The Depository Trust Company: (A) a letter of transmittal, which shall be in such form as Parent, Company and the Paying Agent shall reasonably agree prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time; and (B) instructions for returning such letter of transmittal in exchange for the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable. Upon delivery of such letter of transmittal, in accordance with the terms of such letter of transmittal, duly executed, the holder of such Book-Entry Shares shall be entitled to receive in exchange therefor a cash amount in immediately available funds equal to the aggregate REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration such holder is entitled pursuant to Section 3.1 and Section 3.2, and such Book-Entry Shares so surrendered shall at the REIT Merger Effective Time or the Partnership Effective Time, as applicable, be cancelled. Payment of the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, with respect to Book-Entry Shares shall only be made to the Person in whose name such Book-Entry Shares are registered.
- (iii) No interest will be paid or accrued on any amount payable upon due surrender of Book-Entry Shares. Until paid or surrendered as contemplated hereby, each Book-Entry Share shall be deemed at any time after the REIT Merger Effective Time or the Partnership Merger Effective Time, as applicable, to represent only the right to receive the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, in cash as contemplated by this Agreement.
- Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units that is not registered in the transfer records of Company or Operating Partnership, as applicable, it shall be a condition of payment that any Share Certificate, Unit Certificate or Book-Entry Share surrendered or transferred in accordance with the procedures set forth in this Section 3.3 shall be properly endorsed or shall be otherwise in proper form for transfer, and that the Person requesting such payment shall have paid any Transfer Taxes and other Taxes required by reason of the payment of the REIT Per Share Merger Consideration, the Partnership Per Share Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, to a Person other than the registered holder of the Share Certificate surrendered, the Unit Certificate surrendered, or Book-Entry Share transferred, or shall have established to the reasonable satisfaction of the REIT Surviving Entity or the Partnership Surviving Entity, as applicable, that such Tax either has been paid or is not applicable.
- (e) Return of Payment Fund. Any portion of the Payment Fund that remains undistributed to the holders of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units for twelve (12) months after the Closing Date shall be delivered to the REIT Surviving Entity or the Partnership Surviving Entity, as applicable, upon demand, and any former holders of Company Common Stock, former holders of Operating Partnership Units or former holders of the Series C Preferred Units who have not theretofore complied with this Article 3 shall thereafter look only to the REIT Surviving Entity (and only as general creditors thereof) for

payment of the REIT Merger Consideration or the Partnership Surviving Entity (and only as general creditors thereof) for payment of the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable.

- (f) Public Official. None of Parent, Company, the REIT Surviving Entity, the Partnership Surviving Entity, the Paying Agent, or any employee, officer, director, agent or Affiliate thereof, shall be liable to any Person in respect of the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, if the Payment Fund has been delivered to a public official pursuant to any applicable abandoned property, escheat or similar Law. Any amounts remaining unclaimed by holders of any shares of Company Common Stock, holders of Operating Partnership Units or holders of Series C Preferred Units immediately prior to the time at which such amounts would otherwise escheat to, or become property of, any Governmental Authority shall, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, become the property of the REIT Surviving Entity or the Partnership Surviving Entity, as applicable, free and clear of any claims or interest of such holders or their successors, assigns or personal representatives previously entitled thereto.
- (g) Charges. Parent and the REIT Surviving Entity shall bear all charges and expenses, including those of the Paying Agent, incurred in connection with the payment of the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration and the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration.
- Section 3.4 <u>Withholding Rights</u>. The REIT Surviving Entity, the Partnership Surviving Entity, Parent or the Paying Agent, as applicable, shall be entitled to deduct and withhold from the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration, the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, the Stock Award Payments and any other amounts otherwise payable pursuant to this Agreement to any holder of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units, Series C Preferred Units, shares of Company Restricted Stock or Company Performance Stock Units, such amounts as it is required to deduct and withhold with respect to such payments under the Code or any other provision of state, local or foreign Tax Law. Any such amounts so deducted and withheld shall be paid over to the applicable Governmental Authority in accordance with applicable Law and shall be treated for all purposes of this Agreement as having been paid to the Person in respect of which such deduction and withholding was made.
- Section 3.5 <u>Lost Certificates</u>. If any Share Certificate or Unit Certificate shall have been lost, stolen or destroyed, then upon the making of an affidavit of that fact by the Person claiming such Share Certificate or Unit Certificate to be lost, stolen or destroyed and, if required by the REIT Surviving Entity or the Partnership Surviving Entity, the posting by such Person of a bond in such reasonable amount as the REIT Surviving Entity or Partnership Surviving Entity, as applicable, may direct, as indemnity against any claim that may be made against it with respect to such Share Certificate or Unit Certificate, the Paying Agent will issue in exchange for such lost, stolen or destroyed Share Certificate or Unit Certificate, as applicable, the portion of the REIT Merger Consideration, Partnership Merger Consideration or Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, to which the holder thereof is entitled pursuant to this <u>Article 3</u>.

- Section 3.6 <u>Dissenters Rights</u>. No dissenters' or appraisal rights, or rights of objecting stockholders, shall be available with respect to the Mergers or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including any remedy under Sections 3-201 et seq. of the MGCL.
- Section 3.7 <u>Effect on Company Restricted Stock and Company Performance Stock Units.</u> All of the provisions of this <u>Section 3.7</u> shall be effectuated without any action on the part of the holder of any share of Company Restricted Stock or holder of any Company Performance Stock Unit:
- (a) Immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, each Company Performance Stock Unit that is outstanding immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time shall be cancelled and terminated and automatically converted into the right to receive an amount in cash equal to the product of (i) the sum of (x) the greater of (A) the target number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Company Performance Stock Unit and (B) the actual number of shares of Company Common Stock to which the holder of such Company Performance Stock Unit would be entitled based on actual performance with respect to the applicable performance goals as of the REIT Merger Effective Time as if such date were the last day of the applicable performance period; provided that, for purposes of determining actual performance, the performance goals shall be pro-rated through the REIT Merger Effective Time and (y) the number of shares of Company Common Stock that would result, pursuant to the terms of the applicable Company Performance Stock Unit award agreement, from crediting to the holder of such Company Performance Stock Unit's account the amount of dividends in cash or shares of Company Common Stock, if any, that Company declared during the applicable performance period (accrued as of the REIT Merger Effective Time, but not yet credited), multiplied by (ii) the REIT Per Share Merger Consideration, subject to any required withholding Taxes (the "REIT PSU Merger Consideration"). As of the REIT Merger Effective Time, each holder of Company Performance Stock Units shall cease to have any rights with respect thereto, except the right to receive the REIT PSU Merger Consideration for each Company Performance Stock Unit.
- (b) Immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, all shares of Company Restricted Stock which are outstanding immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time shall automatically become fully vested and free of any forfeiture restrictions (whether or not then vested). At the REIT Merger Effective Time, each share of Company Restricted Stock shall be considered (to the extent that such share of Company Restricted Stock is not otherwise considered to be outstanding) an outstanding share of Company Common Stock for all purposes of this Agreement, including the right to receive the REIT Per Share Merger Consideration (the "REIT Restricted Stock Merger Consideration" and, together with the REIT PSU Merger Consideration, the "Stock Award Payments"). As of the REIT Merger Effective Time, each holder of shares of Company Restricted Stock shall cease to have any rights with respect thereto, except the right to receive the REIT Restricted Stock Merger Consideration for each share of Company Restricted Stock.
- (c) At the REIT Merger Effective Time, Parent shall, to the extent that sufficient funds are not available at Company or the Company Subsidiaries, deposit the Stock Award Payments (or funds sufficient to make up any shortfall) with REIT Surviving Entity for the benefit of the holders of the Stock Award Payments, and the REIT Surviving Entity shall (and Parent shall cause the REIT Surviving Entity to) pay the Stock Award Payments to such holders through its

payroll system as promptly as practicable (but in no event later than three (3) Business Days) following the REIT Merger Effective Time; provided, however, solely to the extent required to avoid incurring additional taxes under Section 409A of the Code, the REIT Surviving Entity shall pay the Stock Award Payments payable with respect to any REIT PSU Merger Consideration, that are subject to Section 409A of the Code in accordance with Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if any payment owed to a holder of the Stock Award Payments pursuant to this Section 3.7 cannot be made through the REIT Surviving Entity's payroll system or payroll provider, then the REIT Surviving Entity shall issue a check for such payment to such holder, which check shall be sent by overnight courier to such holder promptly following the Closing Date (but in no event later than the first payroll date following fifteen (15) days after the Closing Date). All such payments will be less any applicable withholding or other Taxes or other amounts required by applicable Law to be withheld.

ARTICLE 4 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF COMPANY AND OPERATING PARTNERSHIP

Except (a) as set forth in the disclosure letter prepared by Company, with numbering corresponding to the numbering of this Article 4 delivered by Company to Parent concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement (the "Company Disclosure Letter") (it being acknowledged and agreed that disclosure of any item in any section or subsection of the Company Disclosure Letter shall be deemed disclosed with respect to any other section or subsection of this Agreement to the extent the applicability of such disclosure to any representation or warranty is readily apparent on the face of such disclosure (it being understood that to be so readily apparent it is not required that the other sections be cross-referenced); provided that nothing in the Company Disclosure Letter is intended to broaden the scope of any representation or warranty of Company made herein), or (b) as disclosed in the Company SEC Documents publicly available, filed with, or furnished to, as applicable, the SEC on or after January 1, 2023 and at least one (1) Business Day prior to the date of this Agreement (excluding any risk factor disclosures contained in such documents under the heading "Risk Factors" and any disclosure of risks or other matters included in any "forward-looking statements" disclaimer or other statements that are cautionary, predictive or forward-looking in nature, which in no event shall be deemed to be an exception to or disclosure for purposes of, any representation or warranty set forth in this Article 4), Company and Operating Partnership hereby, jointly and severally, represent and warrant to Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub that:

Section 4.1 Organization and Qualification; Subsidiaries.

- (a) Company is a corporation duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Maryland. Operating Partnership is a limited partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Each of Company and Operating Partnership has the requisite organizational power and authority to own, lease and, to the extent applicable, operate its properties and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted. Each of Company and Operating Partnership is duly qualified or licensed to do business, and is in good standing, in each jurisdiction where the character of the properties owned, operated or leased by it or the nature of its business makes such qualification, licensing or good standing (with respect to jurisdictions that recognize such concept) necessary, except for such failures to be so qualified, licensed or in good standing that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Each Company Subsidiary is duly organized, validly existing and in good standing (with respect to jurisdictions that recognize such concept) under the Laws of the jurisdiction of its incorporation or organization, as the case may be, and has the requisite organizational power and authority to own, lease and, to the extent applicable, operate its properties and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted. Each Company Subsidiary is duly qualified or licensed to do business, and is in good standing, in each jurisdiction where the character of the properties owned, operated or leased by it or the nature of its business makes such qualification, licensing or good standing (with respect to jurisdictions that recognize such concept) necessary, except for such failures to be so qualified, licensed or in good standing that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) Section 4.1(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list of the Company Subsidiaries, together with (i) the jurisdiction of incorporation or organization, as the case may be, of each Company Subsidiary, (ii) the percentage of interest held, directly or indirectly, by Company in each Company Subsidiary, (iii) the names and percentage of interest held by any Person other than Company or a Company Subsidiary in each Company Subsidiary, and (iv) the classification for U.S. federal income Tax purposes of each Company Subsidiary.
- (d) Except as set forth in Section 4.1(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary directly or indirectly owns any interest or investment (whether equity or debt) in any Person (other than in the Company Subsidiaries and investments in short-term investment securities). With respect to each Person set forth on Section 4.1(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter, Section 4.1(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth the U.S. federal income tax status of such Person.

Section 4.2 <u>Organizational Documents</u>. Company has made available to Parent complete and correct copies of the Company Charter and the Company Bylaws. Operating Partnership has made available to Parent a complete and correct copy of the Operating Partnership Agreement.

Section 4.3 <u>Capital Structure</u>.

- (a) The authorized capital stock of Company consists of 900,000,000 shares of Company Common Stock and 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$0.01 par value per share ("Company Preferred Stock"). At the close of business on October 23, 2025, (i) 44,551,164 shares of Company Common Stock were issued and outstanding; (ii) no shares of Company Preferred Stock were issued and outstanding; (iii) 706,350 shares of Company Common Stock were reserved for issuance pursuant to the terms of outstanding awards granted pursuant to the Company Equity Incentive Plan; (iv) 44,551,164 Operating Partnership Units were issued and outstanding and held by the general partner of the Operating Partnership; (v) 140,000 Series C Preferred Units were issued and outstanding and 490,299 Operating Partnership Units were issued and outstanding and held by limited partners (including the Original Limited Partner) of Operating Partnership; and (vi) 12,541,909 Partnership Units were issuable upon full exercise of the Operating Partnership Warrants.
- (b) Company is the sole general partner of Operating Partnership. Section 4.3(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth, as of the date hereof, the name of, and the number and class of limited partnership interests held by, each partner in Operating Partnership (other than Company, the Original Limited Partner or any wholly-owned Company Subsidiary).
- (c) All issued and outstanding shares of the capital stock of Company are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable and no class of capital stock is entitled to preemptive rights. All shares of Company Common Stock reserved for issuance as noted above, shall be, when issued in accordance with the respective terms thereof, duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and free of preemptive rights. There are no outstanding bonds, debentures, notes or other Indebtedness of Company or Operating Partnership having the right to vote (or convertible into, or exchangeable for, securities having the right to vote) on any matter on which holders of shares of Company Common Stock may vote or holders of or other equityholders of Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary may vote.
- (d) All of the outstanding shares of capital stock of each of the Company Subsidiaries that is a corporation are duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. All equity interests in each of the Company Subsidiaries that is a partnership or limited liability company are duly authorized and validly issued. All shares of capital stock of (or other ownership interests in) each of the Company Subsidiaries that may be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, conversion rights or exchange rights are duly authorized and, upon issuance will be validly issued and, if applicable, fully paid and nonassessable. Except as set forth in Section 4.3(d) of the Company Disclosure Letter, Company owns, directly or indirectly, all of the issued and outstanding capital stock and other ownership interests of each of the Company Subsidiaries, free and clear of all Liens other than Permitted Liens.

- (e) Other than pursuant to the Company Equity Incentive Plan (including in connection with the satisfaction of withholding Tax obligations pursuant to certain awards outstanding under the Company Equity Incentive Plan in the event that the grantees fail to satisfy withholding Tax obligations), the Series C Preferred Units, the Operating Partnership Warrants and the organizational documents of the Company Subsidiaries and other entities in which Company directly or indirectly owns an interest, there are no outstanding subscriptions, securities options, warrants, calls, rights, profits interests, stock appreciation rights, phantom stock, convertible securities, rights of first refusal or other similar rights, agreements, undertakings or commitments of any kind to which Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries is a party or by which any of them is bound obligating Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries to (i) issue, transfer or sell or create, or cause to be issued, delivered or sold or created any additional shares of capital stock or other equity interests or phantom stock or other contractual rights the value of which is determined in whole or in part by the value of any equity security of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary or securities convertible into or exchangeable for such shares or equity interests, (ii) issue, grant, extend or enter into any such subscriptions, options, warrants, calls, rights, profits interests, stock appreciation rights, phantom stock, convertible securities or other similar rights, agreements, arrangements, undertakings or commitments, or (iii) redeem, repurchase or otherwise acquire any such shares of capital stock or other equity interests.
- (f) Other than pursuant to the organizational documents of Company, Operating Partnership, the Company Subsidiaries and other entities in which Company directly or indirectly owns an interest, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary is a party to or bound by any agreements or understandings concerning the voting (including voting trusts and proxies) of any equity interests of Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries or which restricts the transfer of such equity interests.
- (g) Except as set forth in <u>Section 4.3(a)</u>, as of the close of business on October 23, 2025, Company and the Operating Partnership do not have any shares of beneficial interests, shares of capital stock, equity-based awards or other rights with respect to equity or voting interests issued and outstanding (including under the Company Equity Incentive Plan) or which are convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for such shares of capital stock or other equity or voting interests.
 - (h) Company does not have a "poison pill" or similar stockholder rights plan or anti-takeover plan in effect.
- (i) Except as publicly disclosed in the Company SEC Documents, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary is under any obligation, contingent or otherwise, by reason of any contract to register the offer and sale or resale of any of their securities under the Securities Act.
- (j) <u>Section 4.3(j)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true, complete and correct list of all Persons who, as of October 23, 2025, held outstanding Company Restricted Stock or Company Performance Stock Units, indicating, with respect to each share of Company Restricted Stock or Company Performance Stock Unit then outstanding, the type of award granted, the number of shares of Company Common Stock subject to such Company Performance Stock

Unit and the date of grant, vesting schedule and expiration date thereof. All shares of Company Restricted Stock and Company Performance Stock Units, as applicable, were (i) granted, accounted for, reported and disclosed in accordance with the applicable Laws and accounting rules, and (ii) validly issued and properly approved by the Company Board (or a duly authorized committee or subcommittee thereof) in compliance with all applicable Law and recorded on Company's financial statements in accordance with GAAP.

(k) All dividends or other distributions on the shares of Company Common Stock and any material dividends or other distributions on any securities of any Company Subsidiary which have been authorized or declared prior to the date hereof have been paid in full (except to the extent such dividends have been publicly announced and are not yet due and payable).

Section 4.4 Authority.

- Each of Company and Operating Partnership has the requisite corporate or partnership power and authority, as (a) applicable, to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and, subject to receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval, to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the Mergers. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by Company and Operating Partnership and the consummation by Company and Operating Partnership of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate or partnership action, as applicable, and no other corporate or partnership proceedings on the part of Company or Operating Partnership are necessary to authorize this Agreement or the Mergers or to consummate the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, subject to (i) the receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval, (ii) with respect to the REIT Merger, the filing of the REIT Merger Certificate of Merger with, and acceptance for record of the REIT Merger Certificate of Merger by, the SOS, and the filing of the REIT Merger Articles of Merger with, and the acceptance for record of the REIT Merger Articles of Merger by, the SDAT, and (iii) with respect to the Partnership Merger, the filing of the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger with, and the acceptance for record of the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger by, the SOS. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by Company and Operating Partnership, and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub, constitutes a legally valid and binding obligation of Company and Operating Partnership enforceable against Company and Operating Partnership in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).
- (b) The Company Board has (i) authorized, adopted and approved the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement and declared that this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement are advisable and in the best interests of Company, (ii) directed that the REIT Merger be submitted for consideration at a meeting of Company stockholders, and (iii) resolved to recommend that the stockholders of Company approve the REIT Merger (such recommendation, the "Company Board Recommendation"), which resolutions remain in full force and effect and have not been subsequently rescinded, modified or withdrawn in any way, except as may be permitted after the date hereof by Section 6.3.

Section 4.5 No Conflict; Required Filings and Consents.

- (a) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by each of Company and Operating Partnership does not, and the performance of this Agreement and its obligations hereunder will not, (i) assuming receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval, conflict with or violate any provision of (A) the Company Charter or the Company Bylaws, (B) the Operating Partnership Agreement, or (C) any equivalent organizational or governing document of any Company Subsidiary, (ii) assuming that all consents, approvals, authorizations and permits described in Section 4.5(b) have been obtained, all filings and notifications described in Section 4.5(b) have been made and any waiting periods thereunder have terminated or expired, conflict with or violate any Law applicable to Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary or by which any property or asset of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary is bound, or (iii) require any consent or approval (except as contemplated by Section 4.5(b) or as set forth in Section 4.5(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter) under, result in any breach of any obligation or any loss of any material benefit or material increase in any cost or obligation of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary under, or constitute a default (or an event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, or give to any other Person any right of termination, acceleration or cancellation (with or without notice or the lapse of time or both) of, or give rise to any right of purchase, first offer or forced sale under, any Company Material Contract, or result in the creation of a Lien on any property or asset of Company or any Company Subsidiary which is not a Company Permitted Lien, except, as to clauses (i)(C), (ii) and (iii) above, for any such conflicts, violations, breaches, defaults, liens or other occurrences which, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by each of Company and Operating Partnership does not, and the performance of this Agreement by each of Company and Operating Partnership will not, require any consent, approval, authorization or permit of, or filing with or notification to, any Governmental Authority, except (i) the filing with the SEC of (A) the Proxy Statement, and (B) such reports under, and other compliance with, the Exchange Act, the Securities Act and any other applicable U.S. state or federal securities Laws as may be required in connection with this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, (ii) the filing of the REIT Merger Certificate of Merger with, and the acceptance for record of the REIT Merger Articles of Merger by, the SOS pursuant to the DLLCA and the filing of the REIT Merger Articles of Merger by, the SDAT pursuant to the MGCL, (iii) the filing of the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger with, and the acceptance for record of the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger by, the SOS pursuant to the DRULPA and the DLLCA, (iv) such filings as may be required in connection with state and local Transfer Taxes, (v) such filings or submissions as may be required under the rules and regulations of the NYSE, and (vi) where failure to obtain such consents, approvals, authorizations or permits, or to make such filings or notifications, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.6 <u>Permits; Compliance with Law.</u>

- Except for the authorizations, licenses, permits, certificates, approvals, variances, exemptions, orders, franchises, certifications and clearances that are the subject of Section 4.17 (Environmental Matters) and Section 4.18 (Properties), which are addressed solely in those sections, Company, Operating Partnership and each Company Subsidiary is in possession of all authorizations, licenses, permits, certificates, approvals, variances, exemptions, orders, franchises, certifications and clearances of any Governmental Authority, including building permits and certificates of occupancy, necessary for Company, Operating Partnership and each Company Subsidiary to own, lease and, to the extent applicable, operate its properties or to carry on its respective business substantially as they are being conducted as of the date hereof (the "Company Permits"), and all such Company Permits are valid and in full force and effect, except where the failure to be in possession of, or the failure to be valid or in full force and effect of, any of Company Permits, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. All applications required to have been filed for the renewal of Company Permits have been duly filed on a timely basis with the appropriate Governmental Authority, except where the failure to do so would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, and all other filings required to have been made with respect to such Company Permits have been duly made on a timely basis with the appropriate Governmental Authority, except where the failure to do so would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. As of the date hereof, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has received any written notice nor has any Knowledge indicating that Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary currently is not in compliance with the terms of any Company Permit, except where the failure to be in compliance would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary is or has been since January 1, 2024 in conflict with, or in default or violation of (i) any Law applicable to Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary or by which any property or asset of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary is bound (except for Laws addressed in Section 4.12 (*Taxes*), Section 4.16 (*Intellectual Property*), Section 4.17 (*Environmental Matters*), or Section 4.18 (*Properties*) which are solely addressed in those Sections), or (ii) any Company Permits (except for Company Permits addressed in Section 4.17 (*Environmental Matters*) and Section 4.18 (*Properties*) which are solely addressed in those Sections), except, in each case of clauses (i) and (ii), for any such conflicts, defaults or violations that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (c) There is no material property or obligation of Company or any Company Subsidiary, including uncashed checks to vendors, tenants, or employees, non-refunded overpayments, credits or unclaimed amounts or intangibles, that are, or may become, escheatable or reportable as unclaimed property to any Governmental Authority under any applicable escheatment, unclaimed property or similar applicable Laws, in each case, except as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.7 <u>SEC Documents; Financial Statements.</u>

- Except as set forth in Section 4.7(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, each of Company and Operating Partnership has timely filed with, or furnished (on a publicly available basis) to the SEC, all forms, documents, statements, schedules and reports required to be filed or furnished by Company and Operating Partnership with the SEC since January 1, 2024 (the forms, documents, statements and reports filed or furnished with the SEC since January 1, 2024 and those filed or furnished with the SEC since the date of this Agreement, if any, including any amendments, supplements or modifications thereto, together with all exhibits and schedules to the foregoing materials and all information incorporated therein by reference, the "Company SEC Documents"). As of their respective dates (or, if amended or superseded by a filing prior to the date of this Agreement, then on the date of such filing), the Company SEC Documents (other than preliminary materials) complied as to form in all material respects with the requirements of (i) the applicable listing and corporate governance rules and regulations of the NYSE and (ii) the Securities Act or the Exchange Act (together with all certifications required pursuant to the Sarbanes-Oxley Act), as the case may be, and none of the Company SEC Documents, at the time of filing or being furnished, contained any untrue statement of a material fact or omitted to state a material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading, except to the extent such statements have been modified or superseded by later Company SEC Documents filed or furnished with the SEC and publicly available prior to the date of this Agreement. Company does not have any outstanding and unresolved comments from the SEC with respect to any Company SEC Documents. To the Knowledge of Company, none of the Company SEC Documents are subject to ongoing review or outstanding SEC comment or investigation. Company has made available to Parent true, correct and complete copies of all material written correspondence between the SEC, on the one hand, and Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries, on the other hand, occurring over the past three (3) years. Other than Operating Partnership, no Company Subsidiary is required to file any form or report with the SEC.
- (b) At all applicable times, Company has complied in all material respects with (i) the applicable provisions of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and (ii) the rules and regulations of the NYSE.
- (c) The consolidated financial statements of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries included, or incorporated by reference, in the Company SEC Documents, including the related notes and schedules, complied as to form in all material respects with the applicable accounting requirements and the published rules and regulations of the SEC with respect thereto, have been prepared in accordance with GAAP applied on a consistent basis throughout the periods presented (except as may be indicated therein or in the notes thereto or, in the case of the unaudited statements, as permitted by Rule 10-01 of Regulation S-X under the Exchange Act) and fairly presented, in all material respects, in accordance with applicable requirements of GAAP and the applicable rules and regulations of the SEC (subject, in the case of the unaudited statements, to normal, recurring adjustments, none of which are material), the consolidated financial position of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries, taken as a whole, as of their respective dates and the consolidated statements of income and the consolidated cash flows of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries for the periods presented therein, in each case, except to the extent such financial statements have been

modified or superseded by later Company SEC Documents filed and publicly available prior to the date of this Agreement.

- (d) Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary is a party to, or has any commitment to become a party to, any joint venture, off-balance sheet partnership or any similar contract or arrangement, including any contract relating to any transaction or relationship between or among Company, Operating Partnership and any Company Subsidiary, on the one hand, and any unconsolidated Affiliate of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, including any structured finance, special purpose or limited purpose entity or Person, on the other hand, or any "off balance sheet arrangements" (as defined in Item 303(a) of Regulation S-K of the SEC), where the result, purpose or effect of such contract is to avoid disclosure of any material transaction involving, or material liabilities of, Company or any Company Subsidiary.
- (e) Company has established and maintains disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act). Such disclosure controls and procedures are designed to ensure that material information relating to Company, including the consolidated Company Subsidiaries, required to be disclosed in Company's periodic and current reports under the Exchange Act, is made known to Company's principal executive officer and its principal financial officer by others within those entities to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures as required under the Exchange Act. The principal executive officer and principal financial officer of Company have evaluated the effectiveness of Company's disclosure controls and procedures and, to the extent required by applicable Law, presented in any applicable Company SEC Document that is a report on Form 10-K or Form 10-Q, or any amendment thereto, its conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by such report or amendment based on such evaluation.
- (f) Company and the Company Subsidiaries have established and maintain a system of internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of Company's financial reporting and the preparation of Company's financial statements for external purposes in accordance with GAAP. Company has disclosed, based on its most recent evaluation of Company's internal control over financial reporting prior to the date hereof, to Company's auditors and audit committee (i) any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of Company's internal control over financial reporting, which are reasonably likely to adversely affect Company's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information and (ii) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in Company's internal control over financial reporting. A true, correct and complete summary of any such disclosures made by management to Company's auditors and audit committee is set forth in Section 4.7(f) of the Company Disclosure Letter.

Section 4.8 <u>Absence of Certain Changes or Events</u>. From the date of Company's most recent balance sheet included in the Company SEC Documents through the date of this Agreement and except as set forth in <u>Section 4.8</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, (a) Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have each conducted its business in all material respects in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, and (b) there has not been any Company Material Adverse Effect.

- Section 4.9 No Undisclosed Material Liabilities. Except as set forth in Section 4.9 of the Company Disclosure Letter, there are no material liabilities of Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries of any nature that would be required under GAAP to be set forth on a consolidated balance sheet of Company or the notes thereto, other than: (a) liabilities reflected or reserved against on Company's most recent balance sheet (including the notes thereto) included in the Company SEC Documents as required by GAAP, (b) liabilities incurred in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, (c) liabilities incurred in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice since the date of Company's most recent balance sheet included in the Company SEC Documents, (d) liabilities to perform under contracts entered into by Company, Operating Partnership or the Company Subsidiaries, or (e) liabilities which have not had and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 4.10 No Default. Except as set forth in Section 4.10 of the Company Disclosure Letter, none of Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries is in default or violation of any term, condition or provision of (a) its respective organizational documents, or (b) any loan or credit agreement, note, or any bond, mortgage or indenture, to which Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries is a party or by which Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries or any of their respective properties or assets is bound, except for (i) defaults or violations that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect and (ii) defaults that will exist as of Closing unless consents to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and identified in Section 4.10 of the Company Disclosure Letter are obtained under the documents evidencing the Indebtedness of the Company, the Operating Partnership, and any of the Company Subsidiaries.
- Section 4.11 <u>Litigation</u>. Except as individually or in the aggregate would not be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect or as set forth in <u>Section 4.10</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, as of the date of this Agreement, (a) there is no Action pending or, to the Knowledge of Company, threatened in writing against Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, and (b) neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary, nor any of their respective properties, is subject to any outstanding Order of any Governmental Authority.

Section 4.12 Taxes.

(a) Each of Company, Operating Partnership and each Company Subsidiary has timely filed with the appropriate Governmental Authority all material Tax Returns required to be filed, taking into account any extensions of time within which to file such Tax Returns, and all such Tax Returns were complete and correct in all material respects. Each of Company, Operating Partnership and each Company Subsidiary has duly and timely paid (or there has been paid on their behalf), or made adequate provisions in accordance with GAAP for, all material Taxes required to be paid by them, whether or not shown on any Tax Return.

- (b) Company (i) for all taxable years commencing with Company's year ended December 31, 2012 and through December 31, 2024, has been subject to taxation as a real estate investment trust within the meaning of Section 856 of the Code (a "REIT") and has satisfied all requirements to qualify as a REIT for such years; (ii) has operated since January 1, 2025 to the date hereof, in a manner consistent with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT; (iii) intends to continue to operate in such a manner as to qualify as a REIT for its taxable year that will end on the day of the Mergers; and (iv) has not taken or omitted to take any action that could reasonably be expected to result in a challenge by the IRS or any other Governmental Authority to its status as a REIT, and no such challenge is pending or threatened, to the Knowledge of Company. No entity in which Company or any Company Subsidiary directly or indirectly owns an interest is or has been a corporation for U.S. federal income Tax purposes, other than (i) a corporation that qualifies as a REIT, (ii) a corporation that qualifies as a "qualified REIT subsidiary" within the meaning of Section 856(i)(2) of the Code (each a "Qualified REIT Subsidiary") or (iii) a corporation that qualifies as a "taxable REIT subsidiary" within the meaning of Section 856(l) of the Code (each, a "Taxable REIT Subsidiary"). Company has satisfied the requirement under Section 856(c)(4)(B)(ii) of the Code with respect to all Taxable REIT Subsidiaries (including any entities with respect to which a protective Taxable REIT Subsidiary election was made).
- (c) (i) There are no audits, investigations by any Governmental Authority or other proceedings pending or, to the Knowledge of Company, threatened with regard to any material Taxes or material Tax Returns of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary; (ii) no material deficiency for Taxes of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary has been claimed, proposed or assessed in writing or, to the Knowledge of Company, threatened, by any Governmental Authority, which deficiency has not yet been settled except for such deficiencies which are being contested in good faith or with respect to which the failure to pay, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect; (iii) neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has waived any statute of limitations with respect to the assessment of material Taxes or agreed to any extension of time with respect to any material Tax assessment or deficiency for any open tax year; (iv) except as set forth in Section 4.12(c)(iv) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary currently is the beneficiary of any extension of time within which to file any material Tax Return; and (v) neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has entered into any "closing agreement" as described in Section 7121 of the Code (or any corresponding or similar provision of state, local or foreign income Tax Law). No claim has been made by a Governmental Authority in a jurisdiction where Company or a Company Subsidiary does not file Tax Returns that Company or such Company Subsidiary is or may be subject to taxation in that jurisdiction.
- (d) Each entity in which Company or any Company Subsidiary directly or indirectly owns an interest that is a partnership, joint venture or limited liability company and that has not elected to be a Taxable REIT Subsidiary has been since its formation treated for U.S. federal income Tax purposes as a partnership, disregarded entity, or Qualified REIT Subsidiary, as the case may be, and not as a corporation or an association taxable as a corporation whose separate existence is respected for federal income tax purposes.

- (e) Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any entity in which Company or any Company Subsidiary directly or indirectly owns an interest holds any asset the disposition of which would be subject to (or to rules similar to) Section 1374 of the Code.
- (f) For all taxable years commencing with Company's year ending December 31, 2021, Company has not incurred (i) any material liability for Taxes under Sections 857(b)(1), 857(b)(4), 857(b)(5), 857(b)(6)(A), 857(b)(7), 857(f), 860(c) or 4981 of the Code or Treasury Regulations Sections 1.337(d)-5, 1.337(d)-6, or 1.337(d)-7 which have not been previously paid, or (ii) any liability for Taxes under Sections 857(b)(5) (for income test violations), 856(c)(7)(C) (for asset test violations) or 856(g)(5)(C) (for violations of other qualification requirements applicable to REITs). No event has occurred, and no condition or circumstance exists, which presents a material risk that any material amount of Taxes described in the previous sentence will be imposed upon Company or any entity in which Company or any Company Subsidiary directly or indirectly owns an interest.
- (g) Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have complied, in all material respects, with all applicable Laws relating to the payment and withholding of Taxes (including withholding of Taxes pursuant to Sections 1441, 1442, 1445, 1446, 1471 through 1474, and 3402 of the Code or similar provisions under any state and foreign Laws) and have duly and timely withheld and, in each case, have paid over to the appropriate Governmental Authorities all material amounts required to be so withheld and paid over on or prior to the due date thereof under all applicable Laws.
- (h) Company does not have any earnings and profits attributable to a non-REIT year of any predecessor or any other corporation.
- (i) There are no Tax Liens upon any property or assets of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, except Liens for Taxes not yet due and payable or that are being contested in good faith by appropriate proceedings and for which adequate reserves have been established in accordance with GAAP.
- (j) There are no Tax Sharing Agreements (as hereinafter defined) in force as of the date of this Agreement, and as of the date of this Agreement, no person has raised in writing, or to the Knowledge of Company threatened to raise, a material claim against Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary for any breach of any Tax Sharing Agreement. As used herein, "Tax Sharing Agreement" means any written agreement, indemnity or other arrangement for the allocation or payment of Tax liabilities or payment for Tax benefits between Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary and any Person (other than customary arrangements under commercial contracts, leases or borrowings entered into in the ordinary course of business); provided that the term "Tax Sharing Agreement" shall not include any Company Tax Protection Agreements for purposes of this Agreement.
- (k) Except as set forth in <u>Section 4.12(k)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has requested, has received or is subject to any written ruling of a Governmental Authority or has entered into any written agreement with a Governmental Authority with respect to any Taxes.

- (I) Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary (i) has been a member of an affiliated group filing a consolidated federal income Tax Return or (ii) has any liability for the Taxes of any Person (other than any Company Subsidiary) under Treasury Regulation Section 1.1502-6 (or any similar provision of state, local or foreign law), as a transferee or successor, by contract, or otherwise.
- (m) Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has participated in any "reportable transaction" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.6011-4(b).
- (n) None of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary has constituted either a "distributing corporation" or a "controlled corporation" (within the meaning of Section 355(a)(1)(A) of the Code) in a distribution of stock qualifying for tax-free treatment under Section 355 of the Code (i) in the two (2) years prior to the date of this Agreement or (ii) in a distribution which could otherwise constitute part of a "plan" or "series of related transactions" (within the meaning of Section 355(e) of the Code) in conjunction with transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (o) Except as set forth in Section 4.12(o) of the Company Disclosure Letter, there are no Company Tax Protection Agreements in force at the date of this Agreement, and, as of the date of this Agreement, no person has raised in writing, or to Company's Knowledge threatened to raise, a material claim against Company or any Company Subsidiary for any breach of any Company Tax Protection Agreements.
- (p) Except as set forth in Section 4.12(o) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither Parent, the REIT Surviving Entity nor the Partnership Surviving Entity will be required to include any material item of income in, or exclude any material item of deduction from, taxable income for any period (or any portion thereof) ending after the Closing Date as a result of any installment sale or other transaction entered into on or prior to the Closing Date, any accounting method change or agreement with any taxing authority filed or made or required on or prior to the Closing Date (including pursuant to Section 481 of the Code), or any prepaid amount received on or prior to the Closing.
- (q) No entity in which Company directly or indirectly owns an interest is or at any time since the later of its acquisition or formation has been a "publicly traded partnership" taxable as a corporation under Section 7704(b) of the Code.
- (r) <u>Section 4.12(r)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a list of all transactions intended to qualify as an exchange subject to Section 1031(a)(1) of the Code in which either Company or any Company Subsidiary has participated that have not been completed as of the date hereof.
- (s) Neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary (i) has, or has ever had, a permanent establishment in any country other than the country in which it is organized and resident, (ii) has engaged in a trade or business in any country other than the country in which it is organized and resident that subjected it to Tax in such country, or (iii) is, or has ever been, subject to Tax in a jurisdiction outside the country in which it is organized and resident.

- (t) Neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary has made an election under Section 965(h) of the Code to pay the "net tax liability" (as defined therein) in installments or made an election under Section 965(m) of the Code to defer the inclusion in gross income of a portion of the amount required to be taken into account under Section 951(a)(1) of the Code.
- (u) Except as set forth in <u>Section 4.12(u)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, no written power of attorney that has been granted by Company or any Company Subsidiary (other than to the Company or a Company Subsidiary) currently is in force with respect to any matter relating to Taxes.
- (v) Neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has made any election to defer any payroll Taxes or claimed any Tax credit or other Tax benefit under any COVID-19 Laws.
- (w) This Section 4.12 contains the sole and exclusive representations and warranties of Company and Operating Partnership with respect to Taxes and Tax matters (other than those matters described in Section 4.1(c) and Section 4.13(c)).

Section 4.13 Benefit Plans.

- (a) Section 4.13(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true, correct and complete list of every Benefit Plan sponsored, maintained or contributed to by the Company, Operating Partnership or any other Company Subsidiary or under which Company, Operating Partnership or any other Company Subsidiary would have any liability (contingent or otherwise, including without limitation due to an ERISA Affiliate) ("Company Benefit Plan"), in each case, other than offer letters, the material terms of which are limited to base salary or wage rate and participation in broad-based benefit plans and which do not provide for severance. Each Company Benefit Plan that is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) of the Code has received a favorable determination or opinion letter from the IRS regarding its qualification thereunder and, to Company's Knowledge, no event has occurred and no condition exists that would reasonably be expected to result in the revocation of any such determination.
- (b) With respect to each Company Benefit Plan, Company has provided, or made available, to Parent (if applicable to such Company Benefit Plan): (i) all documents embodying or governing such Company Benefit Plan; (ii) the most recent IRS determination or opinion letter with respect to such Company Benefit Plan that is intended to qualify under Section 401(a) the Code; (iii) the most recently filed IRS Forms 5500 and all schedules thereto; (iv) the summary plan description for such Company Benefit Plan (or other descriptions of such Company Benefit Plan provided to employees); and (v) all non-routine correspondence and documents filed with any Governmental Authority.
- (c) Each Company Benefit Plan has been administered in accordance with the requirements of applicable Law, including, without limitation, ERISA and the Code, and is being administered and operated in accordance with its terms, except as has not had, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. Neither Company nor any ERISA Affiliate currently maintains, sponsors, contributes to or is required to contribute to, or has any liability for, and neither Company nor any ERISA Affiliate has at any time within the previous six years maintained, sponsored or contributed to or been

required to contribute to, or had any actual or contingent liability under, any Company Benefit Plan or any other employee benefit plan that: (i) is subject to the funding requirements of Section 412 of the Code or Title IV of ERISA; (ii) is a "multiemployer plan" within the meaning of ERISA Section 3(37); (iii) is a "welfare benefit plan" within the meaning of Section 3(1) of ERISA that provides for post-employment medical, life insurance or other welfare-type benefits to any current or future retiree or former employee of Company (other than as required by Part 6 of Subtitle B of Title I of ERISA or Section 4980B of the Code or under a similar state law regarding medical continuation coverage); (iv) is a "multiple employer plan" within the meaning of Section 413(c) of the Code; or (v) is a "multiple employer welfare arrangement" within the meaning of 3(40)(A) of ERISA.

- (d) Except as would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect, full payment has been made, or otherwise properly accrued on the books and records of Company and any applicable Company Subsidiary, of all amounts that Company and any such Company Subsidiary are required under the terms of the Company Benefit Plan to have paid as contributions to such Company Benefit Plan on or prior to the date hereof (excluding any amounts not yet due) and the contribution requirements, on a prorated basis, for the current year have been made or otherwise properly accrued on the books and records of Company and the Company Subsidiaries through the Closing Date.
- (e) Neither Company nor, to the Knowledge of Company, any fiduciary, trustee or administrator of any Company Benefit Plan, has engaged in, or in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement will engage in, any transaction that would be a non-exempt "prohibited transaction" under Section 406 of ERISA or Section 4975 of the Code. No Action has been made, commenced or, to the Knowledge of Company, threatened with respect to any Company Benefit Plan (other than for benefits payable in the ordinary course of business).
- (f) Neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary owes any Taxes imposed by Code Section 4980H. Neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary has incurred, and no condition exists with respect to any Company Benefit Plan that would reasonably be expected to subject any of them to, any material Tax, fine, interest or penalty or other liability imposed by the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, as amended, and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010, as amended.
- Effect, each Company Benefit Plan that constitutes in any part a "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" within the meaning of Section 409A(d)(1) of the Code and any award thereunder, in each case that is subject to Section 409A of the Code, (i) has at all times been operated in compliance in all respects with Section 409A of the Code and all applicable Internal Revenue Service guidance promulgated thereunder and (ii) either (A) has at all times been in a form which complies with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code or (B) has been timely amended under guidance issued pursuant to Section 409A of the Code so that its terms and provisions comply in all material respects with the requirements of Section 409A of the Code. No payment to be made under any Company Benefit Plan is, or to the Knowledge of Company, will be, subject to the penalties of Section 409A(a)(1) of the Code.

(h) Except as set forth in Section 4.13(h) of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither the execution and delivery of this Agreement nor the consummation of the Mergers will (either alone or together with any other event) (i) entitle any current or former employee or other service provider of Company or a Company Subsidiary to accelerate the time of payment or vesting (except to the extent required by applicable law) or trigger any payment of funding (through a grantor trust or otherwise) of compensation or benefits under, increase the amount payable or trigger any other material obligation, requirement or restriction pursuant to any Company Benefit Plan, or (ii) result in any payment or benefit to any Person which would constitute an "excess parachute payment" (within the meaning of Section 280G of the Code). There is no obligation to reimburse, indemnify, or otherwise "gross-up" any current or former employee or other service provider of Company or a Company Subsidiary for the interest or Tax set forth under Section 409A or Section 4999 of the Code.

Section 4.14 Employees.

- (a) Company has provided a true and complete list in all material respects of all employees as of the date of such list employed by, and all individuals currently engaged on an independent contractor basis by, Company or any Company Subsidiary, specifying their (i) employing or engaging entity, (ii) principal work location, (iii) job title or, for independent contractors, brief description of services, (iv) treatment as exempt or non-exempt from overtime and minimum wage (if applicable), (v) annual base salary/fee or hourly rate and any target incentive compensation, (vi) start date, and (vii) leave of absence status including expected date of return to work.
- (b) Neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary is or, within the past three (3) years has been, a party to, or bound by, any Collective Bargaining Agreement, labor-related contract or other labor-related agreement with a trade or labor union, works council, or other bargaining unit representative (each, a "<u>Union</u>," and such an agreement or arrangement with a Union, a "<u>Labor Agreement</u>"). To the Knowledge of Company, there are no negotiations or discussions currently pending or threatened by any employee of Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries under an obligation to negotiate with any Union. There is, and in the past three (3) years there has been, no material unfair labor practice charge, labor arbitration, material grievance, or other material labor Action pending or, to Company's Knowledge, threatened against Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries relating to or affecting their business. To Company's Knowledge, there are, and in the past three (3) years there have been, no organizational efforts with respect to the formation of a collective bargaining unit presently being made or threatened involving any employees of Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries with respect to their employment with Company or any Company Subsidiaries.
- (c) There are no (i) strikes or lockouts with respect to any employees of Company or any Company Subsidiary pending or, to Company's Knowledge, threatened, (ii) slowdowns or work stoppages or other material labor disputes or disruptions, in effect or, to Company's Knowledge, threatened with respect to employees of Company or any Company Subsidiary, nor has Company or any Company Subsidiary experienced any events described in clauses (i) and (ii) hereof within the past three (3) years. The Company and each Company Subsidiary has satisfied in all material respects any obligation arising under Law or Labor

Agreement to notify or consult with any Union relating to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

- (d) To Company's Knowledge, in the past three (3) years, there has been no material allegation, complaint, charge or claim (whether formal or otherwise) on the basis of gender, race, sex, sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, gender discrimination, racial or ethnic discrimination or other similar unlawful behavior made against any Person who is or was an officer, director or employee of Company or any Company Subsidiary (a "Misconduct Allegation"). In the past three (3) years, Company and the Company Subsidiaries have investigated all Misconduct Allegations of which they are or were aware and have taken all reasonable and necessary corrective actions with respect to such allegations to the extent required by Law. Neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary has entered into any settlement agreement, tolling agreement, non-disparagement agreement, confidentiality agreement or non-disclosure agreement, or any contract or provision similar to any of the foregoing, to resolve any Misconduct Allegation against Company, any Company Subsidiary or, to Company's Knowledge, any Person who is or was an officer, director or employee of Company or any Company Subsidiary. To Company's Knowledge, neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary has, within the past three (3) years, been the subject of any audit or investigation by any Governmental Authority with respect to any of its employment policies or practices and neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary is party to, and is not otherwise bound by, any consent decree with, or any citation or other order, writ, judgment, injunction, decree, determination by, any Governmental Authority relating to any employment practice.
- Company and the Company Subsidiaries have for the past three (3) years been and are in compliance in all material respects (1) with all applicable Laws respecting employment and employment practices, including all Laws relating to terms and conditions of employment, equal employment opportunity and equal pay, background checks, worker classification as employees and independent contractors and as exempt or non-exempt under the Fair Labor Standards Act and comparable state laws (the "FLSA"), collective bargaining and labor relations, disability, accommodations, identity and employment eligibility verification, immigration, health and safety, wages (including meal times and rest breaks), hours and benefits, harassment, discrimination, retaliation, record retention, notice and posting requirements, leaves of absence (including paid sick leave), contractors and temporary employees, workers' compensation, termination, plant closings and layoffs (including under the WARN Act and comparable state, local or other laws), unemployment compensation, and any other employment related matters, and (2) with all material obligations of Company and the Company Subsidiaries under any employment agreement, consulting agreement, severance agreement, Collective Bargaining Agreement or any other employment or labor-related agreement. To Company's Knowledge, all current and former independent contractors or other individual engaged in any other non-employee role by Company or any Company Subsidiaries are and have for the past three (3) years been at all times properly classified in all material respects as such for purposes of all Laws, including Laws with respect to employee benefits, and all current and former employees of Company or any Company Subsidiaries are and have been at all times properly paid under the FLSA in all material respects. During the preceding three (3) years, Company and the Company Subsidiaries have not effectuated a "plant closing" or "mass layoff" (each as defined in the WARN Act) or any other action that has or, to Company's Knowledge, is reasonably anticipated to trigger notice obligations under the WARN Act. In the past three (3) years, Company and each Company

Subsidiary has correctly classified in all material respects in compliance with applicable Laws all individuals performing services to Company and/or the Company Subsidiaries as common law employees, leased employees, or independent contractors, as applicable.

Section 4.15 <u>Information Supplied</u>. None of the information supplied by Company and the Company Subsidiaries contained in the Proxy Statement will at the time of the mailing thereof or at the time the Stockholders Meeting is to be held, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading; <u>provided</u>, that Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries make no representation or warranty as to statements made, or information supplied, by Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub and the Parent Subsidiaries or their respective Representatives for inclusion in the Proxy Statement.

Section 4.16 <u>Intellectual Property</u>.

- (a) Section 4.16(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and complete list of all Intellectual Property that is the subject of an application, certificate, filing, registration or other document issued by, filed with or recorded by any Governmental Authority or domain name registrar and owned or purported to be owned by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary. Except as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary is a party to any licenses, contracts or agreements with respect to use by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary of any trademarks or patents (other than licenses for generally available, commercial, unmodified, "off the shelf" software used solely for internal purposes for an aggregate fee, royalty or other consideration for any such software or group of related software licenses of no more than \$50,000 annually).
- (b) Except as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the conduct of the business of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries does not infringe, misappropriate, or otherwise violate (and, in the past three (3) years, has not infringed, misappropriated, or otherwise violated) any Intellectual Property rights of any third party. There are no Actions pending or, to the Knowledge of Company, threatened against Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries alleging that Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries have infringed, misappropriated, or otherwise violated any Intellectual Property rights of any Person. To the Knowledge of Company, no Person is infringing, misappropriating or otherwise violating any Intellectual Property owned or purported to be owned by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary (collectively, "Company Intellectual Property"). There are no pending Actions brought, or threatened in writing, by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary against any Person alleging infringement, misappropriation or violation of any Company Intellectual Property.

- (c) Except as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries exclusively own, free and clear of all Liens (other than any Company Permitted Liens) all Company Intellectual Property and are licensed to use, or otherwise possess valid rights to use, all other Intellectual Property used in or necessary to conduct the business of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries as it is currently conducted.
- (d) Except as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have taken commercially reasonable steps in accordance with normal industry practice to maintain the confidentiality of all Intellectual Property for which the value to Company, Operating Partnership and/or the Company Subsidiaries is contingent upon maintaining the confidentiality thereof and Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have not disclosed any such confidential information to any Person other than pursuant to a written confidentiality agreement (or equivalent professional obligations of confidentiality) pursuant to which such Person agrees to protect such confidential information.
- (e) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the Company IT Systems (i) are in good repair and operating condition to effectively perform all information technology operations necessary to conduct Company's, Operating Partnership's and the Company Subsidiaries' business and (ii) to the Knowledge of Company, do not contain any viruses or other computer code intentionally designed to disrupt, disable, or harm in any manner the operation of, or to provide unauthorized access to, any Company IT System. There has not been, since January 1, 2024, any error, failure, breakdown, security breach or continued substandard performance of any Company IT Systems that has caused a material disruption or interruption in or to the operation of Company's, Operating Partnership's or the Company Subsidiaries' business. Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have implemented and tested reasonable backup, security and disaster recovery technology, plans, procedures and facilities consistent with industry practice. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, neither Company, Operating Partnership, nor any of the Company Subsidiaries is in breach in any material respect of any contract relating to any Company IT System, or is aware of any event that, with the passage of time or the giving of notice, or both, would constitute a breach in any material respect of any such contract.
- (f) Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have, since January 1, 2024, complied in all material respects with (i) all applicable Privacy and Data Security Laws, (ii) applicable binding industry standards, (iii) their own internal and public written policies, notices, and/or statements related to the Processing of Personal Information and data security and (iii) their own contractual commitments related to the Processing of Personal Information or contractual security breach notification requirements (collectively, "Company Privacy Requirements"). Since January 1, 2024, Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have performed security risk assessments to the extent required by the Company Privacy Requirements and addressed and fully remediated all material medium risk or higher threats and deficiencies identified in those security risk assessments.

- (g) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have established, implemented and maintained reasonable administrative, technical, and physical safeguards designed to protect the security, confidentiality, availability, and integrity of all Company Data and Company IT Systems. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, all Personal Information and Company Data will continue to be available for Processing by Company and the Company Subsidiaries following the Closing Date on substantially the same terms and conditions as existed immediately before the Closing Date.
- (h) Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, Company, Operating Partnership and each Company Subsidiary have at all times since January 1, 2024 implemented and maintained commercially reasonable measures designed to protect Personal Information against any Security Incident. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, none of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary (i) has, since January 1, 2024, discovered or been notified of a Security Incident, (ii) is currently investigating a potential Security Incident, (iii) has, since January 1, 2024, been notified or been required to notify any Person under Privacy and Data Security Laws in relation to any Security Incident, or (iv) since January 1, 2024, has received any written notice, claim, or complaint, or, to the Knowledge of Company, been the subject of any investigation or enforcement action by, any Person with respect to Processing of Personal Information. Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries require third parties that Process Personal Information on behalf of, or supply Personal Information to, Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, to comply in all material respects with applicable Privacy and Data Security Laws and to timely notify Company, Operating Partnership of the Company Subsidiaries of any Security Incident that affects the Company IT Systems or Company Data.
- Section 4.17 <u>Environmental Matters</u>. Except as set forth in any Phase I or Phase II report or any title insurance policy, title commitment or title proforma provided to Parent prior to the date hereof, or as set forth in <u>Section 4.17</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter or as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect:
- (a) Company, Operating Partnership and each Company Subsidiary is and have for the last three (3) years been in compliance with all Environmental Laws.
- (b) Company, Operating Partnership and each Company Subsidiary have all Environmental Permits necessary to conduct their current operations, all of which are in full force and effect, and are in compliance with their respective Environmental Permits, and all such Environmental Permits are in good standing, and there are no proceedings pending or, to the Knowledge of Company, threatened, that seek the revocation, cancellation or suspension of any such Environmental Permit.

- (c) Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has received any written notice, demand, letter or claim alleging that Company, Operating Partnership or any such Company Subsidiary is in violation of, or liable under, any Environmental Law or that any Order has been issued against Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary which remains unresolved.
- (d) Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has entered into or agreed to any Order or is subject to any judgment, decree or judicial, administrative or compliance order relating to compliance with Environmental Laws, Environmental Permits or the investigation, sampling, monitoring, treatment, remediation, removal or cleanup of Hazardous Materials.
- (e) Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has assumed, by contract or, to the Knowledge of Company, by operation of Law, any liability under any Environmental Law or relating to the release of any Hazardous Materials, or is an indemnitor in connection with any threatened or asserted claim by any third-party indemnitee for any liability under any Environmental Law or relating to the Release of any Hazardous Materials.
- (f) To the Knowledge of Company, there has been no Release of a Hazardous Material at, on, in, or under any Company Property, and neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has arranged, by contract, agreement or otherwise, for the transportation, disposal or treatment of Hazardous Materials at any off-site location in violation of Environmental Laws.
- (g) Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary owns or operates, and to the Knowledge of Company, none of the following are present at, on, in, or under any Company Property: (i) underground storage tanks, (ii) dumps or landfills, (iii) surface impoundments, or (iv) other units for the treatment, storage or disposal of Hazardous Materials.
- (h) This Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement will not result in any liabilities for site investigation or cleanup, or require the consent of any Person, pursuant to any Environmental Law, including any so-called "transaction-triggered" or "responsible property transfer" requirements.
- (i) To Company's Knowledge, Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have made available to Parent in all material respects all material reports, site assessments, audits and other material documents, in each case in their reasonable possession that relate to Company's, Operating Partnership's or any Company Subsidiary's compliance with Environmental Laws or to the environmental condition of the Company Properties,.

Section 4.18 Properties.

(a) <u>Section 4.18(a)(i)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a true and correct list of the address and, if applicable, facility name of each Company Property. <u>Section 4.18(a)(i)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter also contains a true and correct identification of the address and, if applicable, facility name of each Company Property that is leased or subleased by a Company Subsidiary as lessee, sublessee or in a similar capacity. <u>Section 4.18(a)(ii)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter sets forth a list of each real property which, as of the date of this

Agreement, is under a binding contract by Company, Operating Partnership or a Company Subsidiary for purchase by Company, Operating Partnership or such Company Subsidiary or that is required under a binding contract to be leased or subleased by Company, Operating Partnership or a Company Subsidiary as lessee or sublessee after the date of this Agreement. Except as set forth in Section 4.18(a)(ii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, there are no written agreements to which either Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party pursuant to which either Company or any Company Subsidiary is obligated to buy, lease (as lessee) or sublease (as sublessee) any real properties at some future date.

- (b) Either Company, Operating Partnership or a Company Subsidiary owns good and valid fee simple title or leasehold title (as applicable) to each of the Company Properties, in each case, free and clear of Liens, except for Company Permitted Liens.
- (c) Except as set forth in Section 4.18(c) of the Company Disclosure Letter or in any zoning report, property condition report or environmental assessment for the Company Properties previously provided to Parent, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any of the Company Subsidiaries has received (i) written notice that any Property Permit or any agreement, easement or other right that is necessary to permit the current use and operation of the buildings and improvements on any of the Company Properties or that is necessary to permit the current use and operation of all utilities, parking areas, retention ponds, driveways, roads and other means of egress and ingress to and from any of the Company Properties is not in full force and effect as of the date of this Agreement (or of any pending written threat of modification or cancellation of any of same), except for such failures to be in full force and effect that, individually, or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, or (ii) written notice of any uncurred violation of any Laws affecting any of the Company Properties which, individually or in the aggregate, would reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (d) To Company's Knowledge, no Property Permit or any agreement, easement or other right that is necessary to permit the current use of the buildings and improvements on any of the Company Properties or that is necessary to permit the current use of all parking areas, driveways, roads and other means of egress and ingress to and from any of the Company Properties has failed to be obtained or is not in full force and effect, and neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has received written notice of any outstanding threat of modification or cancellation of any such Property Permit or other agreement, easement or other right, except for any of the foregoing as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (e) Except for any of the following as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect: no condemnation, eminent domain or similar proceeding is pending with respect to any Company Property or ground leases affecting the interest of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary in Company Properties, and neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has received any written notice to the effect that (i) any condemnation or rezoning proceedings are threatened with respect to any of Company Properties or (ii) any zoning regulation or ordinance (including with respect to parking), Board of Fire Underwriters rules, building, fire, health or other Law has been violated (and remains in violation) for any Company Property.

- (f) Except for discrepancies, errors or omissions that, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, the information set forth in the most recent rent roll for each of the Company Properties, as of the date set forth in such rent roll (which date shall not be more than five (5) days prior to the date hereof), which rent rolls have previously been made available by or on behalf of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary to Parent, is true and correct as of such date. Other than the Company Leases related to the tenancies set forth in the rent rolls, to the Knowledge of Company, none of the Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary is a party to any leases, subleases or other agreements which grant any party any right to occupy or use any Company Property.
- (g) True, correct and complete (in all material respects) copies of all (i) ground leases affecting the interest of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary in Company Properties, and (ii) Company Leases with annual base rent in excess of \$1,000,000 (clauses (i) and (ii) collectively, the "Material Company Leases"), in each case in effect as of the date hereof, have been made available to Parent. Except as would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect or as set forth in Section 4.18(g) of the Company Disclosure Letter, (w) neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary is, and, to the Knowledge of Company, no other party is in breach or violation of, or default under, any Material Company Lease; (x) no event has occurred that would reasonably be expected to result in a breach or violation of, or a default under, any Material Company Lease by Company, Operating Partnership, any Company Subsidiary, or, to the Knowledge of Company, any other party thereto (in each case, with or without notice or lapse of time) and no tenant under a Material Company Lease is in monetary default under such Material Company Lease; (y) no tenant under a Material Company Lease is the beneficiary of a written forbearance from Company or any Company Subsidiary; and (z) each Material Company Lease is valid, binding and enforceable in accordance with its terms and is in full force and effect with respect to Company, Operating Partnership or a Company Subsidiary and, to the Knowledge of Company, with respect to the other parties thereto, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar Laws affecting creditors' or landlords' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at Law).
- (h) Except for Company Permitted Liens or as set forth in the Company Leases or Company Title Insurance Policies (as defined below), title commitments or title proformas provided or otherwise made available to Parent prior to the date hereof or as set forth in the Organizational Documents of the Company Subsidiaries and other entities in which Company or the Company Subsidiaries own an interest, or as set forth in Section 4.18(h) of the Company Disclosure Letter, as of the date hereof, (i) there are no unexpired option to purchase agreements, rights of first refusal or first offer or any other rights or options to purchase or otherwise acquire any Company Property or any portion thereof, and (ii) there are no other outstanding rights, agreements or binding letters of intent to enter into any contract for sale or ground lease to sell or ground lease any Company Property or any portion thereof that is owned by any Company Subsidiary, or to lease any Company Property which lease (if executed) would constitute a Material Company Lease, which, in each case, is in favor of any party other than Company, Operating Partnership or a Company Subsidiary.

- (i) Except pursuant to a Company Lease, or any ground lease affecting any Company Property or as disclosed in <u>Section 4.18(i)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary is a party to any agreement pursuant to which Company or any Company Subsidiary manages the development of any real property for any third party.
- (j) To the Knowledge of Company, for each Company Property, policies of (i) title insurance have been issued insuring, as of the effective date of each such insurance policy, fee simple title interest held by Company or the applicable Company Subsidiary with respect to the Company Properties that are not subject to the ground leases, and (ii) leasehold insurance have been issued insuring, as of the effective date of each such insurance policy, the leasehold interest that Company or the applicable Company Subsidiary holds with respect to each Company Property that is leased to the Company or a Company Subsidiary pursuant to a ground lease (each, a "Company Title Insurance Policy" and, collectively, the "Company Title Insurance Policies"). A copy of each Company Title Insurance Policy in Company's possession has been made available to Parent. No written claim is currently pending against any Company Title Insurance Policy that, individually or in the aggregate, would be material to any Company Property and for which the applicable title insurer has not accepted full responsibility for the payment thereof.
- (k) To Company's Knowledge, <u>Section 4.18(k)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter lists each Company Property that is (i) under material development or construction as of the date hereof (other than normal repair and maintenance), or (ii) subject to a binding agreement for material development or construction by Company or a Company Subsidiary, in each case other than those pertaining to Tenant Improvements, customary capital repairs, replacements and other similar correction of deferred maintenance items in the ordinary course of business.
- (I) <u>Section 4.18(I)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter lists the parties (other than Company or a Company Subsidiary) currently providing third-party property management services to Company or a Company Subsidiary and identifies the Company Properties currently managed by each such party. True and correct copies (in all material respects) of all agreements providing for such services (the "<u>Third-Party Property Management Agreements</u>") have been provided to Parent prior to the date hereof.
- (m) To Company's Knowledge, except as may be disclosed in any Company Title Insurance Policies, title commitments, title proformas, zoning reports or surveys previously provided to Parent or as disclosed in <u>Section 4.18(m)</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, the Company Properties (x) are supplied with utilities and other services as reasonably required for their continued operation as they are now being operated, and (y) are, to Company's Knowledge, either (A) in good working order sufficient for their normal operation in the manner currently being operated and without any material structural defects other than as may be disclosed in any physical condition reports that have been made available to Parent or (B) scheduled for maintenance or repair in the ordinary course of business.

- (n) To Company's Knowledge, except as may be disclosed in any Company Title Insurance Policies, title commitments, title proformas, zoning reports or surveys previously provided to Parent, each of the Company Properties has sufficient access to and from publicly dedicated streets for its current use and operation, without any constraints that interfere with the normal use, occupancy and operation thereof.
- (o) Company and the Company Subsidiaries have good and valid title to, or a valid and enforceable leasehold interest in, or other right to use, all personal property owned, used or held for use by them as of the date of this Agreement (other than property owned by tenants and used or held in connection with the applicable tenancy), except as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect. None of Company's or any of the Company Subsidiaries' ownership of or leasehold interest in any such personal property is subject to any Liens, except for Company Permitted Liens.
- (p) Neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary has received written notice (i) that Company or any Company Subsidiary is in violation or default under any material reciprocal easement agreement or other similar agreements to which Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party, except for violations or defaults that have been cured or that have not had, or would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, Company Material Adverse Effect, (ii) of any structural defects, or violation of Law, relating to any Company Property that would have, or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, Company Material Adverse Effect, or (iii) of any physical damage to any Company Property for which there is not insurance in effect covering the full cost of the restoration and the loss of revenue, subject to deductibles reasonably carried by prudent owners of properties similar to and located in the same area as the applicable Company Property, except as would not have, or would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, Company Material Adverse Effect. Neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary has delivered a written default notice to a party under any reciprocal easement agreement or other similar agreements to which a member of Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party, except for defaults that have been cured or that have not had or would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.

Section 4.19 Material Contracts.

- (a) Except for contracts filed as exhibits to the Company SEC Documents, any Company Lease (other than any Material Company Lease) or as set forth in Section 4.19(a) of the Company Disclosure Letter, as of the date of this Agreement, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary is a party to or bound by any contract that, as of the date hereof:
- (i) is required to be filed as an exhibit to the Company Annual Report on Form 10-K pursuant to Item 601(b)(2) or (10) of Regulation S-K promulgated under the Securities Act;

- (ii) obligates Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary to make aggregate annual (or during the remaining term of such contract) expenditures (other than principal and/or interest payments or the deposit of other reserves with respect to debt obligations) in excess of \$1,000,000 and is not cancelable within ninety (90) days without material penalty to Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary;
- (iii) contains any non-compete, non-solicit or exclusivity provisions (in each case, other than those contained in agreements with employees or independent contractors that do not contractually bind Company or any Company Subsidiary with any such non-compete, non-solicit, or exclusivity provisions) with respect to any line of business or geographic area that materially restricts the business of Company or any Company Subsidiary, or that otherwise materially restricts the lines of business conducted by Company or any Company Subsidiary or the geographic area in which Company or any Company Subsidiary may conduct business or provides for "most favored nation" rights that restrict existing or future Affiliates of Company, in each case that would reasonably be expected to be material to the operations of Company or any Company Subsidiary, taken as a whole;
- (iv) constitutes Indebtedness for borrowed money obligations of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary with a principal amount as of the date hereof greater than \$3,000,000;
- (v) requires Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary to dispose of or acquire assets or properties with a fair market value in excess of \$1,000,000, or involves any pending or contemplated merger, consolidation or similar business combination transaction:
- (vi) contains obligations for the acquisition or disposition (by merger, consolidation, purchase or sale of stock or assets or otherwise) of any entity, business, or material assets that, after the date hereof, could result in material liabilities on the part of Company or any Company Subsidiary in respect of any (A) purchase price adjustment, earn-outs or contingent purchase price obligations, or (B) solely in respect of any acquisition or disposition of any entity, business, or assets that constitute a business or division of Company, indemnity obligations;
 - (vii) constitutes a Third-Party Property Management Agreement or a Material Company Lease;
- (viii) constitutes an interest rate cap, interest rate collar, interest rate swap or other contract or agreement relating to a hedging transaction;
- (ix) constitutes a joint venture, partnership or limited liability company agreement between Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, on the one hand, and any third party, on the other hand;

- (x) constitutes a loan to any Person (other than a wholly-owned Company Subsidiary) by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary (other than advances made pursuant to any disbursement agreement, development agreement, or development addendum entered into in connection with a Company Lease with respect to the development, construction, or equipping of Company Properties or the funding of improvements to Company Properties) in an amount in excess of \$1,000,000; or
- (xi) involves any settlement of any litigation or arbitration which has not been fully performed or accrued for, other than, in each case, (A) any such contracts, agreements or understandings concerning the routine collection of debts entered into in the ordinary course of business and (B) providing solely for payments under any such contract, agreement or understanding by Company or any Company Subsidiary in an amount less than \$500,000.
- (b) Each contract in any of the categories set forth in <u>Section 4.19(a)</u> to which Company or any Company Subsidiary is a party or by which it is bound as of the date hereof is referred to herein as a "<u>Company Material Contract</u>." A true, complete and correct copy of each Company Material Contract, as of the date of this Agreement, has been made available to Parent prior to the date of this Agreement.
- Except as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, each Company Material Contract is legal, valid, binding and enforceable on Company, Operating Partnership and each Company Subsidiary that is a party thereto and, to the Knowledge of Company, each other party thereto, and is in full force and effect, except as may be limited by bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar Laws affecting creditors' or landlords' or other applicable counterparties' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at Law). Except as, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, Company. Operating Partnership and each Company Subsidiary has performed all obligations required to be performed by it prior to the date hereof under each Company Material Contract and, to the Knowledge of Company, each other party thereto has performed all obligations required to be performed by it under such Company Material Contract prior to the date hereof. None of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, nor, to the Knowledge of Company, any other party thereto, is in material breach or violation of, or default under, any Company Material Contract, and no event has occurred that, with notice or lapse of time or both, would constitute a violation, breach or default under any Company Material Contract, except where in each case such breach, violation or default is not reasonably likely to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect. As of the date hereof, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary has received written notice of any violation or default by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, or, to the Knowledge of Company, any other party thereto under any Company Material Contract, except for violations or defaults that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect.

- Section 4.20 Insurance. Company and the Company Subsidiaries maintain insurance coverage with reputable insurers in such amounts and covering such risks which Company believes are adequate for the operation of its business and the protection of its assets. As of the date hereof, there is no material claim by Company or any Company Subsidiary pending under any such insurance policies that has been denied or disputed by the insurer (but such insurer may have reserved rights with respect to such claim). Company has made available to Parent copies of all material insurance policies and all material fidelity bonds or other material insurance contracts providing coverage for all Company Properties (the "Company Insurance Policies"). Except as individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Company Material Adverse Effect, all premiums due and payable under all Company Insurance Policies have been paid, and Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have otherwise complied in all material respects with the terms and conditions of all Company Insurance Policies. To the Knowledge of Company, such Company Insurance Policies are valid and enforceable in accordance with their terms and are in full force and effect. As of the date hereof, no written notice of cancellation or termination has been received by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary with respect to any such policy which has not been replaced on substantially similar terms prior to the date of such cancellation.
- Section 4.21 Opinion of Financial Advisor. The Company Board has received an opinion from each of KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, to the effect that, as of the date of such opinion and subject to the assumptions, qualifications and limitations set forth in each such opinion, the consideration to be received in the REIT Merger by the holders of Company Common Stock is fair, from a financial point of view, to such holders, which opinion will be made available to Parent solely for informational purposes within two (2) Business Days after the date hereof.
- Section 4.22 <u>Approval Required</u>. The affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Company Common Stock entitled to vote on the REIT Merger (the "<u>Company Stockholder Approval</u>") is the only vote of holders of securities of Company required to approve this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- Section 4.23 <u>Brokers</u>. Except for the fees and expenses payable to KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC, no broker, investment banker or other Person is entitled to any broker's, finder's or other similar fee or commission in connection with the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary.
- Section 4.24 <u>Investment Company Act</u>. Neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any Company Subsidiary is required to be registered as an investment company under the Investment Company Act.
- Section 4.25 <u>Takeover Statutes</u>. The Company Board has taken all action necessary to render inapplicable to the REIT Merger and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the restrictions on business combinations contained in Subtitle 6 of Title 3 of the MGCL and Subtitle 7 of Title 3 of the MGCL. No other "business combination," "control share acquisition," "fair price," "moratorium" or other takeover or anti-takeover statute or similar federal

or state Law (collectively, "Takeover Statutes") is applicable to this Agreement, the Mergers or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.

Section 4.26 <u>Related Party Transactions</u>. Except for this Agreement or as set forth in the Company SEC Documents filed through and including the date of this Agreement, there have been no transactions, agreements, arrangements or understandings between Company or any Company Subsidiary, on the one hand, and any Affiliates (other than the Company Subsidiaries) of Company, on the other hand, that would be required to be disclosed under Item 404 of Regulation S-K promulgated by the SEC.

Section 4.27 Anti-Corruption and Anti-Bribery. None of Company, any Company Subsidiary, any other Affiliate of Company or any director, officer, manager or employee of Company, any Company Subsidiary or any other Affiliate of Company nor, to Company's Knowledge, any consultant, agent or other third party acting for or on behalf of Company, any Company Subsidiary or any other Affiliate of Company has, directly or indirectly, in connection with the conduct of any activity of Company, any Company Subsidiary or any other Affiliate of Company: (a) made, offered, promised or authorized any payment, loan or transfer of anything of value, including any reward, bribe, payoff, influence payment, kickback, rebate, contribution, gift, entertainment, advantage or benefit of any kind, to or for the benefit of any Person, for the purpose of (i) influencing any act or decision of such or other Person, (ii) inducing such or other Person to do or omit to do any act in violation of a lawful duty, (iii) obtaining or retaining business for or with any Person, (iv) expediting or securing the performance of official acts of a routine nature or (v) otherwise securing any improper advantage; (b) established or maintained any unlawful fund of corporate monies or other properties; (c) created or caused the creation of any false or inaccurate books and records related to any of the foregoing; (d) in connection with any applicable Law relating to anti-corruption and/or anti-bribery matters (i) conducted or initiated any review, audit or internal investigation, (ii) made a voluntary, directed or involuntary disclosure to any Governmental Authority or (iii), in the past five (5) years, received any written notice, request or citation from any Person alleging noncompliance relating to anti-corruption and/or anti-bribery matters; or (e) violated (i) any provision of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78dd-1, et seq., (ii) the principles set out in the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions or (iii) any other applicable Law relating to anti-corruption and/or anti-bribery matters. In the past five (5) years, to the Knowledge of Company, there has been no condition or circumstance that would reasonably be expected to give rise to any liability relating to noncompliance with any applicable Law relating to anticorruption and/or anti-bribery matters.

Section 4.28 No Other Representations or Warranties. Except for the representations or warranties expressly set forth in this Article 4, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any other Person has made any representation or warranty, expressed or implied, with respect to Company, Operating Partnership or the Company Subsidiaries, their businesses, operations, assets, liabilities, condition (financial or otherwise), results of operations, future operating or financial results, estimates, projections, forecasts, plans or prospects (including the reasonableness of the assumptions underlying such estimates, projections, forecasts, plans or prospects) or the accuracy or completeness of any information regarding Company, Operating Partnership or the Company Subsidiaries. In particular, without limiting the foregoing disclaimer, neither Company, Operating Partnership nor any other Person makes or has made any representation or warranty to Parent or

any of its Affiliates or Representatives with respect to, except for the representations and warranties made by Company and Operating Partnership in this Article 4, any oral or written information presented to Parent or any of its Affiliates or Representatives in the course of their due diligence of Company and Operating Partnership, the negotiation of this Agreement or in the course of the transactions contemplated hereby. Notwithstanding anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary, each of Company and Operating Partnership acknowledges and agrees that none of Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub or any other Person has made or is making any representations or warranties relating to Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub whatsoever, express or implied, beyond those expressly given by Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub in Article 5, including any implied representation or warranty as to the accuracy or completeness of any information regarding Parent, REIT Merger Sub furnished or made available to Company and Operating Partnership or any of their Representatives.

ARTICLE 5 REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES OF PARENT, REIT MERGER SUB AND OP MERGER SUB

Except as set forth in the disclosure letter prepared by Parent, with numbering corresponding to the numbering of this Agreement, delivered by Parent to Company concurrently with the execution and delivery of this Agreement (the "Parent Disclosure Letter") (it being acknowledged and agreed that disclosure of any item in any section or subsection of the Parent Disclosure Letter shall be deemed disclosed with respect to any other section or subsection of this Agreement to the extent the applicability of such disclosure to any representation or warranty is readily apparent on the face of such disclosure (it being understood that to be so readily apparent it is not required that the other sections be cross-referenced); provided that nothing in the Parent Disclosure Letter is intended to broaden the scope of any representation or warranty of Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub made herein), Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub hereby jointly and severally represent and warrant to Company and Operating Partnership that:

Section 5.1 Organization and Qualification. Parent is a limited partnership duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware. REIT Merger Sub is a limited liability company, duly formed, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware. OP Merger Sub is a limited liability company duly organized, validly existing and in good standing under the laws of the State of Delaware. Each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub has the requisite organizational power and authority to own, lease and, to the extent applicable, operate its properties and to carry on its business as it is now being conducted and is duly qualified or licensed to do business, and is in good standing, in each jurisdiction where the character of the properties owned, operated or leased by it or the nature of its business makes such qualification, licensing or good standing necessary, except for such failures to be so qualified, licensed or in good standing that would not, individually or in the aggregate, reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect. Each of REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub are wholly-owned Parent Subsidiaries.

Section 5.2 Authority.

- (a) Each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub has the requisite corporate or limited liability company power and authority, as applicable, to execute and deliver this Agreement, to perform its obligations hereunder and to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including the Mergers. The execution and delivery of this Agreement by each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement have been duly and validly authorized by all necessary corporate or limited liability company action, and no other corporate or limited liability company proceedings on the part of each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub are necessary to authorize this Agreement or the Mergers or to consummate the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, subject, with respect to the Mergers, to the filing of the REIT Merger Certificate of Merger with, and acceptance for record of the REIT Merger Certificate of Merger by, the SOS, the filing of the REIT Merger Articles of Merger with, and the acceptance for record of the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger by, the SOS. This Agreement has been duly executed and delivered by each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub and assuming due authorization, execution and delivery by Company and Operating Partnership, constitutes a legally valid and binding obligation of each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub, enforceable against each of them in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law).
- (b) The general partner of Parent has (i) determined that this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement are advisable and in the best interests of Parent, and (ii) approved this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement. In addition, each of Parent, in its capacity as the sole member of REIT Merger Sub, and REIT Merger Sub, in its capacity as the sole member of OP Merger Sub, has taken all actions required for the execution of this Agreement by REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub, respectively, and to adopt and approve this Agreement and to approve the consummation by REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub, as applicable, of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- (c) Parent was formed solely for the purpose of engaging in the transactions contemplated by the Transaction Documents, and it has not conducted any business activities prior to the date hereof and has no, and prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time will have no, business activities, assets, liabilities or obligations of any nature other than those incident to its formation and pursuant to this Agreement, the Transaction Documents and the Financing. Except for REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub, Parent does not own any shares of capital stock or other equity interests in any other Person and has no obligations, agreements or commitments to purchase or acquire any such shares or other equity interests.

Section 5.3 No Conflict; Required Filings and Consents.

- (a) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub does not, and the performance of this Agreement and its obligations hereunder will not, (i) conflict with or violate any provision of any organizational or governing document of Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub, (ii) assuming that all consents, approvals, authorizations and permits described in Section 5.3(b) have been obtained, all filings and notifications described in Section 5.3(b) have been made and any waiting periods thereunder have terminated or expired, conflict with or violate any Law applicable to each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub is bound, or (iii) require any consent or approval (except as contemplated by Section 5.3(b)) under, result in any breach of any obligation or any loss of any benefit or material increase in any cost or obligation of Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub under, or constitute a default (or an event which with notice or lapse of time or both would become a default) under, or give to any other Person any right of termination, acceleration or cancellation (with or without notice or the lapse of time or both) of, or give rise to any right of purchase, first offer or forced sale under or result in the creation of a Lien on any property or asset of Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub pursuant to any contract to which Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub is a party, except for any such conflicts, violations, breaches, defaults or other occurrences which, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) The execution and delivery of this Agreement by each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub does not, and the performance of this Agreement by each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub will not, require any consent, approval, authorization or permit of, or filing with or notification to, any Governmental Authority, except (i) the filing of the REIT Merger Certificate of Merger with, and the acceptance of Merger for record by, the SOS pursuant to the DLLCA and the filing of the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger with, and the acceptance of the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger by, the SOS pursuant to the DRULPA and the DLLCA, (iii) such filings as may be required in connection with state and local Transfer Taxes, and (iv) where failure to obtain such consents, approvals, authorizations or permits, or to make such filings or notifications, individually or in the aggregate, would not reasonably be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- Section 5.4 <u>Litigation</u>. Except as individually or in the aggregate, would not be expected to have a Parent Material Adverse Effect, as of the date of this Agreement, (a) there is no Action pending or, to the Knowledge of Parent, threatened in writing against Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub or any Parent Subsidiary, and (b) neither Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub nor any Parent Subsidiary, nor any of their respective properties, is subject to any outstanding Order of any Governmental Authority.
- Section 5.5 <u>Information Supplied</u>. None of the information supplied by Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub, the Parent Subsidiaries or their respective Representatives for inclusion or incorporation by reference in the Proxy Statement or any other document filed with any other Governmental Authority in connection with the Mergers or the other transactions

contemplated by this Agreement will at the time of the mailing thereof or at the time the Stockholders Meeting is to be held, contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading.

- Section 5.6 <u>Brokers</u>. Except for the fees and expenses payable to Moelis & Company and Citigroup Global Markets, Inc., no broker, investment banker or other Person is entitled to any broker's, finder's or other similar fee or commission in connection with the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement based upon arrangements made by or on behalf of any of Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub.
- Section 5.7 <u>Capitalization of REIT Merger Sub.</u> The authorized limited liability company interests of REIT Merger Sub consists of 1,000 units, 100 of which are validly issued, fully paid, nonassessable and outstanding. All of the issued and outstanding limited liability company interests of REIT Merger Sub are, and at the REIT Merger Effective Time will be, owned by Parent, free and clear of all Liens. REIT Merger Sub does not have outstanding any option, warrant, right or any other agreement pursuant to which any Person other than Parent or its wholly owned Subsidiaries may acquire any equity security of REIT Merger Sub. REIT Merger Sub was formed solely for the purpose of engaging in the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and it has not conducted any business activities prior to the date hereof and has no, and prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time will have no, business activities, assets, liabilities or obligations of any nature other than those incident to its formation and pursuant to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- Section 5.8 <u>Capitalization of OP Merger Sub</u>. The authorized limited liability company units of OP Merger Sub consists of 1,000 units, 100 of which are validly issued and outstanding. All of the issued and outstanding limited liability company units of OP Merger Sub are, and at the Partnership Merger Effective Time will be, owned by REIT Merger Sub, free and clear of all Liens. OP Merger Sub does not have outstanding any option, warrant, right or any other agreement pursuant to which any Person other than REIT Merger Sub or its wholly owned Subsidiaries may acquire any equity security of OP Merger Sub. OP Merger Sub was formed solely for the purpose of engaging in the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and it has not conducted any business activities prior to the date hereof and has no, and prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time will have no, business activities, assets, liabilities or obligations of any nature other than those incident to its formation and pursuant to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- Section 5.9 <u>Stock Ownership</u>. Neither Parent nor any of Parent's Affiliates directly or indirectly (including pursuant to a derivative contract) owns, and, at all times for the past three (3) years, neither Parent nor any of Parent's Affiliates has owned, beneficially or otherwise, any shares of Company's capital stock or any equity interests, securities, contracts or obligations convertible into or exercisable or exchangeable for shares of Company's capital stock.

Section 5.10 Tax Classification.

- (a) Since its formation, REIT Merger Sub has been either a disregarded entity of Parent or a corporation for federal income tax purposes; <u>provided</u>, that it shall elect to be treated as a corporation for federal income tax purposes effective at least one (1) Business Day prior to the Closing Date.
- (b) Since its formation, OP Merger Sub has been (i) prior to the date on which REIT Merger Sub elects to be treated as a corporation, a disregarded entity of Parent for federal income tax purposes, and (ii) from and after the date on which REIT Merger Sub elects to be treated as a corporation, a disregarded entity of REIT Merger Sub for federal income tax purposes.

Section 5.11 Financing.

- (a) Parent has delivered to Company a true, correct and complete copy of a duly executed debt commitment letter, dated as of October 24, 2025, and Redacted Fee Letter (together with the term sheet and any other annexes, exhibits, schedules or other attachments thereto, collectively, the "<u>Debt Commitment Letter</u>"), by and among Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub and the Debt Financing Sources party thereto, pursuant to which the Debt Financing Sources have agreed, subject to the terms and conditions therein, to provide debt financing in the amounts set forth therein for the purposes of financing the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the related fees and expenses to be incurred by Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub in connection therewith. The debt financing committed pursuant to the Debt Commitment Letter is collectively referred to in this Agreement as the "<u>Debt Financing</u>."
- (b) Parent has delivered to Company a true, correct and complete copies of the following (the "Equity Commitment Letters" and, together with the Debt Commitment Letter, the "Commitment Letters"): (x) the duly executed equity commitment letter, dated as of the date of this Agreement, by and between those certain entities set forth on Schedule C-1 hereto (collectively, "Makarora") and Parent and (y) the duly executed equity commitment letter, dated as of the date of this Agreement, by and between those certain investment funds set forth on Schedule C-2 hereto (collectively, "Ares" and, together with Makarora, the "Equity Investors") and Parent, pursuant to which, on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth therein, the Equity Investors have agreed to invest, severally and not jointly, in Parent the amount set forth in the respective Equity Commitment Letter for the purpose of funding a portion of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement. The equity financing committed pursuant to the Equity Commitment Letters is referred to in this Agreement as the "Equity Financing." The Equity Financing and the Debt Financing are collectively referred to as the "Financing." Each Equity Commitment Letter provides that Company and Operating Partnership are express third party beneficiaries of such Equity Commitment Letter.
- (c) As of the date hereof, except as expressly set forth in the unredacted portions of the Commitment Letters, there are no conditions precedent to the obligations of the Debt Financing Sources or the Equity Investors to provide the Financing or any written agreement setting forth contingencies that would permit the Debt Financing Sources or the Equity Investors to reduce the aggregate principal amount of the Financing below the amount required to pay the Financing Amounts (as defined below) on the Closing Date. Assuming the satisfaction of the

conditions set forth in Article 7, as of the date hereof, Parent does not have any reason to believe that any of the conditions in the Commitment Letters will fail to be satisfied on a timely basis on or prior to the Closing Date (in each case, to the extent the satisfaction thereof is within the control of Parent) or that the full amount of the Financing will not be available to be funded on the Closing Date. As of the date hereof, there are no side letters, understandings or other agreements, contracts or arrangements of any kind to which Parent or any of its Affiliates are a party relating to the Commitment Letters or the Financing other than as expressly contained in the Commitment Letters and delivered to Company prior to the date of this Agreement that could adversely affect the availability, conditionality, enforceability or amount of the Financing contemplated by the Commitment Letters.

- (d) Assuming the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Article 7, the aggregate amounts committed pursuant to the Financing, when funded in accordance with the Commitment Letters on the Closing Date and giving effect to any "flex" provision in or related to the Debt Commitment Letter (including with respect to fees and original issue discount), shall provide Parent with available funds on the Closing Date sufficient for the satisfaction of (x) all of Parent's, REIT Merger Sub's and OP Merger Sub's payment obligations under this Agreement and the Commitment Letters that are required to be paid on the Closing Date, including the payment of the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration, the aggregate Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration and the Stock Award Payments, (y) any fees and expenses required to be paid by Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub, REIT Surviving Entity or Partnership Surviving Entity on the Closing Date in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and (z) any repayment or refinancing of any outstanding Indebtedness of Company or the Company Subsidiaries contemplated by, required in connection with, or as a result of, the transactions described in, this Agreement or the Commitment Letters (such amounts described the foregoing clauses (x), (y) and (z), collectively, the "Financing Amounts").
- (e) To the Knowledge of Parent, the Commitment Letters constitute the legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligations of the other parties thereto and are in full force and effect as of the date hereof, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law). Assuming the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in Article 7, as of the date hereof, no event has occurred which (with or without notice, lapse of time or both) constitutes, or would reasonably be expected to constitute, a default or breach by Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub or, to the Knowledge of Parent, any other parties thereto under the terms and conditions of the Commitment Letters. Parent has paid (or caused to be paid) in full any and all commitment fees or other fees required to be paid pursuant to the terms of the Commitment Letters on or before the date of this Agreement, and, subject to the occurrence of the Closing, will pay in full any such amounts due on or before the Closing Date as and when due. As of the date hereof, the Commitment Letters have not been modified or amended, except as permitted by Section 6.14(b) (with any such modification or amendment promptly notified in writing to Company) and none of the respective commitments under any of the Commitment Letters have been terminated, reduced, withdrawn or rescinded in any respect, and no termination, reduction, withdrawal, modification, amendment or rescission thereof is contemplated; provided that Parent may replace, amend, supplement or modify the Debt Commitment Letter to add lenders, lead

arrangers, bookrunners, syndication agents or similar entities (or titles with respect to such entities) that have not executed the Debt Commitment Letter as of the date of this Agreement (it being understood that the aggregate commitments of the lenders party to the Debt Commitment Letter prior to such replacement, amendment, supplement or modification may be reduced in the amount of such additional party's commitments).

- (f) Parent acknowledges that receipt of the proceeds of the Financing is not a condition to consummate the Mergers.
- Section 5.12 <u>Limited Guaranty</u>. Concurrently with the execution of this Agreement, the Equity Investors have delivered to Company a true, complete and correct copy of the executed Limited Guaranty. The Limited Guaranty is in full force and effect and constitutes the legal, valid, binding and enforceable obligation of the Equity Investors in accordance with its terms, except as such enforceability may be limited by applicable bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium or other similar Laws affecting creditors' rights generally and by general principles of equity (regardless of whether enforceability is considered in a proceeding in equity or at law). No event has occurred that, with or without notice, lapse of time or both, would or would reasonably be expected to constitute a default or breach on the part of the Equity Investors under the terms and conditions of the Limited Guaranty. The Equity Investors have, and at the Closing will have, sufficient capital to satisfy the full amount of the guaranteed obligations under the Limited Guaranty.
- Section 5.13 No Parent Partner Vote. No vote or consent of the partners of Parent or the holders of any other securities of Parent (equity or otherwise) is required for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- Section 5.14 <u>Certain Arrangements</u>. There are no contracts, undertakings, commitments, obligations or understandings, whether written or oral and whether or not legally binding, between Parent or any of its Affiliates, on the one hand, and any member of Company's management or the Company Board or any beneficial owner of shares of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units, Series C Preferred Units or Operating Partnership Warrants, on the other hand, (a) relating in any way to the equity or capital of Company or any Company Subsidiary, the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, the management of the REIT Surviving Entity after the REIT Merger Effective Time or the management of the Partnership Surviving Entity after the Partnership Merger Effective Date; or (b) pursuant to which any stockholder of Company, holder of Operating Partnership Units, holder of Series C Preferred Units or holder of Operating Partnership Warrants would be entitled to receive value or consideration of a different amount or nature than the REIT Merger Consideration, the Partnership Merger Consideration or the Series C Preferred Unit Per Share Redemption Consideration, as applicable, or agrees to vote in favor of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or agrees to vote against or otherwise oppose any Acquisition Proposal.

Section 5.15 <u>Solvency</u>. None of Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub or the Equity Investors is entering into this Agreement with the actual intent to hinder, delay or defraud either present or future creditors of itself or any of its Affiliates or of Company or any Company Subsidiaries. As of the Closing, immediately after giving effect to the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including after giving effect to the Financing, and assuming the satisfaction of the conditions set forth in <u>Article 7</u>, Parent and each of its Subsidiaries (including Company and the Company Subsidiaries) will be Solvent.

Section 5.16 No Other Representations. Each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub acknowledges that it has conducted its own independent investigation and analysis of Company, Operating Partnership, and the Company Subsidiaries and their respective businesses. operations, assets, liabilities, results of operations, conditions (financial or otherwise) and prospects, and, in making its determination to enter into this Agreement and proceed with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, it has relied on its own independent investigation. Each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub acknowledges and agrees that, except for the express representations and warranties contained in Article 4, neither Company nor any other Person (a) makes or has made any representation or warranty, expressed or implied, at law or in equity, with respect to or on behalf of Company or the Company Subsidiaries or their respective businesses, operations, assets, liabilities, conditions (financial or otherwise), results of operations, future operating or financial results, estimates, projections, forecasts, plans or prospects (including the reasonableness of the assumptions underlying such estimates, projections, forecasts, plans or prospects) or any other matter or the accuracy or completeness of any information regarding Company, Operating Partnership or the Company Subsidiaries or their respective businesses, operations, assets, liabilities, conditions (financial or otherwise), results of operations, future operating or financial results, estimates, projections, forecasts, plans or prospects (including the reasonableness of the assumptions underlying such estimates, projections, forecasts, plans or prospects) or any other matter made available to Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub in any "data rooms," "virtual data rooms" or management presentations or any other form in expectation of, or in connection with, this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or (b) will be liable to Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub in respect of the accuracy or completeness of any such information. Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates, hereby expressly waives any claim it may have relating to the foregoing matters. Each of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub specifically disclaims that it is relying upon or has relied upon, or is entitled to rely upon, any such other representations or warranties that may have been made by any Person or any such information, and acknowledges and agrees that Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries have specifically disclaimed and do hereby specifically disclaim any such other representations and warranties.

ARTICLE 6 COVENANTS

Section 6.1 <u>Conduct of Business by Company and Operating Partnership.</u>

(a) Each of Company and Operating Partnership covenants and agrees that, between the date of this Agreement and the earlier to occur of the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time and the date, if any, on which this Agreement is terminated pursuant to Section 8.1 (the "Interim Period"), except to the extent required by Law, as

may be consented to in advance in writing by Parent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned), as may be expressly contemplated, required or permitted pursuant to this Agreement, or as set forth in Section 6.1(a) or Section 6.1(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter, Company shall, and shall cause each of the Company Subsidiaries to, (i) conduct its business in all material respects in the ordinary course in a manner consistent with past practice in all material respects and in compliance with Law in all material respects and (ii) use its commercially reasonable efforts to (A) maintain its material assets and properties in their current condition (normal wear and tear and damage caused by casualty or by any reason outside of Company or any Company Subsidiary's control excepted), (B) preserve intact in all material respects its current business organization, goodwill, ongoing businesses and significant relationships with customers, suppliers, distributors, creditors, lessors, managers, operators, tenants and other third parties, and (C) maintain the status of Company as a REIT; provided that no action or omission (to the extent such omission is result of a failure by Parent to provide consent to an action prohibited by Section 6.1(b) by Company or any Company Subsidiary with respect to any matter specifically addressed by any provision of Section 6.1(b) shall be deemed a breach of this sentence unless such action would constitute a breach of such provision in Section 6.1(b).

- (b) Without limiting the foregoing, Company covenants and agrees that, during the Interim Period, except to the extent required by Law, as may be consented to in writing by Parent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, delayed or conditioned) (it being understood that with respect to items requiring consent pursuant to clause (vii) or (xii) below, Parent's consent shall be deemed given if Parent has not, within five (5) Business Days of receipt by Parent of a written request for its consent, so provided or withheld such consent), as may be expressly contemplated, required or permitted by this Agreement, or as set forth in Section 6.1(a) or Section 6.1(b) of the Company Disclosure Letter, Company shall not, and shall not cause or permit any Company Subsidiary to, do any of the following:
- (i) amend or propose to amend (A) the Company Charter, the Company Bylaws or the Operating Partnership Agreement, (B) in any material respect, such equivalent organizational or governing documents of any Company Subsidiary material to Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries, or (C) waive the stock ownership limit or create an Excepted Holder Limit (as defined in the Company Charter) under the Company Charter;
- (ii) adjust, split, combine, reclassify or subdivide any shares of stock or other equity securities or ownership interests of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary (other than any wholly-owned Company Subsidiary);
- (iii) authorize, declare, set aside or pay any dividend on or make any other distributions (whether in cash, stock, property or otherwise) with respect to shares of capital stock of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary or other equity securities or ownership interests in Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, except for (A) the declaration and payment by Company of dividends in respect of the third fiscal quarter of 2025 in accordance with past practice at a rate not to exceed \$0.24 per share, (B) the declaration and payment of regular distributions that are required to be made in respect of Operating Partnership Units, (C) the declaration and payment of PIK Distributions (as defined in the Certificate of Designations) that are required to be made in respect of the Series C Preferred Units, (D) the declaration and

payment of dividends or other distributions by any directly or indirectly wholly-owned Company Subsidiary to its parent entity, or (E) in accordance with Section 6.1(c);

- (iv) purchase, redeem, repurchase or otherwise acquire, directly or indirectly, any shares of its capital stock or other equity interests of Company, Operating Partnership or a Company Subsidiary, other than (A) the redemption or exchange of Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units pursuant to and in accordance with the provisions of the Operating Partnership Agreement, (B) the redemption of Series C Preferred Units in accordance with the terms of the Certificate of Designations, (C) the withholding of shares of Company Common Stock to satisfy withholding Tax obligations with respect to awards granted pursuant to the Company Equity Incentive Plan, and (D) the acquisition by Company in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice in connection with the forfeiture of awards pursuant to the terms of the Company Equity Incentive Plan upon termination of employment or service of an award holder;
- (v) except for (A) transactions among Company and one or more wholly-owned Company Subsidiaries or among one or more wholly-owned Company Subsidiaries, (B) as contemplated in Section 6.1(b)(vi) and (C) redemptions of Series C Preferred Units in accordance with the Certificate of Designations, issue, deliver, sell, pledge, dispose, encumber or grant any shares of Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries' capital stock, or any options, warrants, convertible securities or other rights of any kind to acquire any shares of Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries' capital stock or other equity interests; provided, however, that Company may issue shares of Company Common Stock (I) upon the vesting of any Company Restricted Stock or upon payment with respect to any Company Performance Stock Unit outstanding as of the date of this Agreement or as may be granted after the date of this Agreement in accordance with Section 6.1(b)(xv), and (II) pursuant to the Company Equity Incentive Plan to the extent required under the terms of the Company Equity Incentive Plan as in effect as of the date of this Agreement;
- (vi) acquire or agree to acquire (including by merger, consolidation or acquisition of stock or assets) any real property, personal property (other than personal property at a total cost of less than \$2,000,000 in the aggregate), corporation, partnership, limited liability company, other business organization or any division or material amount of assets thereof, except acquisitions (other than of real property) by Company, Operating Partnership or any wholly-owned Company Subsidiary of or from an existing wholly-owned Company Subsidiary and, in each case, excluding in respect of any improvements (including in respect of Tenant Improvements) made to real property not in violation of Section 6.1(b)(xxii);
- (vii) sell, license, mortgage, pledge, lease, assign, transfer, dispose of or encumber, agree to or otherwise effect a deed or assignment in lieu of foreclosure with respect to, or otherwise dispose of any Company Properties (or real property that if owned by Company or any Company Subsidiaries on the date of this Agreement would be a Company Property) or any other material assets (whether by asset acquisition, stock acquisition or otherwise, including by merging or consolidating with, or by purchasing an equity interest in or portion of the assets of, or by any other manner), except (A) leases of Company Properties in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice which do not grant any preferential purchase options or the right to participate in payment-in-lieu-of-taxes programs (or similar programs) and which comply with the

Section 6.1(b)(xii), (B) sales of Company Properties with a value of less than \$1,000,000 individually or \$5,000,000 in the aggregate in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, (C) pledges or encumbrances of direct or indirect equity interests in entities from time to time under Company's existing revolving credit facility that are not currently included in Company's borrowing base under Company's existing revolving credit facility, (D) for the replacement of personal property in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice, or (E) the exercise by third parties of any purchase options under the terms of any Company Leases existing on the date hereof or entered into in compliance with the terms of this Agreement with respect to which neither the Company nor any Company Subsidiary has any discretion, except for (x) Company's or the applicable Company Subsidiary's right to reasonably approve or negotiate transaction documents related to the sale, and (y) other ministerial or customary conditions that do not permit Company or the applicable Company Subsidiary to unilaterally decline to proceed with the sale if the tenant has validly exercised the option and satisfied all material conditions precedent thereto;

(viii) incur, create, assume, refinance, replace or prepay any Indebtedness for borrowed money or issue or amend the terms of any Indebtedness or debt securities of Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries, or assume, guarantee or endorse, or otherwise become responsible (whether directly, contingently or otherwise) for the Indebtedness of any other Person (other than a wholly-owned Company Subsidiary), except (A) Indebtedness incurred under Company's existing secured and unsecured revolving credit facilities in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice (including to the extent necessary to pay dividends in accordance with Section 6.1(b)(iii)); (B) funding any transactions permitted by this Section 6.1(b); and (C) Indebtedness that does not, in the aggregate, exceed \$1,000,000;

(ix) make any loans, advances or capital contributions to, or investments in, any other Person (including to any of its officers, directors, Affiliates, agents or consultants), or make any change in its existing lending arrangements for or on behalf of such Persons, enter into any "keep well" or other similar arrangement to maintain any financial statement condition of another Person, other than (A) by Company, Operating Partnership or a Company Subsidiary to Company, Operating Partnership, a Company Subsidiary, or in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice another entity in which Company directly or indirectly owns material interest, (B) loans, advances or investments under any (x) Company Leases or ground leases pursuant to which any third party is a lessee or sublessee on any Company Property or (y) existing joint venture arrangements set forth in Section 4.19(a)(ix) of the Company Disclosure Letter and on the terms set forth on Section 6.1(b)(ix) of the Company Disclosure Letter, and (C) investments permitted pursuant to Section 6.1(b)(vi);

(x) enter into, renew, modify, amend or terminate, or waive, release, compromise or assign any rights or claims under, any Company Material Contract (other than any Company Lease) (or any contract that, if existing as of the date hereof, would be a Company Material Contract (other than any Company Lease)), other than (A) any termination or renewal in accordance with the terms of any existing Company Material Contract that occurs automatically (or at the election of the counterparty thereunder) without any discretionary action (other than notice of renewal) by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, or (B) the entry into any modification or amendment of, or waiver or consent under, any mortgage or related agreement to which Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary is a party as

required or necessitated by this Agreement or transactions contemplated hereby (<u>provided</u>, that any such modification, amendment, waiver or consent does not increase the aggregate amount owed by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary thereunder or otherwise materially adversely affect Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary);

(xi) enter into any agreement that would limit or otherwise restrict Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries or any of their successors from engaging in or competing in any line of business or owning property in, whether or not restricted to, any geographic area;

(xii) (a) enter into, renew, modify, amend or terminate, or waive, release, compromise or assign any rights or claims under, any Material Company Lease (or any lease for Company Property that, if existing as of the date hereof, would be a Material Company Lease), except for (A) renewing or extending the term of any Material Company Lease (other than a ground lease) at or above 100% of budget on a net present value basis or entering into any new lease (other than a ground lease) that would have been a Material Company Lease if existing on the date hereof where the annual base rent under such lease is less than \$2,500,000, and (B) any renewal, modification, amendment or termination in accordance with the terms of any such Material Company Lease that (I) occurs automatically pursuant to exercise of a right by the tenant under and in accordance with the terms of the applicable Material Company Lease without any discretionary action (other than notice of renewal) by Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, or (II) would not otherwise be materially adverse to Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary (it being agreed that any renewals that do not comply with clause (A) above shall be deemed to be materially adverse), or (C) renewing, modifying or amending any Company Material Lease as contemplated by Section 4.18(h) of the Company Disclosure Letter; or (b) enter into any new Company Lease which grants a preferential purchase option or the right to participate in payment-in-lieu-of-taxes programs (or similar programs) or modify or amend the terms of such provisions in any Company Lease;

(xiii) waive, release, settle or compromise any Action or enter into any consent decree, injunction or similar restraint or form of equitable relief in settlement of any material claim or audit that would restrict the operations of Company, Operating Partnership, any Company Subsidiary or their respective businesses after the Closing other than settlements or compromises that (A) with respect to the payment of monetary damages, involve only the payment of any payment payable under an insurance policy insuring Company, Operating Partnership or a Company Subsidiary and any monetary damages that (x) are equal to or less than the amounts specifically reserved with respect thereto on the most recent balance sheet of Company included in the Company SEC Documents filed and publicly available prior to the date of this Agreement or (y) do not exceed \$500,000 individually or \$1,000,000 in the aggregate, (B) do not involve the imposition of injunctive relief against Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, the Partnership Surviving Entity or the REIT Surviving Entity, (C) do not provide for any admission of material liability by Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries, excluding in each case any such matter relating to Taxes (which, for the avoidance of doubt, shall be covered by Section 6.1(b)(xviii));

(xiv) except as required pursuant to the terms of any Company Benefit Plan in effect as of the date of this Agreement, (A) hire, engage or terminate (other than

terminations for cause) any employee, executive officer or director of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary earning an annualized base salary in excess of \$150,000 or appoint any Person to a position of executive officer or director of Company or any Company Subsidiary, (B) increase the amount, rate or terms of compensation or benefits of any of Company's directors, trustees, officers, employees or individual independent contractors (that are natural persons or entities solely owned and operated by a natural person) of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary other than in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice (including with respect to the timing and magnitude of any such increase), (C) enter into, amend, adopt or incur any liability under or with respect to, any employment, change of control, bonus, retirement, retention or severance agreement with any director or officer of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, (D) grant any rights to severance, retention, change in control or termination pay to any current or former director, individual independent contractor (that is a natural person or an entity solely owned and operated by a natural person) or employee of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, (E) establish, adopt, enter into, amend or terminate any Benefit Plan, Collective Bargaining Agreement, plan, trust, fund, policy or arrangement for the benefit of any current or former directors, officers or employees or any of their beneficiaries, except plan, trust, fund, policy or arrangement for the Code, (F) take any action to accelerate any payment or benefit, or the funding of any payment or benefit, payable or to become payable to any directors, employees or officers of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary, or (G) negotiate, enter into, amend or extend any Labor Agreement or recognize or certify any Union as the bargaining representative for any employees of Company or any Company Subsidia

(xv) grant, confer, award, or modify the terms of any options, convertible securities, restricted stock, phantom shares, equity-based compensation or other rights to acquire, or denominated in, any of Company's, Operating Partnership's or any of the Company Subsidiaries' capital stock or other voting securities or equity interests, except (A) as explicitly required by the terms of a Company Benefit Plan, any unexercisable options or other equity awards outstanding on the date of this Agreement or (B) as set forth on Section 6.1(b)(xv) of the Company Disclosure Letter;

(xvi) fail to maintain all financial books and records in all material respects in accordance with GAAP or make any material change to its methods of accounting in effect at January 1, 2025, except as required by a change in GAAP or in applicable Law, or make any change with respect to accounting policies, principles or practices unless required by GAAP or the SEC;

(xvii) enter into any new line of business or form any new Company Subsidiaries;

(xviii) enter into or modify in a manner materially adverse to Company or Operating Partnership any Company Tax Protection Agreement, make, change or rescind any material election relating to Taxes, change a material method of Tax accounting, amend any material Tax Return, settle or compromise any material federal, state, local or foreign Tax liability, audit, claim or assessment, enter into any material closing agreement related to Taxes, or knowingly surrender any right to claim any material Tax refund, except, in each case, (A) to the extent required by Law, or (B) to the extent necessary (x) to preserve Company's qualification as a REIT under the Code, or (y) to qualify or preserve the status of any Company Subsidiary as a disregarded entity or partnership for U.S. federal income Tax purposes or as a Qualified REIT Subsidiary or a Taxable REIT Subsidiary under the applicable provisions of Section 856 of the Code, as the case may be;

(xix) take any action that would, or fail to take any action, the failure of which to be taken would, reasonably be expected to cause (i) Company to fail to qualify as a REIT, or (ii) any Company Subsidiary to cease to be treated as any of (A) a partnership or disregarded entity for U.S. federal income tax purposes, or (B) a Qualified REIT Subsidiary or a Taxable REIT Subsidiary under the applicable provisions of Section 856 of the Code, as the case may be;

(xx) adopt a plan of merger, complete or partial liquidation or resolutions providing for or authorizing such merger, liquidation or a dissolution, consolidation, recapitalization or bankruptcy reorganization;

(xxi) form any new funds, partnerships or joint ventures;

(xxii) make or commit to make any capital expenditures in excess of \$1,000,000 individually or \$5,000,000 in the aggregate, except (A) pursuant to Company's budget set forth in Section 6.1(b)(xxii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, (B) for the expansion of any Company Property pursuant to expansion rights requested by the applicable tenant set forth on Section 6.1(b)(xxii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, in each case, in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice and in accordance with terms of any Company Lease, (C) capital expenditures with respect to the Company Properties and in the approximate amounts described in Section 4.18(k) of the Company Disclosure Letter, (D) in the ordinary course of business consistent with past practice necessary to repair and/or prevent damage to any of the Company Properties to the extent necessary in the event of an emergency situation, after prior notice to Parent (provided, that if the nature of such emergency renders prior notice to Parent impracticable, Company shall provide notice to Parent and promptly as practicable after making such capital expenditure), or (E) in respect of the Company's pro rata interest in any non-wholly-owned Company Subsidiary, to the extent required under the terms of the organizational documents of such Company Subsidiary;

(xxiii) with respect to any material insurance policy naming Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary or any of their respective directors or officers as a beneficiary or an insured or a loss payable payee, or Company's directors and officers liability insurance policy, (A) cancel or terminate such policy unless such entity shall have obtained an insurance policy with substantially similar terms and conditions to the canceled or terminated policy, or (B) allow such policy to expire unless such entity shall have used commercially reasonable efforts to obtain an insurance policy with substantially similar terms and conditions to

the expired policy; <u>provided</u> that, with respect to any renewal of any such policy, Company shall (x) use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain favorable terms with respect to the assignment or other transfer of such policy and termination fees or refunds payable pursuant to such policy and (y) provide Parent a reasonable opportunity to review and consider the terms of any such policy and consider in good faith any comments Parent may provide to Company with respect to the terms of any such policy;

(xxiv) enter into, renew, modify, amend or terminate, or waive, release, or compromise or assign any rights or claims under, any ground lease of any Company Property under which Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary is lessee or sublessee, except (A) pursuant to Company's budget set forth in Section 6.1(b)(xxii) of the Company Disclosure Letter, or (B) to the extent not materially adverse to Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary;

(xxv) sell, assign, transfer, abandon, exclusively license or otherwise license outside of the ordinary course of business, any material Intellectual Property of Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiaries;

(xxvi) make, or offer to make, any discretionary payment under any Company Material Contract entered into prior to the date hereof; or

(xxvii) authorize, or enter into any contract, agreement, commitment or arrangement to do any of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary set forth in this Agreement, nothing in this Agreement shall prohibit Company or Operating Partnership from taking any action, at any time or from time to time, that in the reasonable judgment of the Company Board, upon advice of counsel to Company, is reasonably necessary for Company to avoid or to continue to avoid incurring entity level income or excise Taxes under the Code or to maintain its qualification as a REIT under the Code for any period or portion thereof ending on or prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, including making dividend or other distribution payments to stockholders of Company (including distributions under Sections 858 or 860 of the Code) or holders of Operating Partnership Units or holders of Series C Preferred Units or to qualify or preserve the status of any Company Subsidiary as a disregarded entity or partnership for U.S. federal income tax purposes or as a Qualified REIT Subsidiary or a Taxable REIT Subsidiary under the applicable provisions of Section 856 of the Code; provided that prior to taking any such action pursuant to this Section 6.1(c). Company and the Company Subsidiaries shall inform Parent in writing of such action and shall consult with and cooperate with Parent in good faith to minimize the adverse effect of such action to Company and Parent. If Company makes dividends or distributions required for Company to maintain its status as a REIT under the Code or to avoid the incurrence of any income or excise Taxes by Company pursuant to this Section 6.1(c) (a "Permitted REIT Dividend"), the REIT Per Share Merger Consideration shall be appropriately reduced to reflect a reduction by the amount of such Permitted REIT Dividend (which, for purposes of clarity, would exclude any impact thereon on the Strike Price and Warrant Entitlement (each as defined in the Operating Partnership Warrant Agreement)), with it being acknowledged and agreed that the declaration and payment by Company and/or the Operating Partnership of dividends in accordance with past practice at a rate not to exceed \$0.24 per share in respect of the third fiscal quarter of 2025 shall

not constitute a "Permitted REIT Dividend" hereunder and correspondingly will not result in a reduction by the amount of such dividend to the REIT Per Share Merger Consideration.

- (d) Each Party agrees that, during the Interim Period, except as contemplated by this Agreement, such Party shall not, directly or indirectly, without the prior written consent of the other Parties, take or cause to be taken any action that would reasonably be expected to materially delay consummation of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (including, with respect to Parent, by taking any action to prevent, materially delay or materially impede the consummation of the Financing), or enter into any agreement or otherwise make a commitment, to take any such action.
- (e) Subject to the terms of this Agreement, including <u>Section 6.8</u>, from the date of this Agreement until the REIT Merger Effective Time, none of Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub, the Equity Investors or their respective Affiliates shall take any action that would, or fail to take any action the failure of which would, materially impact the expected tax treatment of the Mergers as contemplated and described in this Agreement.
- Section 6.2 <u>No Control of Business</u>. Nothing contained in this Agreement shall give Parent, directly or indirectly, the right to control or direct Company, Operating Partnership or any of Company's or Operating Partnership's operations prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time. Prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time, each of Company and Operating Partnership shall exercise, consistent with the terms and conditions of this Agreement, complete control and supervision over its and the Company Subsidiaries' operations.

Section 6.3 <u>Acquisition Proposals</u>.

- (a) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this Agreement, during the period commencing on the date of this Agreement and continuing until 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on November 23, 2025 (the "No Shop Period Start Date" and such period of time, the "Go-Shop Period"), Company and its directors, officers, employees and other Representatives shall have the right to, directly or indirectly:
- (i) solicit, seek, initiate, propose, facilitate, induce or encourage any Acquisition Proposals or any proposal, inquiry or offer that constitutes, or could result in or constitute an Acquisition Proposal (an "Inquiry");
- (ii) engage in and otherwise participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding an Acquisition Proposal or an Inquiry;
- (iii) subject to the entry into an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement, furnish to any Third Party or its Representatives any non-public information relating to Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries and afford to such Third Party or its Representatives access to non-public information related to the business, properties, personnel, assets, books, records and other non-public information of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries, in each such case with the intent to solicit, seek, initiate, propose, facilitate, induce or encourage any Acquisition Proposals or any Inquiry; provided, that Company shall promptly (and no later than 24 hours after providing such information to any such Third

Party) provide to Parent and its Representatives, or provide Parent and its Representatives access to, any such non-public information concerning Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries that is provided to any such Third Party or its Representatives that was not previously made available to Parent or its Representatives; and

- (iv) otherwise cooperate with or assist any Acquisition Proposal or Inquiry, including by granting a waiver, amendment or release under any "standstill provision" or similar obligation of any Third Party with respect to Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary to allow for an Acquisition Proposal or amendment to an Acquisition Proposal to be made to Company.
- (b) Within twenty-four (24) hours after the No-Shop Period Start Date, Company shall (x) notify Parent in writing of the identity of each Person from whom Company received a bona fide written Acquisition Proposal after the execution of this Agreement and prior to the No-Shop Period Start Date, (y) provide Parent a list identifying each Excluded Party as of the No-Shop Period Start Date and (z) provide Parent a copy of any Acquisition Proposal made in writing to Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries in connection with any Acquisition Proposal and any modifications to the financial and other material terms thereof. Promptly after the No-Shop Period Start Date (and, in any event, within twenty-four (24) hours thereafter), Company shall (I) except if Company has already done so in respect of the applicable confidentiality agreement, request each Person (other than Parent, its Affiliates and their respective Representatives) that has executed (within one (1) year prior to the date hereof) a confidentiality agreement in connection with any Acquisition Proposal or its consideration of any Acquisition Proposal to promptly return or destroy all nonpublic information furnished to such Person by or on behalf of Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries prior to the No-Shop Period Start Date and (II) terminate any data room or other diligence access to each such Person (and its Representatives) described in clause (I); provided that Company shall not be required to take any such action in respect of any Third Party who is an Excluded Party unless and until such Third Party ceases to be an Excluded Party).
- (c) Except as permitted by the terms of this <u>Section 6.3</u>, during the period commencing on (i) (A) with respect to any Third Party who is an Excluded Party as of the No Shop Period Start Date, the date on which such Third Party is no longer an Excluded Party, or (B) with respect to any other Third Party, the No Shop Period Start Date, and (ii) continuing until the earlier of the REIT Merger Effective Time or the valid termination of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Article 8</u>, Company shall (and shall cause Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries to), and shall cause its directors, officers, and its other Representatives to, immediately cease any and all solicitations, discussions, communications or negotiations with any Third Party (or provision of any non-public information to any Third Party) with respect to any Acquisition Proposal or potential Acquisition Proposal. Other than with respect to a Third Party who is an Excluded Party on the No Shop Period Start Date (and only until such time as such Excluded Party is no longer an Excluded Party, at which time the provisions of this <u>Section 6.3(c)</u> shall become applicable), subject to the other terms of this <u>Section 6.3</u>, during the period commencing on the No Shop Period Start Date and continuing until the earlier of the REIT Merger Effective Time or the valid termination of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Article 8</u>, Company shall not, (and shall not

permit Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries to) and shall cause its directors, officers and other Representatives not to, directly or indirectly:

- (i) solicit, initiate or knowingly encourage or knowingly facilitate any inquiry, proposal or offer, or the making, submission or announcement of any inquiry, proposal or offer, which constitutes or would be reasonably expected to lead to an Acquisition Proposal;
- (ii) enter into, engage, continue or otherwise participate in any discussions or negotiations regarding, or furnish to any Third Party any non-public information relating to Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary in connection with, any Acquisition Proposal;
- (iii) approve, recommend or endorse (or publicly propose or announce any intention or desire to approve, recommend or endorse) any Acquisition Proposal;
- (iv) furnish or otherwise disclose to any Third Party any information or knowingly grant any Third Party (other than Parent and its Representatives) access to its properties, assets, books, contracts, personnel or records in connection with or in response to any Acquisition Proposal, including for the purpose of determining whether to make or pursue any inquiries or proposals relating to any Acquisition Proposal;
- (v) other than an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement, enter into any letter of intent, memorandum of understanding, agreement in principle, expense reimbursement agreement, acquisition agreement, merger agreement, share purchase agreement, asset purchase agreement, share exchange agreement, option agreement, or other similar contract, agreement or arrangement with any Third Party providing for or relating to an Acquisition Proposal or requiring Company to abandon, terminate or fail to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (any of the foregoing referred in this clause (v), other than a Company Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement, an "Alternative Acquisition Agreement");
- (vi) affirmatively terminate, amend, release or modify any restrictions under any standstill agreement to which it is a party, except that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries may waive, amend, release or modify any restrictions under any agreement which contains a standstill provision if the Company Board has determined in good faith, after consultation with Company's outside legal advisors, that not doing so would be inconsistent with the Company Board's fiduciary or statutory duties under applicable Law; or
 - (vii) resolve, commit or agree to do any of the foregoing.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained in this <u>Section 6.3(c)</u>, at any time on or after the No-Shop Period Start Date and prior to obtaining the Company Stockholder Approval, only in response to an unsolicited bona fide written Acquisition Proposal by a Third Party first received after the No-Shop Period Start Date (that did not result from a breach, other than a *de minimis* breach, of this <u>Section 6.3</u>), Company, Operating Partnership, the Company Subsidiaries and Company's Representatives may inform such Third Party of the provisions of this <u>Section 6.3</u>. For the avoidance of doubt, the receipt of an unsolicited proposal, inquiry or offer received pursuant to any standstill, confidentiality or other similar agreement that permits the submission of private

or confidential proposals to the Company Board shall not, by itself, violate, or be deemed to be in violation of, this Section 6.3(c).

- (d) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, if from and following the No Shop Period Start Date and prior to obtaining the Company Stockholder Approval, Company receives an unsolicited, bona fide written Acquisition Proposal which the Company Board determines in good faith after consultation with Company's outside legal and financial advisors (i) constitutes a Superior Proposal or (ii) would reasonably be expected to result in a Superior Proposal, then in either event Company and its Representatives may take the following actions: (x) furnish non-public information to the Third Party (and its Representatives and its potential financing sources and their Representatives) making such Acquisition Proposal, if (A) prior to so furnishing such information, Company receives from such Third Party an executed Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement and (B) any information concerning Company, Operating Partnership or the Company Subsidiaries that is provided to such Third Party (or its Representatives) shall, to the extent not previously provided to Parent or its Representatives, be provided to Parent or its Representatives, or Parent and its Representatives shall be provided access to such nonpublic information, prior to or substantially concurrently with the time it is provided to such Person (and in any event within twenty-four (24) hours thereafter), and (y) engage in discussions or negotiations with such Third Party (and its Representatives and its potential financing sources and their Representatives) with respect to such Acquisition Proposal. It is understood and agreed that any furnishing, discussions or negotiations permitted under this Section 6.3(d), shall not in and of itself constitute a Change of Recommendation or otherwise constitute a basis for Parent to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(c)(i) (Change of Recommendation).
- (e) During the period commencing on the No Shop Period Start Date and continuing until the earlier of the REIT Merger Effective Time or the valid termination of this Agreement pursuant to <u>Article 8</u>, Company shall:
- (i) promptly (but in no event later than twenty-four (24) hours) notify Parent of any Acquisition Proposal, or any request for nonpublic information regarding Company or any Company Subsidiary by any Third Party (other than an Excluded Party) that informs Company that it is considering making, or has made, an Acquisition Proposal, or any other inquiry from any Third Party (other than an Excluded Party) seeking to have discussions or negotiations with Company regarding a possible Acquisition Proposal, in each case where such Acquisition Proposal, request or inquiry was first received following the No Shop Period Start Date by Company or its Representatives, which notice shall be made in writing and shall identify the material terms and conditions thereof and the identity of the Third Party making such Acquisition Proposal and include copies of all material documents and other material written materials (including any proposed contracts or proposal letters or other material written agreements or communications) submitted with such Acquisition Proposal, request or inquiry;

- (ii) promptly (and in any event within twenty-four (24) hours) notify Parent, in writing, if it enters into discussions or negotiations concerning any Acquisition Proposal or provides nonpublic information to any Person (other than an Excluded Party) in each case in accordance with this Section 6.3, and of any change to the financial and other material terms and conditions of any Acquisition Proposal and shall otherwise keep Parent reasonably informed of the status and material terms of any Acquisition Proposal or such provision of nonpublic information to any Person (other than an Excluded Party) on a reasonably current basis, including by providing a copy of all written proposals, offers, drafts of proposed agreements or material written correspondence relating thereto; and
- (iii) promptly (and in any event within twenty-four (24) hours) provide to Parent and its Representatives, or provide Parent and its Representatives access to, any non-public information concerning Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries that is provided to any such Third Party or its Representatives in connection with such Acquisition Proposal first received following the No Shop Period Start Date that was not previously made available to Parent or its Representatives. Neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary shall, after the date of this Agreement, enter into any confidential or similar agreement that would prohibit it from providing such information to Parent.
- (f) Except in accordance with Section 6.3(g), during the period commencing on the date of this Agreement and continuing until the earlier of the REIT Merger Effective Time or the valid termination of this Agreement pursuant to Article 8, neither Company Board nor any committee thereof shall: (i) approve, adopt or recommend, or propose publicly to approve, adopt or recommend, any Acquisition Proposal, (ii) withhold, withdraw, change, amend, modify or qualify, or propose publicly to withhold, withdraw, change, amend, modify or qualify, in a manner adverse to Parent, the Company Board Recommendation or fail to include the Company Board Recommendation in the Proxy Statement when disseminated to Company's stockholders (any act described in this clause (ii) or in clause (i) above, a "Change of Recommendation"), or (iii) approve, adopt, declare advisable or recommend (or agree to, resolve or propose to approve, adopt, declare advisable or recommend), or cause or permit Company, Operating Partnership or any Company Subsidiary to enter into, any Alternative Acquisition Agreement (other than an Acceptable Confidentiality Agreement entered into in accordance with this Section 6.3).
- Approval is obtained, the Company Board may (i) effect a Change of Recommendation if an Intervening Event has occurred and the Company Board determines (it being understood that any such determination in and of itself shall not be deemed a Change of Recommendation) in good faith, after consultation with outside legal counsel, that the failure to take such action would be inconsistent with its fiduciary and statutory duties under applicable Law, or (ii) effect a Change of Recommendation and/or terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(d)(i) (Superior Proposal), if the Company Board has received an Acquisition Proposal (and Company has not breached Section 6.3(c) with respect to such Acquisition Proposal) that the Company Board in good faith determines (it being understood that any such determination in and of itself shall not be deemed a Change of Recommendation), after consultation with outside legal counsel and financial advisors, constitutes a Superior Proposal; provided, that the Company Board shall not take any action set forth in clauses (i) or (ii) above unless it complies with the provisions of Section 6.3(h) and has considered in good faith all of the

adjustments which may be offered by Parent in writing pursuant to Section 6.3(h), and such Acquisition Proposal is not withdrawn.

- (h) The Company Board shall only be entitled to effect a Change of Recommendation and/or terminate this Agreement pursuant to $\underline{\text{Section } 8.1(\underline{d})(\underline{i})}$ (Superior Proposal) if:
- (i) Company has provided a prior written notice (a "Notice of Change of Recommendation") to Parent that Company intends to take such action, identifying the Person making the Superior Proposal (if applicable) and describing the material terms and conditions of the Superior Proposal or Intervening Event, as applicable, that is the basis of such action, including, if applicable, copies of any written proposals or offers and any proposed written agreements related to a Superior Proposal (it being agreed that the delivery of the Notice of Change of Recommendation by Company shall not constitute an Change of Recommendation and shall not permit Parent to terminate this Agreement);
- (ii) during the four (4) Business Day period following Parent's receipt of the Notice of Change of Recommendation and ending at 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on such fourth (4th) Business Day (the "Notice of Change Period"), Company shall, and shall cause its Representatives to, negotiate with Parent in good faith (to the extent Parent desires to negotiate) to make such adjustments in the terms and conditions of this Agreement, so that, in the case of a Superior Proposal, such Superior Proposal ceases to constitute a Superior Proposal, or, in the case of an Intervening Event, in order to obviate the need to make such Change of Recommendation; and
- (iii) following the end of the Notice of Change Period, the Company Board shall have determined (it being understood that any such determination in and of itself shall not be deemed a Change of Recommendation) in good faith, after consultation with its outside legal counsel and its financial advisors, taking into account any changes to this Agreement proposed in writing by Parent in response to the Notice of Change of Recommendation or otherwise, that (A) the Superior Proposal giving rise to the Notice of Change of Recommendation continues to constitute a Superior Proposal or (B) in the case of an Intervening Event, the failure of the Company Board to effect a Change of Recommendation would be inconsistent with its fiduciary and statutory duties under applicable Law. Any amendment to the financial terms or any other material amendment of such a Superior Proposal shall require a new Notice of Change of Recommendation, and Company shall be required to comply again with the requirements of this Section 6.3(h); provided, however, that the Notice of Change Period shall be reduced to two (2) Business Days following receipt by Parent of any such new Notice of Change of Recommendation and ending at 11:59 p.m. (New York City time) on such second (2nd) Business Day.
- (i) Nothing contained in this Agreement shall prohibit Company or the Company Board from (i) disclosing to its stockholders a position contemplated by Rule 14d-9 and Rule 14e2(a) promulgated under the Exchange Act, or from issuing a "stop, look and listen" statement or similar communication of the type contemplated by Rule 14d-9(f) under the Exchange Act or under Item 1012(a) of Regulation M-A promulgated under the Exchange Act, or any substantially similar communication in connection with any Acquisition Proposal that is not a tender offer, or (ii) making any disclosure to its stockholders if required by applicable Law or if the Company

Board determines in good faith, after consultation with Company's outside legal advisors, that the failure to do so would be inconsistent with the Company Board's fiduciary or statutory duties under applicable Law; provided, that if such disclosure would otherwise constitute a Change of Recommendation, such disclosure shall nonetheless be deemed not to constitute a Change of Recommendation if the Company Board expressly publicly reaffirms the Company Board Recommendation in such disclosure (it being understood that in no event shall a "stop, look and listen" or similar communication of the type contemplated by Rule 14d-9(f) under the Exchange Act be deemed to be a Change of Recommendation). For the avoidance of doubt, the following will not be deemed a Change of Recommendation: a public statement that describes Company's receipt of an Acquisition Proposal, that the Company Board is considering the Acquisition Proposal, and that no position has been taken by the Company Board as to the advisability or desirability of such Acquisition Proposal. Neither Company nor the Company Board shall be permitted to recommend that the stockholders of Company tender any securities in connection with any tender offer or exchange offer that is an Acquisition Proposal or otherwise effect a Change of Recommendation with respect thereto, except as permitted by Section 6.3(g).

(j) Company shall not submit to the vote of its stockholders any Acquisition Proposal other than the Mergers prior to the termination of this Agreement in accordance with its terms.

Stockholders Meeting. Company will take, in accordance with the MGCL, the Organizational Documents and the applicable requirements of NYSE, all action reasonably necessary to call, give notice of, convene and hold a meeting of its stockholders for the purpose of considering and obtaining the Company Stockholder Approval (the "Stockholders Meeting"), and Company shall not adjourn, recess or postpone the Stockholders Meeting, except (i) to the extent required by applicable Law (including the MGCL) or any court of competent jurisdiction, (ii) to solicit additional proxies if Company reasonably believes there will be insufficient shares of Company Common Stock represented (either in person or by proxy) to (x) constitute a quorum necessary to conduct the business of the Stockholders Meeting or (y) obtain the Company Stockholder Approval, and (iii) to the extent the Company Board has determined in good faith (after consultation with outside legal counsel) that it is required by applicable Law to postpone or adjourn the Stockholder Meeting in order to give Company stockholders sufficient time to evaluate any required supplement or amendment to the Proxy Statement; provided that such adjournment or postponement shall not delay the Stockholders Meeting to a date on or after the fifth (5th) Business Day preceding the Outside Date, unless otherwise required by applicable Law, Without the prior written consent of Parent, the approval of the Mergers shall be the only matter (other than matters of the type customarily brought before a meeting of stockholders in connection with the approval of a merger or the transactions contemplated by a merger agreement) that Company shall propose to be acted on by the stockholders of Company at the Stockholders Meeting. Company shall reasonably cooperate with and keep Parent informed on a reasonably current basis regarding its solicitation efforts and voting results following dissemination of the definitive Proxy Statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event will the record date of the Stockholders Meeting be changed without the Parent's prior written consent (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), unless required by applicable Law. Notwithstanding any Change of Recommendation, Company shall nonetheless submit the Mergers to the stockholders for approval at the Stockholders Meeting unless this Agreement is validly terminated in accordance with Article 8 prior to the Stockholders Meeting. Subject to Section 6.3 and this Section 6.4, the Company,

acting through the Company Board (or a committee thereof), shall use reasonable best efforts to obtain the Company Stockholder Approval and nothing contained herein (other than <u>Section 6.3</u>) shall be deemed to relieve the Company of such obligation.

Section 6.5 <u>Proxy Statement.</u>

As promptly as reasonably practicable after the date hereof but in no event later than November 25, 2025 (unless any filing is delayed due to a temporary closure of any Governmental Authority (including a government shutdown)), Company shall prepare and file with the SEC the preliminary Proxy Statement, which shall, subject to Section 6.3, include the Company Board Recommendation. Company shall use reasonable best efforts to have the Proxy Statement cleared by the SEC as promptly as reasonably practicable after the filing thereof. Subject to applicable Law, Company shall reasonably promptly notify Parent of the receipt of all comments from the SEC with respect to the Proxy Statement and of any request by the SEC for any amendment or supplement thereto or for additional information and shall reasonably promptly provide to Parent copies of all correspondence between Company or any of its Representatives and the SEC with respect to the Proxy Statement. Company and Parent shall each use its reasonable best efforts to promptly provide responses to the SEC with respect to all comments received on the Proxy Statement and any amended or supplemental proxy materials from the SEC. Parent shall provide to Company such information concerning itself and its Affiliates and the Equity Investors as is customarily included in a proxy statement prepared in connection with a transaction of the type contemplated by this Agreement or as otherwise required by applicable Law, as requested by the SEC or as Company may reasonably request. Subject to applicable Law, Company shall provide legal counsel to Parent with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on drafts of the Proxy Statement and any amended or supplemental proxy materials prior to filing such documents with the SEC and mailing such documents to Company's stockholders. Company shall consider in good faith all comments reasonably and promptly proposed by Parent or its legal counsel with respect to the Proxy Statement and any amended or supplemental proxy materials. Company shall, reasonably promptly upon the earlier of (A) receiving notification that the SEC is not reviewing the preliminary Proxy Statement and (B) the conclusion of any SEC review of the preliminary Proxy Statement, (i) in accordance with applicable Law and the Organizational Documents, establish a record date for, duly call and give notice of the Stockholders Meeting and (ii) cause the definitive Proxy Statement to be mailed to Company's stockholders and, if necessary, after the definitive Proxy Statement shall have been so mailed, reasonably promptly circulate amended or supplemental proxy materials and, if required in connection therewith, resolicit proxies. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in no event shall the Proxy Statement be required to be filed in definitive form or mailed to the holders of Company Common Stock prior to the Cut-Off Time.

- (b) If, at any time prior to the Company Stockholder Approval, any information relating to Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries and Parent, Parent REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub and the Parent Subsidiaries or any of their respective Affiliates, officers, directors, partners or managers, as applicable, is discovered by Company or Parent which should be set forth in an amendment or supplement to the Proxy Statement, so that the Proxy Statement shall not contain an untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state any material fact required to be stated therein or necessary in order to make the statements made therein, in the light of the circumstances under which they are made, not misleading, the Party that discovers such information shall promptly notify the other parties thereof, and an appropriate amendment or supplement containing such information shall be filed with the SEC and, to the extent required by applicable Law, disseminated to the holders of Company Common Stock. Each of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries and Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub and the Parent Subsidiaries agrees to promptly correct any information provided by it or its respective Representatives specifically for use in the Proxy Statement and any amended or supplemental proxy materials if and to the extent that such information shall have become false or misleading in any material respect.
- (c) The Proxy Statement will (with respect to Company, its officers and directors, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries) comply in all material respects with the applicable requirements of the Securities Act and the Exchange Act.
- Section 6.6 <u>Series C Preferred Units</u>. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, Company and Operating Partnership shall be permitted to comply with Sections 7(b) (*Redemption in Connection with a Fundamental Change*) and 7(c) (*Redemption Notice*) of the Certificate of Designations.

Section 6.7 <u>Access; Confidentiality; Notice of Certain Events.</u>

(a) After the date hereof until the REIT Merger Effective Time, and subject to applicable Law and solely for purposes of furthering the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or integration planning relating thereto, Company shall (i) upon the request of Parent with reasonable advance notice, give Parent, its counsel, financial advisors, auditors and other authorized Representatives, reasonable access during normal business hours to the offices, properties, books and records of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries, (ii) furnish to Parent, its counsel, financial advisors, auditors and other authorized Representatives all information (financial or otherwise) concerning its business, properties and officers as Parent may reasonably request and (iii) instruct the employees, counsel, financial advisors, auditors and other authorized Representatives of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries to cooperate with Parent in the matters described in clauses (i) and (ii) above. Any review pursuant to this Section 6.7 shall be conducted in such manner as not to interfere unreasonably with the conduct of the business of Company, Operating Partnership and the Company Subsidiaries. Nothing in this Section 6.7 shall require Company to provide any access or to furnish any information if providing such access or furnishing such information would, in the reasonable judgment of Company, (A) would be subject to the terms of a confidentiality agreement with a third party entered into prior to the date of this Agreement, (B) the disclosure of which would violate any Law applicable to Company, the Operating Partnership, the Company Subsidiaries or any of their Representatives, (C) would be subject to any attorney-client, attorney

work product or other legal privilege or would cause a risk of loss or waiver of privilege to Company, Operating Partnership or the Company Subsidiaries, or (D) result in the disclosure of information relating to the negotiation and execution of this Agreement, including with respect to the consideration or valuation of the Mergers or any financial or strategic alternatives (or which relate to any Acquisition Proposal or Superior Proposal, which access is governed by Section 6.3). Parent will use its commercially reasonable efforts to minimize any disruption to the businesses of Company and the Company Subsidiaries that may result from the requests for access, data and information hereunder. Notwithstanding the foregoing, except in accordance with Section 6.15(a)(xi), Parent and its Representatives shall not be permitted to perform any on-site procedures (including an on-site environmental or other study) with respect to any property of Company or the Company Subsidiaries without Company's prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed). The Parties expressly agree that, notwithstanding any provision of the Confidentiality Agreement to the contrary (including with respect to termination thereof), (x) the Confidentiality Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until the Closing and (y) if, for any reason, the Closing does not occur and this Agreement is terminated, the Confidentiality Agreement shall continue in full force in accordance with its terms. Prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, Parent shall not, and shall cause its respective Representatives and Affiliates not to, contact or otherwise communicate with parties with which Company or any Company Subsidiary has a business relationship (including tenants/subtenants) regarding the business of Company and the Company Subsidiaries or this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby without the prior written consent of Company (provided, that, for the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this Section 6.7(a) shall be deemed to restrict Parent and its Representatives and Affiliates from contacting such parties in pursuing the business of Parent operating in the ordinary course or counsel or financial advisors engaged by Company in connection with the transactions contemplated under this Agreement). All information provided or made available pursuant to this Section 6.7 shall be governed by the terms of the Confidentiality Agreement; provided that, notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Confidentiality Agreement, Parent shall, to the extent reasonably necessary in connection with the consummation of the Transactions, the funding of the consideration contemplated herein or any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, be permitted to disclose the Confidential Information to its Affiliates (other than portfolio companies) and its and their equity holders and respective current, former and prospective limited partners, Debt Financing Sources and Isosceles JV Loan Sources that are subject to confidentiality obligations no less restrictive in the aggregate than those set forth in the Confidentiality Agreement (and such parties shall be deemed Representatives under the Confidentiality Agreement).

(b) To the extent any of the information or material furnished pursuant to this Section 6.7 or otherwise in accordance with the terms of this Agreement include or consist of information or material subject to the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or any other applicable privilege concerning pending or threatened legal proceedings or governmental investigations, the Parties understand and agree that they have a commonality of interest with respect to such matters, and it is the mutual desire, intention and understanding of the Parties that the sharing of such information or material is not intended to, and shall not, waive or diminish in any way the confidentiality of such information or material or its continued protection under the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or other applicable privilege. All such information or material that is entitled to protection under the attorney-client privilege, work product doctrine or other applicable privilege shall remain entitled to such protection under these privileges and this Agreement.

- (c) Company shall give prompt notice to Parent, and Parent shall give prompt notice to Company, of any notice or other communication received by such Party from any Governmental Authority in connection with this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, or from any Person alleging that the consent of such Person is or may be required in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, if the subject matter of such communication or the failure of such Party to obtain such consent could be material to Company, the REIT Surviving Entity or Parent. The failure to deliver any such notice shall not affect any of the conditions set forth in Section 7.2(b) or give rise to any right to terminate under Article 8.
- (d) Company and its Representatives shall give prompt notice to Parent, and Parent and its Representatives shall give prompt notice to Company, if (i) any representation or warranty made by it contained in <u>Article 4</u> or <u>Article 5</u>, as applicable, becomes untrue or inaccurate in any material respect such that it would be reasonable to expect that the applicable closing conditions would be incapable of being satisfied by the Outside Date or (ii) it fails to comply with or satisfy in any material respect any covenant or agreement to be complied with or satisfied by it under this Agreement; <u>provided</u> that no such notification (or failure to give such notification) shall affect the representations, warranties, covenants or agreements of the Parties or the conditions to the obligations of the Parties under this Agreement.
- (e) Subject to applicable Law, upon the applicable Party obtaining Knowledge of such Action, Company shall give prompt notice to Parent, and Parent shall give prompt notice to Company, of any Action commenced relating to or involving such Party or any Company Subsidiary, Parent Subsidiary or any Affiliate thereof, respectively, that relates to this Agreement, the Mergers or the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Company and its Representatives shall give Parent the opportunity to reasonably participate in the defense and settlement of any litigation against Company or its directors relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, and no such settlement shall be agreed to without Parent's prior written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), unless such settlement involves no admission of liability and no restrictions or other obligations binding on Parent, Company or any Parent Subsidiary or Company Subsidiary other than the payment of money and the amount of such settlement shall be fully covered by insurance proceeds. Parent and its Representatives shall give Company the opportunity to reasonably participate in the defense and settlement of any litigation against Parent relating to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby, and no such settlement shall be agreed to without Company's prior written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed), unless such settlement involves no admission of liability and no restrictions or other obligations binding on Parent, Company or any Parent Subsidiary or Company Subsidiary other than the payment of money.

(f) Each of Company and Parent agrees to give prompt written notice to the other Party upon obtaining Knowledge of the occurrence or impending occurrence of any Effect relating to it or any Parent Subsidiary or Company Subsidiary, which would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect or a Parent Material Adverse Effect, as the case may be.

Section 6.8 <u>Appropriate Action; Consent; Filings</u>.

- (a) Upon the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement, each of Company, Operating Partnership and Parent shall and shall cause the Company Subsidiaries, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub and the Parent Subsidiaries, respectively, and their respective Affiliates (excluding the Equity Investors) to use its commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and to do, or cause to be done, and to assist and cooperate with the other Party in doing, all things necessary, proper or advisable under applicable Law or pursuant to any contract or agreement to consummate and make effective, as promptly as practicable, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, including (i) using commercially reasonable efforts to take all actions reasonably necessary to cause the conditions to Closing set forth in Article 7 to be satisfied, (ii) the obtaining of all necessary or advisable actions or non-actions, waivers, consents and approvals from Governmental Authorities or other Persons necessary in connection with the consummation of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the making of all necessary or advisable registrations and filings (including filings with Governmental Authorities, if any) and the taking of all reasonable steps as may be necessary or advisable to obtain an approval or waiver from, or to avoid an action or proceeding by, any Governmental Authority or other Persons necessary in connection with the consummation of the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and (iii) the execution and delivery of any additional instruments necessary or advisable to consummate the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement and to fully carry out the purposes of this Agreement.
- (b) In connection with and without limiting the foregoing Section 6.8(a), each of Parent, Company and Operating Partnership shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to (or shall cause REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub, the Parent Subsidiaries or the Company Subsidiaries, respectively, to) give any notices to third parties (which such notices were requested by the other Party), and each of Parent and Company shall use, and cause each of their respective Affiliates (excluding the Equity Investors, except as included below) to use, its commercially reasonable efforts to obtain any third party consents not covered by Section 6.8(a) that are necessary, proper or advisable to consummate the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement. Each of the Parties hereto will and shall cause their respective Affiliates (including the Equity Investors) to, furnish to the other such necessary information and reasonable assistance as the other may request in connection with the preparation of any required governmental filings or submissions and the execution thereof and will cooperate in responding to any inquiry from a Governmental Authority, including promptly informing the other Parties of such inquiry, consulting in advance before making any presentations or submissions to a Governmental Authority, and supplying each other with copies of all material correspondence, filings or communications between either Party and any Governmental Authority with respect to this Agreement. To the extent reasonably practicable and permitted, the Parties or their Representatives shall have the right to review in advance and each of the Parties will consult the

others on, all the information relating to the other and each of their Affiliates that appears in any filing made with, or written materials submitted to, any Governmental Authority in connection with the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except that confidential competitively sensitive business information may be redacted from such exchanges. The Parties may, as they deem advisable and necessary, designate any sensitive materials provided to the other under this Section 6.8 as "outside counsel only." Such materials and the information contained therein shall be given only to outside counsel of the recipient and will not be disclosed by such outside counsel to employees, officers, directors or trustees of the recipient without the advance written consent of the Party providing such materials. To the extent reasonably practicable, neither Company, Operating Partnership, nor Parent shall, nor shall they permit their respective Representatives to, participate independently in any meeting or engage in any substantive conversation with any Governmental Authority in respect of any filing, investigation or other inquiry without giving the other Party prior notice of such meeting or conversation and, to the extent permitted by applicable Law, without giving the other party the opportunity to attend or participate (whether by telephone or in person) in any such meeting with such Governmental Authority (except that confidential, competitively sensitive business information may be excluded from such a meeting or conversation).

Section 6.9 <u>Public Announcements</u>. The initial press release with respect to this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be a joint press release mutually agreed to by the Parties. Thereafter, no Party shall issue any public release or announcement concerning the transactions contemplated by this Agreement without consulting with the other Parties and providing the other Parties with a reasonable opportunity to review and comment on such release or announcement in advance of such issuance, except (a) as may be required by applicable Law or the NYSE Rules, in which case such Party shall use commercially reasonable efforts to consult with the other Party before making such public statement or filing with respect to this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, except to the extent it is not reasonably practicable to do so, (b) for any such release or announcement made by Company with respect to an Acquisition Proposal or a Change of Recommendation or matters related thereto in accordance with this Agreement, (c) to the extent that such release or announcement relates to any dispute between the Parties relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or (d) if such release or announcement is consistent with previous public releases or announcements made in compliance with this <u>Section 6.9</u>.

Section 6.10 <u>REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub Matters</u>. Parent shall cause each of REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub to comply with and perform all of its obligations under or relating to this Agreement, including to consummate the Mergers on the terms and subject to the conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Section 6.11 Employee Benefits Matters.

(a) For a period of twelve (12) months following the REIT Merger Effective Time, Parent and the REIT Surviving Entity shall provide, or shall cause to be provided, to each employee of Company and the Company Subsidiaries who continues in employment with Parent or one of its Affiliates (including Company and the Company Subsidiaries) following the REIT Merger Effective Time (each, a "Company Employee"), (i) an annual base salary or wage rate at least equal to the annual base salary or wage rate provided to such Company Employee

immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, (ii) annual target incentive compensation opportunities (excluding, for the avoidance of doubt, any change in control, transaction, retention or similar arrangements) that, in the aggregate, are no less favorable than the annual aggregate target cash and target annual equity incentive compensation opportunities provided to such Company Employee as of immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time (it being understood that the form of incentive compensation opportunities offered post-Closing need not be in the same form as those in place prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, and shall be determined by Parent in its sole discretion), and (iii) employee benefits (excluding any defined benefit pension, equity or equity-related, nonqualified deferred compensation, and post-termination or retiree welfare benefit plans and arrangements) that, in the aggregate, are no less favorable than the employee benefits provided to such Company Employee as of immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time. For a period of twelve (12) months following the REIT Merger Effective Time or such longer period as provided in the Company Benefit Plans (the "Severance Protection Period"), Parent and the REIT Surviving Entity shall provide, or shall cause to be provided, to each Company Employees whose employment is terminated within such Severance Protection Period, severance payments and benefits provided to the Company Employees immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time (assuming a severance-qualifying termination under the plan and taking into account the service crediting provisions of Section 6.11(b)).

(b) For all purposes (including purposes of vesting under any Tax-qualified retirement plan, eligibility to participate and level of benefits) under the employee benefit plans of Parent or any of its Affiliates providing benefits to any Company Employees after the REIT Merger Effective Time (the "New Plans"), Parent and the REIT Surviving Entity shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause each Company Employee to be credited with his or her years of service with Company and the Company Subsidiaries and their respective predecessors before the REIT Merger Effective Time, to the same extent as such Company Employee was entitled, before the REIT Merger Effective Time, to credit for such service under any similar Old Plan in which such Company Employee participated immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time; provided that the foregoing shall not apply with respect to benefit accrual under any defined benefit pension plan or to the extent that its application would result in a duplication of benefits with respect to the same period of service. In addition, and without limiting the generality of the foregoing (i) Parent and the REIT Surviving Entity shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to ensure that each Company Employee shall be immediately eligible to participate, without any waiting time, in any New Plans applicable to such Company Employee to the extent that no waiting period would have applied under the corresponding Company Benefit Plan in which such Company Employee participated immediately before the REIT Merger Effective Time (such plans, collectively, the "Old Plans"), and (ii) for purposes of each New Plan providing medical, dental, pharmaceutical and/or vision benefits to any Company Employee, Parent and the REIT Surviving Entity shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to cause all pre-existing condition exclusions and actively-at-work requirements of such New Plan to be waived for such Company Employee and his or her covered dependents, unless such conditions would not have been waived under the comparable Old Plans in which such Company Employee participated immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, and Parent and the REIT Surviving Entity shall use commercially reasonable efforts to cause any eligible expenses incurred by such Company Employee and his or her covered dependents during the portion of the plan year of the Old Plan ending on the date such employee's participation in the corresponding New Plan

begins to be taken into account under such New Plan for purposes of satisfying all deductible, coinsurance and maximum out-of-pocket requirements applicable to such Company Employee and his or her covered dependents for the applicable plan year as if such amounts had been paid in accordance with such New Plan, to the extent that such expenses were recognized for such purposes under the corresponding Old Plan(s).

- (c) Immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, Company shall pay to each Company Employee who is then participating in any bonus or incentive plans maintained by Company with respect to Company's fiscal year (or such shorter performance period) during which the Closing occurs (the "Bonus Plans"), a prorated incentive award under the Bonus Plans for the period from the beginning of the applicable performance period through the Closing Date (the "Bonus Period") equal to the greater of (i) such employee's incentive entitlement for the Bonus Period under the Bonus Plans based on the actual level of achievement of the applicable performance goals for the period beginning on the first (1st) day of such applicable performance period and ending as of the end of the month immediately preceding the month in which the REIT Merger Effective Time occurs (with such determination of performance to exclude any costs relating to the Mergers, as applicable), as determined by the Company Board (or the authorized committee thereof) in its good faith discretion, and (ii) such employee's incentive entitlement for the Bonus Period under the Bonus Plans assuming target level performance is achieved. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that the REIT Merger Effective Time has not occurred prior to January 1, 2026, annual bonuses for Company's 2025 fiscal year shall be determined in accordance with the preceding sentence as if the Closing had occurred immediately prior to the conclusion of such fiscal year, and shall be paid immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time (or, if earlier, at Company's election, at such time as they would be paid in the ordinary course of business). Parent and the REIT Surviving Entity shall establish bonus and incentive plans with respect to the remainder of the fiscal year in which the REIT Merger Effective Time occurs on terms consistent with Section 6.11(a).
- (d) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the Company shall, to the extent the Company deems it necessary or desirable, make all contributions in respect of the 2025 calendar year under any Benefit Plan that is a Simplified Employee Pension Individual Retirement Account ("SEP IRA"). Such contributions shall be made in accordance with the terms of the SEP IRA.
- (e) Parent and Company hereby acknowledge that a "change in control" (or similar phrase) within the meaning of the Company Benefit Plans will occur at the REIT Merger Effective Time.
- (f) The provisions of this <u>Section 6.11</u> are solely for the benefit of the Parties and nothing in this <u>Section 6.11</u>, express or implied, shall confer upon any employee, consultant, manager or other service provider (or any dependent, successor, legal representative or beneficiary thereof), any rights or remedies, including any right to continuance of employment or any other service relationship with Parent or any of its Affiliates, or any right to compensation or benefits of any nature or kind whatsoever under this Agreement.

Section 6.12 <u>Rule 16b-3 Matters</u>. Prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, Company shall be permitted to take all such actions as may be necessary or appropriate to cause any dispositions of equity securities of Company (including derivative securities) in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement by any individual who is subject to the reporting requirements of Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act with respect to Company to be exempt under Rule 16b-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act.

Section 6.13 <u>De-listing; Deregistration</u>. Prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, Company shall cooperate with Parent and use its commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions, and do or cause to be done all things, reasonably necessary, proper or advisable on its part under applicable Law and the NYSE Rules to enable the de-listing by the REIT Surviving Entity of the Company Common Stock from the NYSE and the deregistration of the Company Common Stock under the Exchange Act as promptly as practicable after the REIT Merger Effective Time.

Section 6.14 Financing.

(a) Prior to and at the Closing, Parent shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to take, and shall cause each of its Subsidiaries to use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to take, and shall cause their respective Affiliates to use their respective commercially reasonable efforts to take, or cause to be taken, all actions and do, or cause to be done, all things necessary, proper or advisable to consummate and obtain the proceeds of the Financing on the terms and subject only to the conditions (including the market flex provisions set forth in the Redacted Fee Letter) described in the Commitment Letters as promptly as practicable and on a timely basis but in any event no later than the Closing Date, including by (i) maintaining in effect (subject to any modifications that are not Prohibited Modifications) and complying with the Commitment Letters, (ii) negotiating and entering into definitive agreements with respect to the Financing (the "Definitive Agreements") on the terms and subject only to conditions contained in the Commitment Letters (including, as necessary, the "flex" provisions set forth in the Redacted Fee Letter) and without any Prohibited Modification, (iii) satisfying (and causing its Affiliates to satisfy) on a timely basis all conditions in the Commitment Letters and the Definitive Agreements that are within the control of Parent and complying with its obligations thereunder (or, if necessary or deemed advisable by Parent, seek the waiver of conditions applicable to Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub contained in such Commitment Letters or such Definitive Agreements that are within the control of Parent), (iv) accepting (and complying with) to the fullest extent required by the Debt Commitment Letter all "flex" provisions contemplated by the Debt Commitment Letter and the Debt Financing to the extent that such "flex" provisions are exercised in accordance with the terms thereof, and (v) complying with its covenants and other obligations under the Commitment Letters and the Definitive Agreements. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, in the event that (x) all of the conditions to Parent's, REIT Merger Sub's and OP Merger Sub's obligations to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement shall be satisfied and (y) all conditions contained in the Commitment Letters or the Definitive Agreements (other than the consummation of the Mergers, those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing (but subject to the actual satisfaction of such conditions at Closing) and those conditions the failure of which to be satisfied is attributable to a breach by Parent of its representations, warranties, covenants or agreements contained in this Agreement, and other than, with respect to the Debt Financing, the availability of the Equity Financing) have been satisfied,

Parent shall fully enforce the counterparties' obligations under the Commitment Letters and cause the Equity Investors to, and shall use reasonable best efforts to cause the Debt Financing Entities to, comply with their respective obligations thereunder, including to fund the Financing (provided, that, in no event shall Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub be required to pursue any litigation against any Debt Financing Source to enforce any such Debt Financing Source's obligations under the Debt Commitment Letter).

- (b) Prior to and at the Closing, neither Parent nor any of its Subsidiaries shall, without the prior written consent (not to be unreasonably withheld, conditioned or delayed) of Company permit, consent to or agree to any amendment, replacement, supplement, termination or modification to, or any waiver of, any provision or remedy under, the Commitment Letters or the Definitive Agreements if such amendment, replacement, supplement, modification, waiver or remedy could be reasonably expected to (i) reduce (or could have the effect of reducing) the aggregate principal amount of any portion of the Financing (including by increasing the amount of fees to be paid or original issue discount) from that contemplated by the Financing Commitments delivered as of the date hereof other than as contemplated by Section 5.11(e) hereof unless (A) with respect to the Debt Financing, an alternative source of Equity Financing or other financing is increased by a corresponding amount, so long as the terms thereof are not of the type that would constitute a Prohibited Modification under subclause (ii) or (iii) below, and (B) with respect to the Equity Financing, the Debt Financing or Alternative Financing is increased by an amount that, when taken together with the Financings, is equal to at least the Financing Amounts, so long as the terms thereof are not of the type that would constitute a Prohibited Modification under subclause (ii) or (iii) below, (ii) materially adversely affect the ability of Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub, as applicable, to enforce its rights against other parties to the Commitment Letters or the Definitive Agreements as so amended, replaced, supplemented or otherwise modified or (iii) impose new or additional conditions precedent to the availability of the Financing or otherwise expand, amend or modify any of the conditions precedent to the Financing, or otherwise expand, amend or modify any other provision of the Commitment Letters or Definitive Agreements, in each case, in a manner that could otherwise reasonably be expected to prevent, materially impede or materially delay the consummation of the funding of the Financing (or the satisfaction of the conditions to obtaining any portion of the financing) (the effects described in clauses (i) through (iii), collectively, the "Prohibited Modifications"). Parent shall promptly (and in any event, within one (1) Business Day) deliver to Company true and complete copies of any such amendment, replacement, supplement, termination, modification, consent or waiver to or under any Commitment Letter or any Definitive Agreement promptly upon the execution thereof, in each case, other than any such amendment, replacement, supplement, modification, consent or waiver that (x) amends or replaces the Debt Commitment Letter solely to add lenders, lead arrangers, bookrunners, syndication agents or similar entities who had not executed the Debt Commitment Letter as of the date hereof, or (y) is otherwise ministerial or administrative in nature.
- (c) In the event that any portion of the Financing becomes unavailable and, as a result thereof, the aggregate amount of the Financing available to Parent on the Closing Date, shall be less than the Financing Amounts, Parent shall (i) promptly (and in any event, within one (1) Business Day) notify Company in writing of such unavailability and (ii) use commercially reasonable efforts, and cause each of its Subsidiaries to use their commercially reasonable efforts, to arrange and obtain, as promptly as practicable following the occurrence of such event (and in

any event, no later than the Closing Date), alternative financing for any such unavailable portion from the same or alternative sources (the "Alternative Financing") in an amount sufficient, when taken together with the available portion of the Financing, to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and to pay the Financing Amounts and which does not include any terms or conditions that, if included in an amendment to the Financing, would be Prohibited Modifications or terms or conditions to the consummation of such Alternative Financing that are more onerous to Parent than the conditions set forth in the Commitment Letters as of the date of this Agreement; provided, that, Parent shall not be required to seek or obtain any such Alternative Financing having terms and conditions less favorable to Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub than the terms and conditions set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter (as determined in the reasonable judgment of Parent; provided further, that, for the avoidance of doubt, any financing that has higher pricing, interest rates, fees or other yield than as set forth in the Debt Commitment Letter after giving effect to the market flex provisions therein shall be deemed less favorable to Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub). In the event that any Alternative Financing is obtained and any new debt commitment letters are entered into in accordance with this Section 6.14(c), Parent shall deliver to Company true and complete copies of all contracts, agreements or other arrangements (including Redacted Fee Letters) pursuant to which any such alternative source shall have committed to provide any portion of the Financing. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, nothing contained in this Section 6.14 shall require, and in no event shall the commercially reasonable efforts of Parent require, Parent to (i) seek the Equity Financing from any source other than the Equity Investors, or in any amount in excess of that contemplated by the Equity Commitment Letters (provided, for the avoidance of doubt, that Parent shall not be required to seek Equity Financing from an Equity Investor in an amount in excess of that contemplated by such Equity Investor's respective Equity Commitment Letter) or (ii) pay any fees in excess of those contemplated by the Equity Commitment Letters.

(d) Parent shall provide Company with prompt written notice (and in any event, within one (1) Business Day) (i) of any actual, or threatened in writing, breach, default (or any event that, with or without notice, lapse of time or both, could reasonably be expected to give rise to any breach or default), cancellation, termination or repudiation by any party to the Commitment Letters or any Definitive Agreement, in each case, of which Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub becomes aware, and a copy of any written notice or other written communication from any Debt Financing Source, Equity Investor or other financing source with respect to any actual or threatened breach, default, cancellation, termination or repudiation by any party to the Commitment Letters or any Definitive Agreement of any provision thereof, (ii) any termination, cancellation or repudiation by any party to any of the Commitment Letters or Definitive Agreements of which Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub becomes aware, (iii) of the receipt by Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub of any notice or other communication from any Person with respect to any material dispute or disagreement between or among parties to any of the Debt Commitment Letters or the Definitive Agreements with respect to the obligation to fund the Financing or the amount of the Financing to be funded at the Closing (but excluding ordinary course negotiations), and (iv) if for any reason Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub or any of their Affiliates believes in good faith that (x) there is (or there is likely to be) a material dispute or disagreement between or among parties to any of the Debt Commitment Letter, Equity Commitment Letters or the definitive documents related to the Financing with respect to the obligation to fund the Financing or the amount of the Financing to be funded at the Closing (but excluding ordinary course negotiations) or (y) there is a reasonable

likelihood that the Financing will not be available on the terms, in the manner or from the sources contemplated by the Commitment Letters or any Definitive Agreements. As soon as reasonably practicable, Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub shall provide any information reasonably requested by Company relating to any circumstance referred to in the immediately preceding sentence. Notwithstanding the foregoing or any other provision hereof, none of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub shall be required to provide or disclose any information that such Party believes would jeopardize attorney-client privilege of any such Party or its respective Affiliates. In the event that Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub does not provide or disclose any information in reliance on the preceding sentence, it shall use its commercially reasonable efforts to provide or disclose the applicable information to Company in a way that would not give rise to a risk of loss of attorney-client privilege.

- (e) The foregoing notwithstanding, compliance by Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub with this Section 6.14 shall not relieve Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub of its obligations to consummate the transactions contemplated by this Agreement whether or not the Financing or any Alternative Financing is available. To the extent Parent obtains Alternative Financing or amends, replaces, supplements, terminates, modifies or waives any of the Financing, in each case pursuant to this Section 6.14 and without any Prohibited Modification, references to the "Financing," "Financing Parties," and "Commitment Letters," "Definitive Agreements" (and other like terms in this Agreement) shall be deemed to refer to such Alternative Financing, the commitments thereunder and the agreements with respect thereto, or the Financing as so amended, restated, replaced, supplemented, terminated, modified or waived.
- (f) For the avoidance of doubt, Company acknowledges that the Equity Investors' guarantee obligations under the Limited Guaranty and investment obligations under the Equity Commitment Letters shall be several and not joint.

Section 6.15 Financing Cooperation.

(a) Prior to Closing, Company shall use its commercially reasonable efforts, and shall cause the Company Subsidiaries to use commercially reasonable efforts, and each of them shall use their commercially reasonable efforts to cause their respective Representatives to use their commercially reasonable efforts, to provide customary cooperation, to the extent customarily and reasonably requested by Parent in writing, in connection with the arrangement and obtaining of (I) the Debt Financing or any Alternative Financing and (II) any amendment to, or waiver or consent under, or pursue any approach reasonably chosen by Parent to the assumption, defeasance, satisfaction and discharge, constructive satisfaction and discharge, refinancing, repayment, repurchase, redemption, termination, amendment, guarantee, purchase, unwinding or other treatment of, the existing Indebtedness of the Isosceles JV (collectively, the "Isosceles JV Loan Transactions") (provided, that such requested cooperation does not unreasonably interfere with the ongoing operations of Company or any of its Affiliates in any material respect or require any documents (other than customary representation letters and authorization letters) to be executed or approvals to be obtained by Company or any of its Affiliates that would be effective prior to the Closing except as specifically set forth in this Section 6.15; provided, further, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 6.15(b), with respect to any Isosceles JV Loan Transactions, that

Parent shall control all decisions with respect to such Isosceles JV Loan Transactions), in each case, at Parent's sole cost and expense, by using commercially reasonable efforts to:

- (i) participate (and cause senior management and Representatives of Company to participate) in a reasonable number of meetings, presentations, and due diligence sessions with the Debt Financing Sources in respect of the Debt Financing and any Isosceles JV Loan Sources in respect of any Isosceles JV Loan Transactions (provided that, notwithstanding the foregoing, from and after the date hereof, subject to the limitations set forth in Section 6.15(b), Company hereby authorizes Parent and its Representatives to initiate contact with, and to negotiate, communicate and discuss any Isosceles JV Loan Transactions with the relevant Isosceles JV Loan Sources, so long as Parent (A) provides Company reasonable prior notice of initial contact and discussions, (B) keeps Company reasonably apprised on an ongoing timely basis of any developments or material negotiations, communications or discussions, and (C) provides Company or its Representatives the reasonable opportunity to attend (by telephone, videoconference or in person) any such material negotiations, communications or discussions);
- (ii) furnish Parent, the Debt Financing Sources and any Isosceles JV Loan Sources, as promptly as practicable (and, in any event, on or prior to the dates required by the Debt Commitment Letter), with (A) the Required Financial Information, (B) any information regarding the Company Properties necessary to satisfy the conditions set forth on the "Due Diligence" section contained in Exhibit A to the Debt Commitment Letter, and (C) such other pertinent information regarding Company and the Company Subsidiaries (including information regarding the business, operations and financial projections thereof) as may be reasonably requested by Parent and customarily required to assist in the preparation of materials for rating agency presentations, offering documents, private placement memoranda, bank information memoranda, prospectuses and similar documents necessary, proper or advisable in connection with the Debt Financing and the Isosceles JV Loan Transactions (which, for the avoidance of doubt, will not include any Excluded Information);
- (iii) provide reasonable and customary cooperation in connection with the marketing efforts of Parent and its financing sources for the (A) Debt Financing to be raised by Parent to complete the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement and (B) the Isosceles JV Loan Transactions;
- (iv) obtain customary payoff letters, Lien terminations (or assignments thereof), defeasances and instruments of discharge to be delivered at the Closing, subject to any cash collateral requirements in connection with letters of credit that will remain outstanding after Closing and subject to other exceptions under the Definitive Agreements for other Liens permitted to remain outstanding after Closing, all in form and substance reasonably acceptable to Parent, the Debt Financing Sources and any Isosceles JV Loan Sources in connection with the Isosceles JV Loan Transactions;

- (v) provide and execute documents required by the Debt Financing Sources in connection with the Debt Financing and any Isosceles JV Loan Sources in connection with the Isosceles JV Loan Transactions as required by bank regulatory authorities under applicable beneficial ownership, "know-your-customer" and anti-money laundering rules and regulations (provided, that neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary shall be required to enter into any agreement related to any financing that is not effective as of or immediately prior to or conditioned on the occurrence of the Closing Date) to the extent such information is reasonably requested by Parent at least ten (10) Business Days prior to Closing;
- (vi) to the extent reasonably requested by Parent and necessary in connection with the Debt Financing or any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, use commercially reasonable efforts to attempt to obtain, or shall cause the applicable Company Subsidiary to use commercially reasonable efforts to attempt to obtain, an original estoppel certificate with respect property leased pursuant to a ground lease in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Parent, the Debt Financing Source and any Isosceles JV Loan Sources, executed by the landlord under such ground lease and naming Parent and any Debt Financing Source or Isosceles JV Loan Source designated by Parent as addressee and to the extent provided for in such ground lease: (A) verifying the basic facts of such ground lease (including term, rental, expiration date and options, if any) and (B) confirming that there are no defaults by the tenant under such ground lease, it being agreed that neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary shall be required to pay any consideration, expenses or fees, otherwise expend any monies, or grant any concessions in connection with such estoppels;
- (vii) upon Parent's reasonable request, and if necessary in connection with the Debt Financing or any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, use commercially reasonable efforts to attempt to obtain, or shall cause the applicable Company Subsidiary to use commercially reasonable efforts to attempt to obtain, estoppel certificates in form and substance reasonably satisfactory to Parent, the Debt Financing Source and any Isosceles JV Loan Source in connection with the Isosceles JV Loan Transactions, executed by tenants under Company Leases and all other parties to any applicable material reciprocal easement agreement or material declaration of covenants, conditions and/or restrictions affecting any Company Property, if any, in each case to the extent provided for in such lease, agreement or declaration, and in each case reasonably designated by Parent, it being agreed that neither Company nor any Company Subsidiary shall be required to pay any consideration, expenses or fees, otherwise expend any monies, or grant any concessions in connection therewith;
- (viii) upon Parent's reasonable request, reasonably assist Parent, at Parent's sole cost and expense, in obtaining customary lender's title insurance policies insuring the Debt Financing Source's or an Isosceles JV Loan Source's mortgages or similar instruments to be secured upon the Closing (the "<u>Title Policies</u>");
- (ix) to the extent reasonably requested by Parent and necessary in connection with the Debt Financing or any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, instruct Company's auditors to provide customary comfort letters and customary consents to the use of accountants' audit reports relating to Company and the Company Subsidiaries to the extent such "comfort letters" are required to be delivered to the applicable underwriters, initial purchasers or placement

agents in connection with any issuance of securities in a capital markets transaction comprising part of such Debt Financing or Isosceles JV Loan Transaction;

- (x) to the extent reasonably requested by Parent and necessary in connection with the Debt Financing or any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, assist Parent in complying with Rule 17g-5 of the Exchange Act and, to the extent required in accordance with Rule 15Ga-2 of the Exchange Act, instruct the applicable third-party to assist Parent in its efforts to file any third-party due diligence reports on Form ABS-15G; and
- (xi) to the extent reasonably requested by Parent and necessary in connection with the Debt Financing or any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, permit Parent and its Representatives to conduct appraisal and environmental and engineering inspections of each real estate property owned and, subject to obtaining required third party consents with respect thereto (which Company shall use reasonable efforts to obtain), leased by Company or any of the Company Subsidiaries (provided, however, that (A) neither Parent nor its Representatives shall have the right to take and analyze any samples of any environmental media (including soil, groundwater, surface water, air or sediment) or any building material or to perform any invasive testing procedure on any such property, (B) Parent shall schedule and coordinate all inspections with Company in accordance with Section 6.7, (C) Company shall be entitled to have representatives present at all times during any such inspection, and (D) all inspection shall be done in accordance with the terms of the Company Leases or other Company Material Contracts applicable thereto).
- (b) The foregoing notwithstanding, none of Company nor any of its Affiliates shall be required to take or permit the taking of any action pursuant to this Section 6.15, including with respect to any Lien on any assets of Company or the Company Subsidiaries in connection with the Debt Financing or any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, that would: (i) require Company or the Company Subsidiaries or any of their respective Affiliates or any persons who are officers or directors of such entities to pass resolutions or consents to approve or authorize the execution of the Debt Financing or any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction or enter into, execute or deliver any certificate, document, instrument or agreement (other than customary representation letters and authorization letters) or agree to any change or modification of any existing certificate. document, instrument or agreement, in each case, other than any such resolutions, consents, certificates, documents, instruments or agreements that are effective only upon the Closing, (ii) cause any representation or warranty in this Agreement to be breached by Company or any of its Affiliates, (iii) require Company or any of its Affiliates to (A) pay any commitment, consent, amendment or other similar fee unless funded in advance by Parent or (B) incur any other expense, liability or obligation that is not reimbursable by Parent hereunder prior to the Closing or have any obligation of Company or any of its Affiliates under any agreement, certificate, document or instrument be effective until the Closing, (iv) reasonably be expected to cause any director, officer, employee or stockholder of Company or any of its Affiliates to incur any personal liability, (v) reasonably be expected, in the reasonable judgment of Company, to conflict with the Organizational Documents, the organizational documents of any of its Affiliates, any Laws or any contract or obligations of confidentiality (not created in contemplation hereof) (provided, that the Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain a waiver of any such confidentiality obligations, which shall be conditioned upon Parent's own agreement to comply with such obligations on the same terms as apply to Company or the applicable Company Subsidiary) binding on Company or any

of the Company Subsidiaries and provided that the Company's obligations under this Section 6.15 shall be subject to Persons being bound by confidentiality agreements in accordance with customary market practice, (vi) except as set forth in Section 6.15(b)(vi) of the Parent Disclosure Letter, reasonably be expected to result in a material violation or breach of, or a default (with or without notice, lapse of time, or both) under, or give rise to any termination of or loss of any material benefit under, any contract to which Company or any of its Affiliates is a party, (vii) provide access to or disclose information that Company or any of its Affiliates determines in its good faith discretion would jeopardize any attorney-client privilege or other applicable privilege or protection of Company or any of its Affiliates (provided that in the event access or disclosure is withheld pursuant to this clause (vii)), Company shall use commercially reasonable efforts to provide such access or disclose the applicable information in a way that would not give rise to a risk of loss of attorney-client privilege), (viii) require the delivery of any opinion of counsel, (ix) require Company or its Affiliates to prepare any financial statements or information that are not available to it (and are not prepared in the ordinary course of business), (x) require the preparation or delivery of any Excluded Information, (xi) unreasonably interfere with the conduct of the business of Company or its Affiliates, (xii) create a material risk of damage or destruction to any property or assets of Company or any of its Affiliates or result in the creation or imposition of any Lien on any asset of Company or any of its Affiliates, (xiii) cause any condition to the Closing set forth herein to not be satisfied or otherwise cause any breach of this Agreement or require any amendment of or waiver of rights of Company under this Agreement, (xiv) require the change of any fiscal period of Company or any Company Subsidiary, or (xv) require Company or any of its Affiliates to make any filings with the SEC in connection with any Debt Financing or Isosceles JV Loan Transaction (other than in any applicable proxy statement). Nothing contained in this Section 6.15 or otherwise shall require Company or any of its Affiliates, prior to the Closing, to be an issuer or other obligor with respect to the Debt Financing or Isosceles JV Loan Transaction to deliver or cause the delivery of any legal opinion, 10b-5 letters, authorization or representation letters (other than customary representation letters and authorization letters required by the Debt Financing or Isosceles JV Loan Transaction to be provided prior to the Closing) or solvency certificates in connection with the Debt Financing or Isosceles JV Loan Transaction or to require any of its Affiliates, directors, managers, officers, general or limited partners or employees to incur any personal liability with respect to matters related to the Debt Financing or Isosceles JV Loan Transaction. In addition, Parent agrees that any information with respect to the prospects and plans for Company and its Affiliates in connection with the Debt Financing or Isosceles JV Loan Transaction will be the sole responsibility of Parent, and neither Company nor any of its Affiliates, directors, managers, officers, general or limited partners, employees, counsel, financial advisors, auditors, agents and other authorized representatives, shall have any liability or incur any damages with respect thereto or be required to provide any information or make any presentations with respect to capital structure, or the incurrence of the Debt Financing or Isosceles JV Loan Transaction or other pro forma information relating thereto or the manner in which Parent intends to operate, or cause to be operated, Company and its Affiliates after the Closing. Parent shall, promptly on request by Company, reimburse Company or any of its Affiliates for all reasonable and documented third party out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including outside attorneys' fees) incurred by them or their respective Representatives in connection with such cooperation and shall reimburse, indemnify and hold harmless Company and its Affiliates and their respective Representatives from and against any and all losses suffered or incurred by them in connection with the arrangement of the Debt Financing or Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, any action taken by

them at the request of Parent or its Representatives pursuant to this <u>Section 6.15</u> and any information used in connection therewith, except in the event such matters arose out of or resulted from (1) information furnished in writing by or on behalf of Company, the Company Subsidiaries or its or their respective Affiliates or Representatives for use in connection with any Financing, or (2) the bad faith, gross negligence or willful misconduct by Company, the Company Subsidiaries or any of its or their respective Affiliates or Representatives (such reimbursement, indemnification, and hold harmless obligations described in this sentence, the "<u>Parent Reimbursement Obligations</u>").

- (c) Parent shall use commercially reasonable efforts to obtain consent to the Mergers from the lenders under the loan documents set forth on Section 6.15(c) of the Parent Disclosure Letter and any necessary amendments to such loan documents to reflect the Mergers. Prior to the Closing Date, (i) upon the request of Company, Parent shall keep the Company reasonably informed in reasonable detail of the status of its efforts to arrange the Debt Financing or effect any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction, and, (ii) Company shall keep Parent reasonably informed in reasonable detail of any material correspondence or communication between Company and its Representatives and any Isosceles JV Loan Sources regarding any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction. The Parties acknowledge and agree that the provisions contained in this Section 6.15 represent the sole obligation of Company and the Company Subsidiaries with respect to cooperation in connection with the arrangement of any financing (including the Financing) to be obtained by Parent with respect to the transactions contemplated by this Agreement and the transactions contemplated by the Commitment Letters, and no other provision of this Agreement (including the annexes, exhibits and schedules hereto) or the Commitment Letters shall be deemed to expand or modify such obligations. In no event shall the receipt or availability of any funds or financing (including the Financing) by Parent or any of its Affiliates or any other financing or other transactions be a condition to any of Parent's obligations under this Agreement.
- (d) All nonpublic or otherwise confidential information regarding Company or any of its Affiliates obtained by Parent or its Representatives pursuant to this <u>Section 6.15</u> shall be kept confidential in accordance with the Confidentiality Agreement; <u>provided</u> that Parent may share non-public or otherwise confidential information with actual or potential financing sources subject to confidentiality protections customary for such transactions and that are no less protective of the Company and its Affiliates than the Confidentiality Agreement.
- (e) Company, on behalf of itself and each of the Company Subsidiaries, hereby consents to the use of Company's and each Company Subsidiary's trademarks and logos in connection with the Debt Financing or any Isosceles JV Loan Transaction in customary marketing materials in customary manners; <u>provided</u>, that such trademarks and logos are used solely in a manner that is not intended, or reasonably likely, to harm or disparage Company or any Company Subsidiary or the reputation or goodwill of Company or any Company Subsidiary.
- (f) The condition set forth in Section 7.2(b), as it applies to Company's obligations under this Section 6.15, shall automatically be deemed satisfied except to the extent that, if Parent claims that Company has breached such obligations, it has provided to the Company written notice of such breach within ten (10) Business Days of first becoming aware of such breach and the Company has failed to cure such breach within ten (10) Business Days after such notice is provided. Nothing contained in this Section 6.15 shall require the Company to commence any

lawsuit or exercise or threaten to exercise rights of termination or other remedies against any tenant or other counterparty under any contract.

Section 6.16 <u>Indemnification; Directors' and Officers' Insurance</u>.

Without limiting any additional rights that any manager, director, officer, trustee, agent, fiduciary, advisor or person acting in similar capacity may have under applicable Law, any indemnification agreement or under the Company Charter, the Company Bylaws, the Operating Partnership Agreement, or, if applicable, similar organizational documents or agreements of any Company Subsidiary (with respect to each such entity, the "Organizational Documents"), from and after the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time, as applicable, each of Parent, the REIT Surviving Entity and the Partnership Surviving Entity shall, for a period of six (6) years from the REIT Merger Effective Time: (i) indemnify and hold harmless each person who is at the date hereof, was previously, or will be during the period from the date hereof through the date of the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time, as applicable, serving as a manager, director, officer, trustee, agent, fiduciary or person acting in a similar capacity of Company, Operating Partnership, or any of the Company Subsidiaries (collectively, the "Indemnified Parties"), to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by applicable Law, in connection with any Claim with respect to matters occurring on or before the REIT Merger Effective Time and any losses, claims, damages, liabilities, costs, Claim Expenses, judgments, fines, penalties and amounts paid in settlement (including all interest, assessments and other charges paid or payable in connection with or in respect of any thereof) relating to or resulting from such Claim; and (ii) promptly pay on behalf of or, within ten (10) Business Days after any request for advancement, advance to each of the Indemnified Parties, to the fullest extent authorized or permitted by applicable Law, as now or hereafter in effect, any Claim Expenses incurred in defending, serving as a witness with respect to or otherwise participating with respect to any Claim in advance of the final disposition of such Claim, including payment on behalf of or advancement to the Indemnified Party of any Claim Expenses incurred by such Indemnified Party in connection with enforcing any rights with respect to such indemnification and/or advancement, in each case without the requirement of any bond or other security, but subject to Parent's receipt of an undertaking by or on behalf of such Indemnified Party to repay such Claim Expenses if it is ultimately determined under applicable Laws that such Indemnified Party is not entitled to be indemnified; provided that none of Parent, the Partnership Surviving Entity, the REIT Surviving Entity or any of their respective Affiliates shall be liable for any amounts paid in settlement effected without its prior written consent (which consent shall not be unreasonably conditioned, withheld or delayed). As used in this Section 6.16(a), (I) the term "Claim" means any threatened, asserted, pending or completed Action, whether instituted by any Party hereto, any Governmental Authority or any other Person, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or other, including any arbitration or other alternative dispute resolution mechanism, arising out of or pertaining to (x) matters that relate to such Indemnified Party's duties or service as a manager, director, officer, trustee, employee, agent or fiduciary of Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries or, to the extent such person is or was serving at the request or for the benefit of Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries, any other entity or any Benefit Plan maintained by any of the foregoing at or prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, and (v) this Agreement or any of the transactions contemplated hereby, including the Mergers; and (II) the term "Claim Expenses" means all reasonable and documented attorneys' fees and all other reasonable and documented costs,

expenses and obligations (including experts' fees, travel expenses, court costs, retainers, transcript fees, duplicating, printing and binding costs, as well as telecommunications, postage and courier charges) paid or incurred in connection with investigating, defending, being a witness in or participating in (including on appeal), or preparing to investigate, defend, be a witness in or participate in, any Claim for which indemnification is authorized pursuant to this Section 6.16(a), including any Action relating to a claim for indemnification or advancement brought by an Indemnified Party. The Partnership Surviving Entity and the REIT Surviving Entity, as applicable, shall not settle, compromise or consent to the entry of any judgment in any actual or threatened Claim in respect of which indemnification has been sought by an Indemnified Party hereunder unless such settlement, compromise or judgment includes an unconditional release of such Indemnified Party from all liability arising out of such Claim, or such Indemnified Party otherwise consents thereto.

- (b) Without limiting the foregoing, each of Parent, the Partnership Surviving Entity and the REIT Surviving Entity agrees that all rights to indemnification and exculpation from liabilities for acts or omissions occurring at or prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, now existing in favor of the Indemnified Parties as provided in the Organizational Documents and indemnification agreements of Company and Operating Partnership shall survive the Mergers and shall continue in full force and effect in accordance with their terms for a period of six (6) years. For a period of six (6) years following the REIT Merger Effective Time, the organizational documents of the Partnership Surviving Entity, the REIT Surviving Entity and any applicable Company Subsidiary shall contain provisions no less favorable with respect to indemnification and limitations on liability of directors and officers than are set forth in the Organizational Documents, which provisions shall not be amended, repealed or otherwise modified for a period of six (6) years following the REIT Merger Effective Time in any manner that would affect adversely the rights thereunder of individuals who, at or prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, were directors, officers, trustees, agents or fiduciaries of Company, Operating Partnership or any of the Company Subsidiaries, unless such modification shall be required by applicable Law and then only to the minimum extent required by applicable Law.
- (c) For a period of six (6) years after the REIT Merger Effective Time, as applicable, Parent, the Partnership Surviving Entity or the REIT Surviving Entity shall maintain in effect Company's current directors' and officers' liability insurance covering each Person currently covered by Company's directors' and officers' liability insurance policy for acts or omissions occurring prior to and through the REIT Merger Effective Time; provided, that in lieu of such obligation, (i) Parent, the REIT Surviving Entity or the Partnership Surviving Entity, as applicable, may substitute therefor policies of an insurance company with the same or better rating as Company's and Operating Partnership's current insurance carrier the material terms of which, including coverage and amount, are no less favorable in any material respect to such directors and officers than Company's existing policies as of the date hereof, or (ii) in consultation with Parent, Company may obtain extended reporting period coverage under Company's, Operating Partnership's or the applicable Company Subsidiary's existing insurance programs (to be effective as of the REIT Merger Effective Time) or purchase a "tail" policy for a period of six (6) years after the REIT Merger Effective Time, as applicable, for a cost not in excess of 300% the current annual premiums for such insurance; and provided, further, that in no event shall Parent, the REIT Surviving Entity, the Partnership Surviving Entity or any of their respective Affiliates be required to pay annual premiums for insurance under this Section 6.16(c) in excess of 300% of the most

recent annual premiums paid by Company, Operating Partnership or the applicable Company Subsidiary, as applicable, prior to the date of this Agreement for such purpose, it being understood that if the annual premiums of such insurance coverage exceed such amount, the REIT Surviving Entity or the Partnership Surviving Entity, as applicable, shall nevertheless be obligated to provide such coverage as may be obtained for such 300% amount.

- (d) If Parent, the REIT Surviving Entity, the Partnership Surviving Entity or any of their respective successors or assigns (i) consolidates with or merges with or into any other Person and shall not be the continuing or surviving corporation, partnership or other entity of such consolidation or merger, or (ii) liquidates, dissolves or winds-up, or transfers or conveys all or substantially all of its properties and assets to any Person, then, and in each such case, proper provision shall be made so that the successors and assigns of the REIT Surviving Entity or the Partnership Surviving Entity, as the case may be, shall assume the obligations set forth in this Section 6.16.
- (e) Parent, the REIT Surviving Entity and the Partnership Surviving Entity shall pay all reasonable and documented out-of-pocket expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, that may be incurred by any Indemnified Party in enforcing the indemnity and other obligations provided in this Section 6.16; provided, that such Indemnified Party provides an undertaking to repay such expenses if it is determined by a final and non-appealable judgment of a court of competent jurisdiction that such Person is not legally entitled to indemnification under Law.
- (f) The provisions of this <u>Section 6.16</u> are intended to be for the express benefit of, and shall be enforceable by, each Indemnified Party (who are intended third party beneficiaries of this <u>Section 6.16</u>), his or her heirs and his or her personal representatives, shall be binding on all successors and assigns of Parent, Company, Operating Partnership, the REIT Surviving Entity and the Partnership Surviving Entity and shall not be amended in a manner that is adverse to the Indemnified Party (including his or her successors, assigns and heirs) without the prior written consent of the Indemnified Party (including such successors, assigns and heirs) affected thereby. The exculpation and indemnification provided for by this <u>Section 6.16</u> shall not be deemed to be exclusive of any other rights to which an Indemnified Party is entitled, whether pursuant to applicable Law, contract or otherwise.
- Section 6.17 <u>Dividends</u>. In the event that a distribution with respect to the shares of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units permitted under the terms of this Agreement has a record date prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time or Partnership Merger Effective Time, as applicable, and has not been paid prior to the Closing Date, such distribution shall be paid to the holders of such shares of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units on the Closing Date immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time or Partnership Merger Effective Time, as applicable.

Section 6.18 <u>Voting of Shares</u>. Parent shall vote all shares of Company Common Stock beneficially owned by it or any of the Parent Subsidiaries (if any) as of the record date for the Stockholders Meeting, if any, in favor of approval of this Agreement and the transactions contemplated hereby.

- Section 6.19 <u>Takeover Statutes</u>. The Parties shall use their respective commercially reasonable efforts (a) to take all action necessary so that no Takeover Statute is or becomes applicable to the Mergers or any of the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and (b) if any such Takeover Statute is or becomes applicable to any of the foregoing, to take all action necessary so that the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement may be consummated as promptly as practicable on the terms contemplated by this Agreement and otherwise to eliminate or minimize the effect of such Takeover Statute on the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement.
- Section 6.20 <u>Tax Representation Letters</u>. Company shall (i) use its reasonable best efforts to obtain the opinion of counsel referred to in <u>Section 7.2(e)</u>, and (ii) deliver to Alston & Bird LLP, special tax counsel to Company, a tax representation letter, dated as of the Closing Date and signed by an officer of Company, substantially in the form of <u>Exhibit A</u> or otherwise reasonably acceptable to such counsel, containing representations of Company for purposes of rendering the opinion described in <u>Section 7.2(e)</u>.
- Section 6.21 <u>Cooperation</u>. Company shall cooperate and consult in good faith with Parent with respect to maintenance of the REIT status of Company for the Company's short tax year beginning January 1, 2025, including by providing Parent information supporting amounts distributed and the calculation of the amount required to be distributed pursuant to Section 857(a) of the Code. To the extent REIT Merger Sub qualifies, or intends to qualify, as a REIT effective prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, Parent and Company shall cooperate to cause each Taxable REIT Subsidiary of Company to jointly elect with REIT Merger Sub to be treated as a Taxable REIT Subsidiary of REIT Merger Sub, effective as of the date of the REIT Merger Effective Time.
- Section 6.22 <u>Resignation of Directors and Officers</u>. Except as set forth in <u>Section 6.22</u> of the Company Disclosure Letter, prior to the Effective Time, Company shall cause each member of the Company Board and each director, manager and officer of Company and each whollyowned Company Subsidiary (other than any directors, managers and officers designated by Parent in writing to Company prior to the Closing) to execute and deliver a letter effectuating his or her resignation as a director, manager and/or officer (but not as an employee) of Company or any Company Subsidiary, as applicable, effective immediately prior to, and subject to the occurrence of, the REIT Merger Effective Time.

ARTICLE 7 CONDITIONS

- Section 7.1 <u>Conditions to Each Party's Obligation to Effect the Mergers</u>. The respective obligations of the Parties to effect the Mergers and to consummate the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement on the Closing Date are subject to the satisfaction or, to the extent permitted by Law, waiver by each of the Parties at or prior to the Closing of the following conditions:
- (a) <u>Stockholder Approval</u>. The Company Stockholder Approval shall have been obtained in accordance with applicable Law and the Company Charter.

- (b) <u>No Injunctions or Restraints.</u> No temporary restraining order, preliminary or permanent injunction or other judgment, order or decree issued by any Governmental Authority of competent jurisdiction prohibiting the consummation of the Mergers or any other transaction contemplated hereby shall be in effect, and no Law shall have been enacted, entered, promulgated or enforced by any Governmental Authority after the date of this Agreement that, in each case, makes illegal or otherwise prohibits the consummation of the Mergers.
- Section 7.2 <u>Conditions to Obligations of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub.</u> The obligations of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub to effect the Mergers and to consummate the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction or (to the extent permitted by Law) waiver by Parent, at or prior to the Closing, of the following additional conditions:
- (a) Representations and Warranties. (i) The representations and warranties set forth in Section 4.1(a) (Organization and Qualification; Subsidiaries), Section 4.3 (Capital Structure) (except Section 4.3(a)), Section 4.4 (Authority), Section 4.21 (Opinion of Financial Advisor), Section 4.22 (Approval Required), Section 4.23 (Brokers), Section 4.24 (Investment Company Act) and Section 4.25 (Takeover Statutes), shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing, as though made as of the Closing, (ii) the representations and warranties set forth in Section 4.3(a) (Capital Structure) shall be true and correct in all but de minimis respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing, as though made as of the Closing, and (iii) each of the other representations and warranties of Company and Operating Partnership contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing, as though made as of the Closing, except (A) in each case ((i) through (iii)), representations and warranties that are made as of a specific date shall be true and correct only on and as of such date, and (B) in the case of clause (i), without giving effect to any materiality qualifications set forth in such representations and warranties) and (C) in the case of clause (iii), where the failure of such representations or warranties to be true and correct (without giving effect to any materiality or Company Material Adverse Effect qualifications set forth therein) does not have, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) <u>Performance of Covenants and Obligations of Company and Operating Partnership</u>. Company and Operating Partnership shall have performed in all material respects all obligations, and complied in all material respects with all agreements and covenants, required to be performed or complied with by them under this Agreement at or prior to the Closing.
- (c) <u>Material Adverse Effect</u>. On the Closing Date, there shall not exist any Effect that has had or would reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Company Material Adverse Effect.
- (d) <u>Delivery of Certificates</u>. Company shall have delivered to Parent a certificate, dated the date of the Closing and signed by its chief executive officer or chief financial officer on behalf of Company and Operating Partnership, certifying to the effect that the conditions set forth in <u>Section 7.2(a)</u>, <u>Section 7.2(b)</u> and <u>Section 7.2(c)</u> have been satisfied.

- (e) Opinion Relating to Company's REIT Qualification. Company shall have received the written opinion of Alston & Bird LLP, special tax counsel to Company (or other counsel reasonably satisfactory to Parent), on which Parent shall be entitled to rely, dated as of the Closing Date, in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, to the effect that for all taxable periods commencing with its taxable year ended December 31, 2012 and through its taxable year ending on the Closing Date, Company has been organized and operated in conformity with the requirements for qualification and taxation as a REIT under the Code (which opinion shall be based upon the representation letter described in Section 6.20 and shall be subject to customary assumptions, exceptions, limitations and qualifications).
- Section 7.3 <u>Conditions to Obligations of Company and Operating Partnership</u>. The obligations of Company and Operating Partnership to effect the Mergers and to consummate the other transactions contemplated by this Agreement are subject to the satisfaction or (to the extent permitted by Law) waiver by Company and Company at or prior to the Closing, of the following additional conditions:
- (a) Representations and Warranties. (i) The representations and warranties set forth in Section 5.1(a) (Organization and Qualification), Section 5.2 (Authority), and Section 5.6 (Brokers), Section 5.11 (Financing) and Section 5.12 (Limited Guaranty) shall be true and correct in all material respects as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing, as though made as of the Closing, and (ii) each of the other representations and warranties of Parent contained in this Agreement shall be true and correct as of the date of this Agreement and as of the Closing, as though made as of the Closing, except (A) in each case, representations and warranties that are made as of a specific date shall be true and correct only on and as of such date, and (B) in the case of clause (ii), where the failure of such representations or warranties to be true and correct (without giving effect to any materiality or "Parent Material Adverse Effect" qualifications set forth therein) does not have, and would not reasonably be expected to have, individually or in the aggregate, a Parent Material Adverse Effect.
- (b) <u>Performance of Covenants or Obligations of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub</u>. Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub shall have performed in all material respects all obligations, and complied in all material respects with all agreements and covenants, required to be performed or complied with by them under this Agreement at or prior to the Closing.
- (c) <u>Delivery of Certificates</u>. Parent shall have delivered to Company a certificate, dated the date of the Closing and signed by an officer of Parent on behalf of Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub, certifying to the effect that the conditions set forth in <u>Section 7.3(a)</u> and <u>Section 7.3(b)</u> have been satisfied.

ARTICLE 8 TERMINATION, FEES AND AMENDMENT

- Section 8.1 <u>Termination</u>. Anything contained in this Agreement to the contrary notwithstanding, this Agreement may be terminated and the transactions contemplated by this Agreement abandoned at any time prior to the Closing (whether before or after the receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval):
 - (a) by mutual written consent of each of Parent and Company; or
 - (b) by either Parent or Company by written notice to the other Party:
- (i) if the Mergers shall not have been consummated on or before 11:59 p.m. Eastern time on July 24, 2026 (the "<u>Outside Date</u>"; <u>provided</u>, that (A) if the filing, mailing or effectiveness of the Proxy Statement is delayed due to a temporary closure of any Governmental Authority (including a government shutdown), the Outside Date shall be automatically extended for a period equal to the number of days of such delay and (B) the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this <u>Section 8.1(b)(i)</u> shall not be available to any Party that has breached its obligations under this Agreement in any manner that shall have caused the failure to consummate the Mergers on or before such date (it being understood that a breach of this Agreement by REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub shall be deemed to be a breach by Parent for all purposes of this Agreement); or
- (ii) if any Governmental Authority having jurisdiction over any Party shall have issued an Order that permanently restrains, enjoins or otherwise prohibits or makes illegal the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and such Order shall have become final and non-appealable; provided that no Party may terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(b)(ii) (A) unless it is in compliance with its obligations under Section 6.8 and (B) if the failure of such Party to comply with any provision of this Agreement shall have been the principal cause of, or principally resulted in, the issuance of such final, non-appealable Order (it being understood that a failure to comply with this Agreement by REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub shall be deemed to failure to comply by Parent for all purposes of this Agreement); or
- (iii) if the Stockholders Meeting (including any adjournments or postponements thereof) shall have concluded, a vote on the adoption of this Agreement shall have been taken thereat and the Company Stockholder Approval shall not have been obtained; or
 - (c) by Parent upon written notice to Company:
- (i) if, prior to the Company Stockholder Approval having been obtained, (A) the Company Board shall have effected a Change of Recommendation, (B) Company shall have failed to publicly recommend against any tender offer or exchange offer subject to Regulation 14D under the Exchange Act that constitutes an Acquisition Proposal (including, for these purposes, by taking no position with respect to the acceptance of such tender offer or exchange offer by Company's stockholders) within ten (10) Business Days after the commencement of such tender offer or exchange offer, or (C) the Company Board shall have failed to publicly reaffirm the Company Board Recommendation within ten (10) Business Days after the date an Acquisition Proposal shall have been publicly announced (or if the Stockholders Meeting is scheduled to be

held within ten (10) Business Days from the date an Acquisition Proposal is publicly announced, promptly and in any event prior to the date on which the Stockholders Meeting is scheduled to be held), it being understood that Company Board will have no obligation to take such actions on more than one occasion in respect of any specific Acquisition Proposal (unless such Acquisition Proposal has been publicly materially modified, in which case the Company Board shall take such action within ten (10) Business Days after the date such material modification is made public, it being understood that Company Board will have no obligation to take such actions on more than one occasion in respect of any specific material modification), provided, that Parent so terminates this Agreement within ten (10) Business Days of such Change of Recommendation (in the case of clause (A)) or of the failure of Company or Company Board to take the actions described in clauses (B) or (C), as applicable; or

(ii) if Company shall have breached or failed to perform any of its representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure to perform (A) would result in a failure of any condition set forth in Section 7.2(a) or Section 7.2(b) and (B) cannot be cured by the Outside Date or, if curable, is not cured within thirty (30) Business Days following Parent's delivery of written notice to Company stating Parent's intention to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(c)(ii) and the basis for such termination; provided, however, that Parent shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(c)(ii) if Company has the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(d)(ii); or

(d) by Company upon written notice to Parent:

- (i) if, prior to the Company Stockholder Approval having been obtained, the Company Board has approved, and concurrently with the termination hereunder, Company enters into a definitive agreement providing for the implementation of a Superior Proposal in accordance with Section 6.3(g); provided, that, (A) Company shall have complied in all material respects with its obligations under Section 6.3 and (B) substantially concurrently with such termination, Company pays (or causes to be paid) the Company Termination Fee due under Section 8.3(a):
- (ii) if Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub shall have breached or failed to perform any of their representations, warranties, covenants or other agreements contained in this Agreement, which breach or failure to perform (A) would result in a failure of any condition set forth in Section 7.3(a) or Section 7.3(b) and (B) cannot be cured by the Outside Date or, if curable, is not cured within thirty (30) Business Days following Company's delivery of written notice to Parent stating Company's intention to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(d)(ii) and the basis for such termination; provided, however, that Company shall not have the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to this Section 8.1(d)(ii) if Parent has the right to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(c)(ii); or

(iii) if (A) all the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2 have been, and continue to be, satisfied (other than those conditions that by their terms are to be satisfied by actions taken at the Closing, so long as such conditions are at the time of delivery of the notice referred to in the following clause (C) capable of being satisfied as if such time were the Closing) or waived, (B) Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub fail to complete the Closing the day the Closing is required to occur pursuant to Section 2.2, (C) Company shall have irrevocably certified to Parent confirming the matters described in clause (A) and that Company stands ready, willing and able to consummate the Closing and (D) Parent fails to effect the Closing within three (3) Business Days following the delivery of the written certification described in the immediately preceding clause (C) and Company was and remains ready, willing and able to consummate the Closing during such three (3) Business Day period; provided that notwithstanding anything in Section 8.1(b)(i) to the contrary, no Party shall be permitted to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(b)(i) during any such three (3)-Business Day period.

Section 8.2 <u>Effect of Termination</u>. Written notice of termination pursuant to <u>Section 8.1</u> shall be given to the non-terminating Parties, specifying the provisions thereof pursuant to which such termination is made. In the event of a valid termination pursuant to <u>Section 8.1</u>, this Agreement shall forthwith become null and void and there shall be no liability on the part of Company, Operating Partnership, Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub or any of their respective Representatives or Affiliates relating to, based on or arising under or out of this Agreement, the transactions contemplated hereby or the subject matter hereof (including the negotiation and performance of this Agreement), except that (a) no such termination shall relieve Company of its obligation to pay the Company Termination Fee or the Enforcement Costs, if, as and when required pursuant to <u>Section 8.3</u>; (b) no such termination shall relieve Parent of its obligation to pay the Parent Termination Fee or the Enforcement Costs, if, as and when required pursuant to <u>Section 8.3</u>; (c) subject to <u>Section 8.3(e)</u>, no such termination shall relieve any Party of any liability or damages resulting from any fraud or Willful and Material Breach of its obligations set forth in this Agreement prior to termination of this Agreement (which liabilities or damages shall not be limited to reimbursement of expenses or out of pocket costs); and (d) the provisions of the last sentence of <u>Section 6.7(a)</u>, <u>Section 6.9</u>, the Parent Reimbursement Obligations, this <u>Section 8.2</u>, <u>Section 8.3</u> and <u>Article 9</u> shall survive the termination hereof. In addition to the foregoing, no termination of this Agreement will affect the rights or obligations of any party pursuant to the Confidentiality Agreement or the Limited Guaranty, which rights, obligations and agreements will survive the termination of this Agreement in accordance with their respective terms.

Section 8.3 <u>Termination Fee</u>.

- (a) Company Termination Fee.
- (i) In the event that (A)(1) this Agreement is terminated by Company or Parent pursuant to Section 8.1(b)(i) (Outside Date) or by Parent pursuant to Section 8.1(c)(ii) (Company Breach), and an Acquisition Proposal (with, for all purposes of this Section 8.3(a)(i), all percentages included in the definition of "Acquisition Proposal" increased to 50.1%) shall have been publicly announced or otherwise publicly communicated to the Company Board after the date of this Agreement and shall not have been publicly withdrawn prior to the date of such termination or (2) this Agreement is terminated by Company or Parent pursuant to Section

<u>8.1(b)(iii)</u> (*No Company Stockholder Approval*), and prior to the Stockholders Meeting, an Acquisition Proposal has been publicly announced or otherwise publicly communicated to Company's stockholders and has not been publicly withdrawn at least five (5) Business Days prior to the Stockholders Meeting, and (B) prior to the date that is twelve (12) months after the date of such termination, either (x) a transaction in respect of an Acquisition Proposal is consummated or (y) Company enters into an Alternative Acquisition Agreement that is later consummated;

- (ii) In the event that this Agreement is terminated by Parent pursuant to Section 8.1(c)(i) (Change of Recommendation); or
 - (iii) In the event that this Agreement is terminated by Company pursuant to Section 8.1(d)(i) (Superior Proposal);

then, in any such event, Company shall pay or cause to be paid the Company Termination Fee in cash to Parent, it being understood that in no event shall Company be required to pay the Company Termination Fee on more than one occasion. Payment of the Company Termination Fee shall be made by wire transfer of same day funds to the account or accounts designated by Parent (x) at the time of consummation of any transaction contemplated by an Acquisition Proposal, in the case of a Company Termination Fee payable pursuant to Section 8.3(a)(i), (y) as promptly as reasonably practicable after termination (and, in any event, within two (2) Business Days thereof), in the case of a Company Termination Fee payable pursuant to Section 8.3(a)(ii), and (z) prior to or concurrently with such termination, in the case of a Company Termination Fee payable pursuant to Section 8.3(a)(iii).

(b) [Reserved].

- (c) Parent Termination Fee. In the event that this Agreement is terminated (i) by Company pursuant to Section 8.1(d)(ii) (Parent Breach) or Section 8.1(d)(iii) (Failure to Close), or (ii) by Parent pursuant to Section 8.1(b)(i) (Outside Date) at a time when Company would have been entitled to terminate this Agreement pursuant to Section 8.1(d)(ii) (Parent Breach) or Section 8.1(d)(iii) (Failure to Close); then Parent shall pay or cause to be paid \$70,175,151 in cash (the "Parent Termination Fee") to Company within five (5) Business Days after such termination.
- (d) Enforcement Costs. Each Party acknowledges that the agreements contained in this Section 8.3 are an integral part of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement, and that, without these agreements, the Parties would not have entered into this Agreement. Accordingly, if (x) Company fails to timely pay Parent the Company Termination Fee when due pursuant to Section 8.3(a), and, to obtain such payment, Parent commences a suit that results in a judgment against Company, or (y) Parent fails to timely pay the Parent Termination Fee when due pursuant to Section 8.3(b), and, to obtain such payment, Company commences a suit that results in a judgment against Parent, the Party owing the termination fee (Company in the case of (x) and Parent in the case of (y)) shall pay the other Party its reasonable, documented and out-of-pocket costs and expenses (including documented and reasonable out-of-pocket attorneys' fees of one outside counsel) in connection with such suit, together with interest thereon at the prime rate as published in The Wall Street Journal (or if not reported therein, as reported in another authoritative source reasonably selected by the owed Party) in effect on the date the Company Termination Fee or the Parent Termination Fee, as applicable, was required to be paid from such date through the

date of full payment thereof (any such amounts of costs, expenses and interest, the "Enforcement Costs").

- (e) Limitations on Remedies.
- (i) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Agreement, in no event shall more than one Company Termination Fee or Parent Termination Fee be payable under this Agreement.
- Subject to Section 9.11 and Company's rights under the Limited Guaranty, Company's right to receive the (ii) Parent Termination Fee from Parent when payable pursuant to Section 8.3(b), together with any Enforcement Costs and Parent Reimbursement Obligations, shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedies of Company and the Company Related Parties against Parent, the Parent Related Parties, the Equity Investors and the Debt Financing Sources for any losses, liabilities, costs, expenses and damages suffered by Company or any Company Related Party in respect of this Agreement, any Transaction Document, including the Commitment Letters, the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, the termination of this Agreement, any breach hereunder or thereunder (in any use, whether willfully, intentionally or otherwise) or the failure to consummate the Mergers or any claims or actions under applicable Law arising out of any such breach, termination or failure. Upon payment of the Parent Termination Fee (to the extent owed pursuant to Section 8.3(b)), the Parent Reimbursement Obligations (if any) and any Enforcement Costs (if any) (such amounts, collectively, the "Parent Liability Cap"), none of the Parent Related Parties, Equity Investors or the Debt Financing Sources will have any further liability to any of the Company Related Parties or any other Person relating to or arising out of this Agreement, any agreement executed in connection herewith, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, including the Commitment Letters and the Limited Guaranty, or for any matters forming the basis of such termination, except that, in each case the parties to the Confidentiality Agreement will remain obligated with respect thereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 8.3(e)(ii) will not relieve Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub (or the Equity Investors under the Limited Guaranty) from any liability (1) for any fraud or Willful and Material Breach of this Agreement where such fraud or Willful or Material Breach is the principal cause of the failure of the Closing to be consummated, subject to the Parent Liability Cap, or (2) for any breaches of the Confidentiality Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, whether or not this Agreement is terminated, and regardless of the reason for any such termination or the occurrence of a Willful and Material Breach, none of Company or any Company Related Party shall seek monetary damages in excess of an amount equal to the Parent Liability Cap in the aggregate (without duplication) with all other claims or payments made by or on behalf of Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub, whether at law or in equity, in contract, tort or otherwise. All claims, liabilities, or causes of action (whether in contract or in tort, in law or in equity, or granted by statute) that may be based upon, in respect of, arise under, out or by reason of, be connected with, or relate in any manner to this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents or transactions contemplated hereby or the negotiation, execution, or performance of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents (including any representation or warranty made in, in connection with, or as an inducement to, this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents), may be made only against (and such representations and warranties are those solely of) the Persons that are expressly identified as the parties to this Agreement and, in the case of the other Transaction Documents, Persons expressly identified as parties to such

Transaction Documents (each, a "Contracting Party"). No Person who is not a Contracting Party, including (so long as the same is not a Contracting Party) any current, former or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner, manager, stockholder, equityholder, Affiliate, agent, attorney, representative or assignee of, and any financial advisor or lender to, any Contracting Party, or any current, former or future director, officer, employee, incorporator, member, partner, manager, stockholder, equityholder, Affiliate, agent, attorney, representative or assignee of any of the foregoing and the Debt Financing Sources (collectively (and so long as any such Person is not a Contracting Party), the "Non-Recourse Party"), shall have any liability (whether in contract or in tort, in law or in equity, or granted by statute) for any claims, causes of action, obligations, or liabilities arising under, out of, in connection with, or related in any manner to this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or based on, in respect of, or by reason of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents or the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the negotiation, execution, performance, or breach of this Agreement or the other Transaction Documents, and, to the maximum extent permitted by applicable Law, each Contracting Party, on behalf of itself and its Affiliates, hereby waives and releases all such liabilities, claims, causes of action, and obligations against any such Non-Recourse Party.

(iii) Subject to Section 9.11, Parent's right to receive the Company Termination Fee from Company when payable pursuant to Section 8.3(a), together with any Enforcement Costs, shall constitute the sole and exclusive remedies of Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub, the Equity Investors, the Debt Financing Sources and the Parent Related Parties against Company, Company Subsidiaries and the Company Related Parties for any losses, liabilities, costs, expenses and damages suffered by Parent, REIT Merger Sub, OP Merger Sub, the Debt Financing Sources or any Parent Related Party in respect of this Agreement, any agreement executed in connection herewith, including the Commitment Letters, the transactions contemplated hereby and thereby, the termination of this Agreement, any breach hereunder or thereunder or the failure to consummate the Mergers or any claims or actions under applicable Law arising out of any such breach, termination or failure. Upon payment of the Company Termination Fee (to the extent owed pursuant to Section 8.3(a)) and any Enforcement Costs (if any), none of the Company Related Parties will have any further liability to any of the Parent Related Parties or any other Person relating to or arising out of this Agreement, any agreement executed in connection herewith, the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby, including the Commitment Letters and the Limited Guaranty, or for any matters forming the basis of such termination, except that, in each case the parties to the Confidentiality Agreement will remain obligated with respect thereto. Notwithstanding the foregoing, this Section 8.3(e)(iii) will not relieve Company from any liability (1) for fraud or any Willful and Material Breach of this Agreement where such fraud or Willful and Material Breach is the principal cause of the failure of the Closing to be consummated or (2) for any breaches of the Confidentiality Agreement. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, whether or not this Agreement is terminated, and regardless of the reason for any such termination, none of Parent or any Parent Related Party shall seek monetary damages in excess of an amount equal to the Parent Termination Fee, together with any Enforcement Costs, whether at law or in equity, in contract, tort or otherwise.

- (iv) The Parties acknowledge that any amount payable pursuant to this Section 8.3, including the Company Termination Fee and the Parent Termination Fee, shall not constitute a penalty but is instead liquidated damages, in a reasonable amount that will compensate Parent or Company, as applicable, in the circumstances in which such amounts are due and payable for the efforts and resources expended and opportunities foregone while negotiating this Agreement and in reliance on this Agreement and on the expectation of the consummation of the Mergers. The Parties further acknowledge that the right to seek the Company Termination Fee or the Parent Termination Fee, as applicable, shall not limit or otherwise affect any such Party's right to specific performance as provided in Section 9.11, provided that in no event shall either Party be entitled to receive both specific performance to cause the Closing to occur and payment of the Company Termination Fee or Parent Termination Fee, as applicable.
- (f) Any payment of the Company Termination Fee, the Parent Termination Fee or any other amounts contemplated by Section 8.3 shall be made by wire transfer of immediately available funds to an account designated in writing by Company or Parent, as applicable.
- (g) Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, the amount of the fees payable under Section 8.3 (collectively, the "Section 8.3 Amount") to a Party that has elected to be treated as a REIT (the "Recipient") in any taxable year of the Recipient shall not exceed the sum (calculated for the Recipient's taxable year in which such amount is received) of (A) the amount that it is determined should not be gross income to the Recipient for purposes of the requirements of Sections 856(c)(2) and (3) of the Code, with such determination to be set forth in an opinion of outside tax counsel to the Recipient, plus (B) such additional amount that it is estimated can be paid to the Recipient in such taxable year without creating a risk that the payment would cause the Recipient to fail to meet the requirements of Sections 856(c)(2) and (3) of the Code, determined as if the payment of such amount did not constitute income described in Sections 856(c)(2) and (3) of the Code ("Qualifying Income"), which determination shall be made by independent tax accountants to the Recipient, plus (C) if (i) the Recipient receives a letter from outside tax counsel to the Recipient indicating that the Recipient has received a ruling from the IRS holding that the Recipient's receipt of the applicable Section 8.3 Amount either would constitute Qualifying Income or would be excluded from gross income of the Recipient for purposes of Sections 856(c)(2) and (3) of the Code, or (ii) the Recipient's outside counsel has rendered a legal opinion to the effect that the receipt by the Recipient of the Section 8.3 Amount should either constitute Qualifying Income or should be excluded from gross income of the Recipient for purposes of Sections 856(c)(2) and (3) of the Code, the remaining balance of such Section 8.3 Amount. Any amount of any Section 8.3 Amount_that remains unpaid as of the end of a taxable year shall be paid as soon as possible during the following taxable year, subject to the foregoing limitation of this paragraph. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Recipient shall cease to qualify as a REIT for federal income tax purposes, the entire unpaid balance of any Section 8.3 Amount shall be payable immediately. To secure the Party owing Section 8.3 Amount's obligation to pay these amounts, such Party shall deposit into escrow an amount in cash equal to the Section 8.3 Amount with an escrow agent selected by the Recipient and on such terms (subject to Section 8.3(h)) as shall be mutually agreed upon by such Party, the Recipient and the escrow agent as reflected in an escrow agreement among such parties; provided that the payment or deposit into escrow shall be at the Party owing the Section 8.3 Amount's option. The payment or deposit into escrow of the Section 8.3 Amount pursuant to this Section 8.3(g) shall be made at the time the

Party owing the Section 8.3 Amount is obligated to pay the Recipient such amount pursuant to Section 8.3(b) by wire transfer of same day funds.

(h) The escrow agreement shall provide that the Section 8.3 Amount in escrow or any portion thereof shall not be released to the Recipient unless the escrow agent receives any one or combination of the following: (i) a letter from the Recipient's independent tax accountants indicating the maximum amount that can be paid by the escrow agent to the Recipient without causing the Recipient or its applicable Affiliate to fail to meet the requirements of Sections 856(c)(2) and (3) of the Code in such year determined as if the payment of such amount did not constitute Qualifying Income or a subsequent letter from the Recipient's (or its applicable Affiliate's) accountants revising that amount, in which case the escrow agent shall release such amount to the Recipient, or (ii) a letter from the Recipient's (or its applicable Affiliate's) counsel indicating that Parent (or its applicable Affiliate) received a ruling from the IRS holding that the receipt by the Recipient of the Section 8.3 Amount would either constitute Qualifying Income or would be excluded from gross income within the meaning of Sections 856(c)(2) and (3) of the Code (or alternatively, the Recipient's (or its applicable Affiliate's) outside counsel has rendered a legal opinion to the effect that the receipt by the Recipient of the Section 8.3 Amount would either constitute Qualifying Income or would be excluded from gross income within the meaning of Sections 856(c)(2) and (3) of the Code), in which case the escrow agent shall release the remainder of the Section 8.3 Amount to the Recipient. The Parties agree to amend Section 8.3(g) and this Section 8.3(h) at the reasonable request of the Recipient in order to (x) maximize the portion of the Section 8.3 Amount that may be distributed to the Recipient hereunder without causing the Recipient (or its applicable Affiliate) to fail to meet the requirements of Sections 856(c)(2) and (3) of the Code, (y) improve the Recipient's (or its applicable Affiliate's) chances of securing a favorable ruling described in this Section 8.3(h) or (z) assist the Recipient (or its applicable Affiliate) in obtaining a favorable legal opinion from its outside counsel as described in this Section 8.3(h). The Party owing the Section 8.3 Amount shall be deemed to have satisfied its obligations pursuant to this Section 8.3 so long as it deposits into escrow the Section 8.3 Amount, notwithstanding any delay or reduction in payment to the Recipient, and shall have no further liability with respect to payment of the Section 8.3 Amount. The portion of Section 8.3 Amount that remains unpaid as of the end of a taxable year shall be paid as soon as possible during the following taxable year, subject to the foregoing limitations of this Section 8.3. The Party owing the Section 8.3 Amount shall fully indemnify the Recipient and hold the Recipient harmless from and against any liabilities, losses, damages, claims, costs, expenses, interest, awards, judgments and penalties suffered or incurred by it resulting directly or indirectly from the escrow agreement.

Section 8.4 <u>Amendment</u>. Subject to compliance with applicable Law, this Agreement may be amended by mutual written agreement of the Parties at any time before or after receipt of the Company Stockholder Approval and prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time; <u>provided</u>, that after the Company Stockholder Approval has been obtained, there shall not be (i) any amendment of this Agreement that changes the amount or the form of the consideration to be delivered under this Agreement to the holders of Company Common Stock, Operating Partnership Units or Series C Preferred Units, or which by applicable Law requires the further approval of the stockholders of Company without such further approval of such stockholders, or (ii) any amendment or change not permitted under applicable Law. This Agreement may not be amended except by an instrument in writing signed by each of the Parties.

Section 8.5 Transfer Taxes. Parent and Company shall cooperate in the preparation, execution and filing of all returns, questionnaires, applications or other documents regarding any real property transfer or gains, sales, use, transfer, value added, stock transfer or stamp taxes, any transfer, recording, registration and other fees and any similar Taxes that become payable in connection with the transactions contemplated by this Agreement (together with any related interests, penalties or additions to Tax, "Transfer Taxes"), and shall cooperate in attempting to minimize the amount of Transfer Taxes. From and after the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time, each of the REIT Surviving Entity and the Partnership Surviving Entity shall pay or cause to be paid, without deduction or withholding from any consideration or amounts payable to holders of Company Common Stock, holders of Operating Partnership Units or holders of Series C Preferred Units, all Transfer Taxes

ARTICLE 9 **GENERAL PROVISIONS**

Section 9.1 Nonsurvival of Representations and Warranties and Certain Covenants. None of the representations and warranties in this Agreement or in any instrument delivered pursuant to this Agreement, including any rights arising out of any breach of such representations and warranties, shall survive the Closing. The covenants to be performed prior to or at the Closing shall terminate at the Closing. This Section 9.1 shall not limit any covenant or agreement of the Parties that by its terms contemplates performance after the Closing.

Section 9.2 Notices. All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed given if delivered personally (notice deemed given upon receipt), by electronic mail (notice deemed given upon transmission so long as there is no return error message or other notification of non-delivery received by the sender; provided that, electronic mail received after 6:00 p.m. Eastern Time, shall be deemed received on the next day) or sent by a nationally recognized overnight courier service or express delivery service (notice deemed given upon receipt of proof of delivery), to the Parties at the following addresses (or at such other address for a Party as shall be specified by like notice):

(a) if to Parent, REIT Merger Sub or OP Merger Sub, to:

c/o Makarora Investments LLC 60 Charlton Street, 6th Floor New York, NY 10014

Attention: Paul Wasserman

Scott Dunn

E-mail: pwasserman@makarora-lp.com

sdunn@makarora-lp.com

and

c/o Ares Alternative Credit Management LLC 245 Park Avenue, 42nd Floor New York, NY 10167

Attention: Craig Cortright Tanner Flyckt Suneel Viralam Jamal Lama

Email: ccortright@aresmgmt.com;

tflyckt@aresmgmt.com; sviralam@aresmgmt.com;

altcreditlegalnotice@aresmgmt.com

ilama@aresmgmt.com

with copies (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Greenberg Traurig, LLP

One International Place, Suite 2000

Boston, MA 02110

Attention: Marc Lazar

> Joseph Herz Michael Helsel

marc.lazar@gtlaw.com E-mail:

herzj@gtlaw.com helselm@gtlaw.com

and

Latham & Watkins LLP 1271 Avenue of the Americas

New York, NY 10020

Julian Kleindorfer Attn: Owen Alexander

Email: julian.kleindorfer@lw.com

owen.alexander@lw.com

(b) if to Company, to:

Plymouth Industrial REIT, Inc. 20 Custom House Street, 11th Floor

Boston, MA 02110

Attention: Jeff Witherell, CEO

E-mail: jeff.witherell@plymouthreit.com

with a copy (which shall not constitute notice) to:

Morrison & Foerster LLP 2100 L Street, NW, Suite 900 Washington, DC 20037

Attention: Justin Salon

John Hensley

E-mail:

Lauren Bellerjeau Joseph Sulzbach jsalon@mofo.com jhensley@mofo.com lbellerjeau@mofo.com jsulzbach@mofo.com

Section 9.3 Severability. If any term or other provision of this Agreement is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced under any present or future Law or public policy in any jurisdiction, as to that jurisdiction, (a) such term or other provision shall be fully separable, (b) this Agreement shall be construed and enforced as if such invalid, illegal or unenforceable provision had never comprised a part hereof, (c) all other conditions and provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by the illegal, invalid or unenforceable term or other provision or by its severance herefrom so long as the economic or legal substance of the transactions contemplated by this Agreement is not affected in any manner materially adverse to any party, and (d) such terms or other provision shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any of the terms or provisions of this Agreement in any other jurisdiction. Upon such determination that any term or other provision is invalid, illegal or incapable of being enforced in any jurisdiction, the Parties hereto shall negotiate in good faith to modify this Agreement so as to effect the original intent of the Parties as closely as possible in a mutually acceptable manner in order that transactions contemplated by this Agreement be consummated as originally contemplated to the fullest extent possible.

Section 9.4 <u>Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which together shall be deemed one and the same agreement, and shall become effective when one or more counterparts have been signed by each of the Parties and delivered (by telecopy, electronic delivery or otherwise) to the other Parties. Signatures to this Agreement transmitted by facsimile transmission, by electronic mail in "portable document form" (pdf) or by DocuSign, or by any other electronic means intended to preserve the original graphic and pictorial appearance of a document, will have the same effect as physical delivery of the paper document bearing the original signature.

Section 9.5 Entire Agreement; No Third-Party Beneficiaries. This Agreement (including the Exhibits and the Company Disclosure Letter), the Equity Commitment Letter, Limited Guaranty and the Confidentiality Agreement constitute the entire agreement and supersede all prior agreements and understandings, both written and oral, between the Parties with respect to the subject matter of this Agreement. This Agreement is not intended to and shall not confer any rights or remedies upon any person other than the Parties and their respective successors and permitted assigns, except for (a) the provisions of Article 3 (which, from and after the Partnership Merger Effective Time and REIT Merger Effective Time, as applicable, shall be for the benefit of and enforceable by holders of Company Common Stock (including Company Restricted Stock) or Company Performance Stock Units immediately prior to the REIT Merger Effective Time, as applicable), (b) Section 6.16 (which, from and after the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time shall be for the benefit of and enforceable by the Indemnified Parties), (c) Section 9.13(i) (which shall be for the benefit

of and enforceable by the Debt Financing Sources), (d) Section 8.3(e)(ii) and Section 8.3(e)(iii) (which shall be for the benefit of and enforceable by the Parent Related Parties and the Company Related Parties, as applicable). The representations and warranties in this Agreement are the product of negotiations among the Parties and are for the sole benefit of the Parties. Any inaccuracies in such representations and warranties are subject to waiver by the Parties in accordance with Section 9.6 without notice or liability to any other Person. The representations and warranties in this Agreement may represent an allocation among the Parties of risks associated with particular matters regardless of the knowledge of any of the Parties. Accordingly, Persons other than the Parties may not rely upon the representations and warranties in this Agreement as characterizations of actual facts or circumstances as of the date of this Agreement or as of any other date.

Section 9.6 Extension; Waiver. At any time prior to the Partnership Merger Effective Time and the REIT Merger Effective Time, the Parties hereto may (a) extend the time for the performance of any of the obligations or other acts of the other Parties hereto, (b) waive any inaccuracies in the representations and warranties of the other Party contained in this Agreement or in any document delivered pursuant to this Agreement, or (c) subject to the requirements of applicable Law, waive compliance with any of the agreements or conditions contained in this Agreement. Any agreement on the part of a Party to any such extension or waiver shall be valid only if set forth in an instrument in writing signed on behalf of such Party. The failure of any Party to this Agreement to assert any of its rights under this Agreement or otherwise shall not constitute a waiver of those rights.

Section 9.7 Governing Law. The filing of the REIT Merger Certificate of Merger and the Partnership Merger Certificate of Merger shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the Laws of the State of Delaware. Except as provided in the immediately preceding sentence, this Agreement, and all Actions (whether at Law, in contract or in tort) that may be based upon, arise out of or related to this Agreement or the negotiation, execution or performance of this Agreement, shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Maryland, without giving effect to any choice or conflicts of Law principles (whether of the State of Maryland or any other jurisdiction) that would cause the application of the Laws of any jurisdiction other than the State of Maryland.

Section 9.8 <u>Consent to Jurisdiction</u>. Each Party irrevocably agrees (a) to submit itself to the exclusive jurisdiction of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City (Maryland) and to the United States District Court for the State of Maryland (the "<u>Maryland Courts</u>") for the purpose of any Action (whether based on contract, tort or otherwise), directly or indirectly, arising out of or relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the actions of the Parties in the negotiation, administration, performance and enforcement of this Agreement or the actions of the Parties in the negotiation, administration, performance and enforcement of this Agreement to the Business and Technology Case Management Program of the Circuit Court for Baltimore City (Maryland), (c) that it will not attempt to deny or defeat such jurisdiction by motion or other request for leave from any such court, (d) that it will not bring any Action relating to this Agreement or the transactions contemplated by this Agreement or the actions of the parties hereto in the negotiation, administration, performance and enforcement of this Agreement in any court other than the

Maryland Courts, and (e) that a final judgment in any Action shall be conclusive and may be enforced in other jurisdictions by suit on the judgment or in any other manner provided by Law. Each of the Parties agrees, (i) to the extent such Party is not otherwise subject to service of process in the State of Maryland, to appoint and maintain an agent in the State of Maryland as such Party's agent for acceptance of legal process, and (ii) that service of process may also be made on such Party by prepaid certified mail with a proof of mailing receipt validated by the United States Postal Service constituting evidence of valid service. Service made pursuant to (i) or (ii) above shall have the same legal force and effect as if served upon such Party personally within the State of Maryland.

Section 9.9 <u>Assignment</u>. Neither this Agreement nor any of the rights, interests or obligations under this Agreement shall be assigned or delegated, in whole or in part, by operation of Law or otherwise by any of the Parties without the prior written consent of the other Parties and any attempt to make any such assignment without such consent shall be null and void. Subject to the preceding sentence, this Agreement will be binding upon, inure to the benefit of, and be enforceable by, the Parties and their respective successors and assigns.

Section 9.10 <u>Waiver of Jury Trial</u>. EACH PARTY IRREVOCABLY HEREBY WAIVES, TO THE FULLEST EXTENT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY RIGHT IT MAY HAVE TO A TRIAL BY JURY IN RESPECT OF ANY SUIT, ACTION OR OTHER PROCEEDING (WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT OR OTHERWISE) ARISING OUT OF THIS AGREEMENT OR THE TRANSACTIONS CONTEMPLATED HEREBY (INCLUDING THE DEBT FINANCING). EACH PARTY (A) CERTIFIES THAT NO REPRESENTATIVE OF ANY OTHER PARTY HAS REPRESENTED, EXPRESSLY OR OTHERWISE, THAT SUCH PARTY WOULD NOT, IN THE EVENT OF ANY ACTION, SUIT OR PROCEEDING, SEEK TO ENFORCE THE FOREGOING WAIVER AND (B) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT AND THE OTHER PARTIES HERETO HAVE BEEN INDUCED TO ENTER INTO THIS AGREEMENT, BY, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THE MUTUAL WAIVER AND CERTIFICATIONS IN THIS <u>Section 9.10</u>.

Section 9.11 Specific Performance.

(a) The Parties agree that irreparable damage for which monetary damages, even if available, would not be an adequate remedy, would occur in the event that the Parties do not perform the provisions of this Agreement in accordance with its specified terms. The Parties acknowledge and agree that, subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of this Section 9.11 (including Section 9.11(b)), the Parties shall be entitled to an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief from a court of competent jurisdiction as set forth in Section 9.8 to prevent breaches or threatened breaches of this Agreement and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions hereof without proof of actual damages or the inadequacy of monetary relief, in addition to any other remedy to which such Party is entitled at Law or in equity, including, subject to Section 9.11(b), in connection with the specific performance of Parent's, REIT Merger Sub's and OP Merger Sub's obligations pursuant to the terms of this Agreement and the Equity Commitment Letters to cause the Equity Financing to be funded and consummate the Closing and the Mergers.

- (b) The Parties agree that Company shall be entitled to an injunction, specific performance or other equitable relief to specifically cause Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub to cause the Equity Financing to be funded and to consummate the Mergers, if (and only if) (i) all of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2 have been satisfied (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, provided that each such condition is then capable of being satisfied) or waived in accordance with this Agreement, (ii) Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub have failed to consummate the Closing by the date the Closing is required to have occurred pursuant to Section 2.2, (iii) the Debt Financing (or, as applicable, the Alternative Financing) is available to be funded at the Closing and has been funded or will be funded if the Equity Financing is funded, in each case in accordance with the terms of the Debt Commitment Letter and (iv) Company has irrevocably certified in writing to Parent that (A) all of the conditions set forth in Section 7.1 and Section 7.2 have been satisfied (other than those conditions that by their nature are to be satisfied at the Closing, provided that each such condition is then capable of being satisfied) and (B) Company is prepared, willing and able to consummate the transactions contemplated hereby (such clauses (i) through and including (iv), the "Specific Performance Conditions").
- (c) Without limiting the foregoing, each of the Parties agrees that it will not oppose the granting of an injunction, specific performance and other equitable relief on the basis that (i) there is adequate remedy at law or (ii) an award of specific performance is not an appropriate remedy for any reason at law or in equity, provided that solely with respect to the equitable remedy to specifically enforce Parent's obligation to effect the Closing, Parent may oppose the granting of specific performance on the basis that one or more of the Specific Performance Conditions has not been satisfied. Any Party seeking an order or injunction to prevent breaches or threatened breaches and to enforce specifically the terms and provisions of this Agreement shall not be required to provide any bond or other security in connection with any such order or injunction. The Parties further agree that (i) by seeking the remedies provided for in this Section 9.11, a Party shall not in any respect waive its right to seek at any time any other form of relief that may be available to a Party under this Agreement, and (ii) nothing set forth in this Section 9.11 shall require any Party to institute any Action for (or limit any Party's right to institute any Action for) specific performance under this Section 9.11 prior or as a condition to exercising any termination right under Article 8 (and pursuing damages before or after such termination), nor shall the commencement of any legal proceeding pursuant to this Section 9.11 or anything set forth in this Section 9.11 restrict or limit any Party's right to terminate this Agreement in accordance with the terms of Article 8 or pursue any other remedies under this Agreement that may be available then or thereafter (subject the terms and conditions set forth herein and therein); provided that the Parties acknowledge and agree that, while Company or Operating Partnership may pursue a grant of specific performance prior to the termination of this Agreement, following a termination of this Agreement, under no circumstances shall Company or Operating Partnership be permitted or entitled to seek a grant of specific performance to cause the Closing to occur; provided that Company or Operating Partnership may continue any ongoing Action for specific performance filed prior to a purported termination of this Agreement. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, in no event shall either Party be entitled to receive both specific performance to cause the Closing to occur and payment of the Company Termination Fee or Parent Termination Fee, as applicable.

- Section 9.12 <u>Expenses</u>. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Agreement, all costs and expenses incurred in connection with this Agreement, the Mergers and the other transactions contemplated hereby shall be paid by the Party incurring such costs and expenses, whether or not the Mergers are consummated; <u>provided</u>, that Company and Parent shall share equally all Expenses related to the printing and filing of the Proxy Statement (other than attorneys' and accountants' fees).
- Section 9.13 <u>Debt Financing Sources.</u> Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, each of Company and Operating Partnership hereby:
- (a) agrees that any proceeding, whether at law or in equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise, involving the Debt Financing Sources, arising out of or relating to, this Agreement, the Debt Financing and/or any of the agreements entered into in connection with the Debt Financing or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the performance of any services thereunder shall be subject to the exclusive jurisdiction of any federal or state court in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York, so long as such forum is and remains available, and any appellate court thereof and each Party irrevocably submits itself and its property with respect to any such proceeding to be the exclusive jurisdiction of such court;
- (b) agrees that any such proceeding shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York (without giving effect to any conflicts of law principles that would result in the application of the laws of another state), except as otherwise provided in the applicable Definitive Agreements relating to the Debt Financing;
- (c) agrees not to bring or support or permit any of its Affiliates to bring or support any proceeding of any kind or description, whether at law or in equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise, against any Debt Financing Source in any way arising out of or relating to, this Agreement, the Debt Financing or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the performance of any services thereunder in any forum other than any federal or state court in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York;
- (d) agrees that service of process upon Company and Operating Partnership in any such proceeding shall be effective if notice is given in accordance with Section 9.2;
- (e) irrevocably waives, to the fullest extent that it may effectively do so, the defense of an inconvenient forum to the maintenance of such judicial, administrative or arbitral actions, suits or proceedings (public or private) by or before a Governmental Authority in any such court;
- (f) knowingly, intentionally and voluntarily waives, to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, trial by jury in any proceeding brought against any Debt Financing Source in any way arising out of or relating to this Agreement, the Debt Financing, or any of the transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the performances of any services thereunder;
- (g) agrees that (x) none of the Debt Financing Sources will have any liability to Company, Operating Partnership or any of their respective security holders or any of their respective controlled Affiliates (in each case, other than Parent, REIT Merger Sub and OP Merger Sub) of any kind relating to or arising out of this Agreement, the Debt Financing or any of the

transactions contemplated hereby or thereby or the performance of any services thereunder, whether at law or in equity, whether in contract or in tort or otherwise and (y) it shall not be entitled to seek the remedy of specific performance of this Agreement against any Debt Financing Source;

- (h) agrees not to commence any Action against any Debt Financing Source in connection with this Agreement, the Debt Commitment Letter or in respect of any theory of law or equity related hereto or thereto and agrees to cause any such Action in connection with this Agreement or the Debt Commitment Letter or in respect of any other document or theory of law or equity related hereto or thereto against any Debt Financing Source to be dismissed or otherwise terminated;
- (i) agrees that the Debt Financing Sources are express third party beneficiaries of, and may enforce, any of the provisions of this <u>Section 9.13</u> and that such provisions and the definition of "Debt Financing Source" shall not be amended in any way adverse to any Debt Financing Source without the prior written consent of such Debt Financing Source; and
 - (j) agrees that in the event of conflict between this <u>Section 9.13</u> and any other term herein, this <u>Section 9.13</u> shall govern.

[SIGNATURE PAGE FOLLOWS]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties have caused this Agreement to be executed and delivered by their respective duly authorized officers, all as of the date first written above.

PIR VENTURES LP

By: /s/ Scott Dunn

Name: Scott Dunn Title: Authorized Person

PIR INDUSTRIAL REIT LLC

By: /s/ Scott Dunn

Name: Scott Dunn Title: Authorized Person

PIR INDUSTRIAL OP LLC

By: /s/ Scott Dunn

Name: Scott Dunn Title: Authorized Person

PLYMOUTH INDUSTRIAL REIT, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey E. Witherell
Name: Jeffrey E. Witherell

Title: Chief Executive Officer

PLYMOUTH INDUSTRIAL OP, LP

By: /s/ Jeffrey E. Witherell
Name: Jeffrey E. Witherell Title: Chief Executive Officer

Exhibit A

Form of Company Tax Representation Letter

Attached.

Exhibit B

Form of Company REIT Qualification Opinion

Attached.

Schedule A

Knowledge of Company and Operating Partnership

Jeff Witherell Anthony Saladino Jim Connolly Anne Hayward Lyndon Blakesley

Schedule B

Knowledge of Parent

Scott Dunn AJ Lucchese Craig Cortright Tanner Flyckt

Schedule C-1

Makarora Equity Investors

- Makarora Real Estate Special Situations Fund I-A LP Makarora Real Estate Special Situations Fund I-B LP Makarora Real Estate Special Situations Fund I-C LP

Schedule C-2

Ares Equity Investors

Subject to assignment to one or more controlled Affiliates pursuant to the equity commitment:
- APC Holdings II, L.P.
- Ares Centre Street Pathfinder Core Plus Partnership LP – Opportunistic Series



Plymouth Industrial REIT Announces Agreement to Be Acquired by Makarora for \$2.1 Billion

BOSTON, October 24, 2025 – Plymouth Industrial REIT, Inc. (NYSE: PLYM) (the "Company" or "Plymouth") today announced that it has entered into a definitive merger agreement (the "Merger Agreement") under which entities affiliated with Makarora Management LP ("Makarora"), along with Ares Alternative Credit funds ("Ares"), will acquire all outstanding shares of Plymouth's common stock and all outstanding limited partnership interests of Plymouth Industrial OP, LP for \$22.00 per share, in an all-cash transaction valued at approximately \$2.1 billion, including the assumption of certain outstanding debt.

The purchase price represents a premium of approximately 50% to Plymouth's unaffected closing common stock price on August 18, 2025, the last trading day prior to the filing of a Schedule 13D by affiliates of Sixth Street Partners, LLC disclosing a non-binding proposal to acquire all of the outstanding shares of Plymouth's common stock.

"This all-cash transaction will deliver significant, immediate and certain value to Plymouth shareholders," said Jeff Witherell, CEO and Co-Founder of Plymouth.

"Plymouth's portfolio of cost-competitive industrial assets in the Midwest and East Coast is strategically located within a day's drive of 70% of the U.S. population. These properties are well positioned to capitalize on strong industrial demand from these major population centers," said Chad Pike, Founder and CIO of Makarora. "Makarora is committed to providing flexible capital solutions to U.S. real estate businesses, and we are excited to partner with the Plymouth team."

"We are pleased to partner with Makarora to be both a flexible and scaled partner in an investment secured by a diverse portfolio of industrial properties, which is underscored by attractive market fundamentals and demonstrated asset performance," said Joel Holsinger, Co-Head of Alternative Credit at Ares.

The transaction, which has been unanimously approved by Plymouth's Board of Directors, is expected to close in early 2026, subject to approval by Plymouth's shareholders and other customary regulatory approvals and other closing conditions.

Transaction Terms, Timing and Approvals

Plymouth intends to conduct a 30-day "go-shop" period that will expire at 11:59 PM ET on November 23, 2025, which permits Plymouth and its financial advisors to actively initiate, solicit and consider alternative acquisition proposals from third parties. Plymouth's Board of Directors will have the right to terminate the Merger Agreement to enter into a superior proposal, subject to the terms and conditions of the Merger Agreement. There can be no assurance that this process will result in a superior proposal and Plymouth does not anticipate providing any updates during the 30-day "go-shop" period.

Plymouth will pay its previously announced third quarter dividend on October 31, 2025 and will pay dividends as reasonably necessary for the Company to maintain its status as a real estate investment trust for tax purposes and to avoid incurring any entity level income or excise tax, but Plymouth may not pay any other dividends during the term of the Merger Agreement.

Upon completion of the transaction, Plymouth will become a private company and shares of Plymouth's common stock will be de-registered under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and no longer trade on the NYSE.

As a result of today's announcement, the Company does not plan to file its customary earnings release, supplemental information and prepared commentary or to host a conference call or webcast to discuss its financial results for the quarter ended September 30, 2025.

Advisors

KeyBanc Capital Markets Inc. and J.P. Morgan Securities LLC acted as Plymouth's financial advisors. Morrison & Foerster

LLP and Alston & Bird LLP served as Plymouth's legal counsel.

Moelis & Company LLC acted as the lead financial advisor to Makarora. Citigroup Global Markets Inc. ("Citi") also served as a financial advisor to Makarora. Greenberg Traurig LLP and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett LLP served as Makarora's legal counsel. Latham & Watkins LLP and Kirkland & Ellis LLP served as Ares' legal counsel. Dechert LLP served as Citi's legal counsel.

About Plymouth

Plymouth Industrial REIT, Inc. (NYSE: PLYM) is a full service, vertically integrated real estate investment company focused on the acquisition, ownership and management of single and multi-tenant industrial properties. Our mission is to provide tenants with cost effective space that is functional, flexible and safe.

About Makarora

Makarora Management LP is a New York-based investment management firm established in 2024 and led by senior professionals with extensive experience investing through global property market cycles. The Firm seeks to provide differentiated capital solutions to the commercial real estate sector spanning a wide range of investments, including opportunistic credit, structured capital, and equity.

About Ares

Ares Management Corporation (NYSE: ARES) is a leading global alternative investment manager offering clients complementary primary and secondary investment solutions across the credit, real estate, private equity and infrastructure asset classes. We seek to advance our stakeholders' long-term goals by providing flexible capital that supports businesses and creates value for our investors and within our communities. By collaborating across our investment groups, we aim to generate consistent and attractive investment returns throughout market cycles. As of June 30, 2025, Ares Management Corporation's global platform had over \$572 billion of assets under management, with operations across North America, South America, Europe, Asia Pacific and the Middle East. For more information, please visit www.aresmgmt.com.

How to Find Further Information

This press release does not constitute a solicitation of any vote or approval in connection with the proposed acquisition of the Company by Makarora. In connection with the proposed transaction, the Company will file a proxy statement with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), which the Company will furnish with any other relevant documents to its stockholders in connection with the special meeting of the Company's stockholders to vote on the transaction. This communication is not a substitute for the proxy statement or any other document that the Company may file with the SEC or send to its stockholders in connection with the transaction. BEFORE MAKING ANY VOTING DECISION, WE URGE STOCKHOLDERS TO READ THE PROXY STATEMENT (INCLUDING ALL AMENDMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTS THERETO) AND OTHER DOCUMENTS FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE, BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT THE COMPANY AND THE PROPOSED TRANSACTION. The proposals for consideration by the Company's stockholders regarding the transaction will be made solely through the proxy statement. In addition, a copy of the proxy statement (when it becomes available) may be obtained free of charge by directing a request to Plymouth Industrial REIT, Inc., 20 Custom House Street, 11th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, Attention: Anne A. Hayward, Corporate Secretary. Security holders also will be able to obtain, free of charge, copies of the proxy statement and any other documents filed by the Company with the SEC in connection with the transaction at the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov, and at the Company's website at plymouthreit.com.

Participants in the Solicitation

The directors, executive officers and certain other members of management and employees of the Company may be deemed "participants" in the solicitation of proxies in connection with the approval of the proposed transactions. Information regarding the Company's directors and officers and their respective interests in the Company by security holdings or otherwise is available in (i) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2024, including under the headings "Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance", "Item 11. Executive Compensation", "Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters" and "Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence", which was filed with the SEC on March 3, 2025, (ii) the Company's definitive Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for its 2025 annual meeting of stockholders, including under the headings "Proposal 1: Election of Directors", "Executive Officers", "Executive Compensation", "Compensation Tables" and "Certain

Relationships and Related Party Transactions", which was filed with the SEC on April 28, 2025 and (iii) subsequent statements of changes in beneficial ownership on file with the SEC. Additional information regarding the interests of such potential participants is or will be included in the proxy statement and other relevant materials to be filed with the SEC, when they become available, including in connection with the solicitation of proxies to approve the transaction. These documents may be obtained free of charge from the SEC's website at www.sec.gov and the Company's website at plymouthreit.com.

Forward Looking Statements

This press release contains certain "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and Section 21E of the Exchange Act. These forward-looking statements generally can be identified by phrases such as "anticipate," "believe," "expect," "estimate," "plan," "outlook," and "project," or other words or phrase of similar import. These statements are based on current expectations, estimates and projections about the industry, markets in which the Company operates, management's beliefs, assumptions made by management and the transactions described in this communication. While the Company's management believes the assumptions underlying the forward-looking statements and information are reasonable, such information is necessarily subject to uncertainties and may involve certain risks, many of which are difficult to predict and are beyond management's control. These risks include, but are not limited to: (1) the occurrence of any event, change or other circumstances that could give rise to the termination of the Merger Agreement; (2) the nature, cost and outcome of any litigation and other legal proceedings, including any such proceedings related to the transaction that may be instituted against the parties and others following announcement of the Merger Agreement; (3) the inability to consummate the transaction within the anticipated time period, or at all, due to any reason, including the failure to obtain the requisite stockholder approval and adoption, failure to obtain required regulatory approval or the failure to satisfy other conditions to completion of the transaction; (4) risks that the proposed transaction disrupts current plans and operations of the Company or diverts management's attention from its ongoing business; (5) the ability to recognize the anticipated benefits of the transaction; (6) the amount of the costs, fees, expenses and charges related to the transaction; (7) the risk that the Merger Agreement may be terminated in circumstances requiring the Company to pay a termination fee; (8) the effect of the announcement of the transaction on the ability of the Company to retain and hire key personnel and maintain relationships with its tenants, suppliers and others with whom it does business; (9) the effect of the announcement of the transaction on the Company's operating results and business generally; (10) the risk that the Company's stock price may decline significantly if the transaction is not consummated; and (11) the other risks and important factors contained and identified in the Company's filings with the SEC, such as the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, as well as the Company's subsequent reports on Form 10-K, Form 10-Q or Form 8-K filed from time to time, any of which could cause actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements in this communication.

These risks, as well as other risks associated with the transaction, will be more fully discussed in the proxy statement that will be filed with the SEC in connection with the transaction. There can be no assurance that the transaction will in fact be consummated. We caution investors not to unduly rely on any forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements speak only as of the date on which the statements are made. The Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly update or review any forward-looking statement except as required by law, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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