

## **COMPANY UPDATE**



## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS AND NON-GAAP FINANCIAL MEASURES



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## **INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS: "NYSE: NSA"**



1	NSA's Institutional Quality Portfolio is Geographically Diversified Beyond the Top 20 MSAs in Higher Growth Markets
2	NSA's Differentiated Structure Provides Strong Internal and External Growth Incentives with Downside Protection
3	NSA's Senior Management Team has Deep Industry Experience
4	NSA has Consistently Outperformed its REIT Peers on Various Metrics since its IPO
5	NSA's Flexible Capital Structure Supports Strong Future Growth

## NATIONAL STORAGE AFFILIATES OVERVIEW



- National Storage Affiliates Trust ("NSA") is a publicly traded NYSE selfstorage REIT; ticker symbol "NSA"
- NSA is the 6th largest operator of selfstorage properties in the US<sup>(1)</sup>
- Institutional quality portfolio is broadly diversified across higher growth markets:
  - Only ~30% of NSA properties are in the top 20 MSAs
  - Biggest focus in MSAs in Western and Southern growth states
- Positioned to deliver strong external and organic growth



<sup>1)</sup> Per 2017 Self-Storage Almanac based on number of properties.

<sup>2)</sup> As of March 15, 2017, NSA held ownership interests in and operated 452 properties.

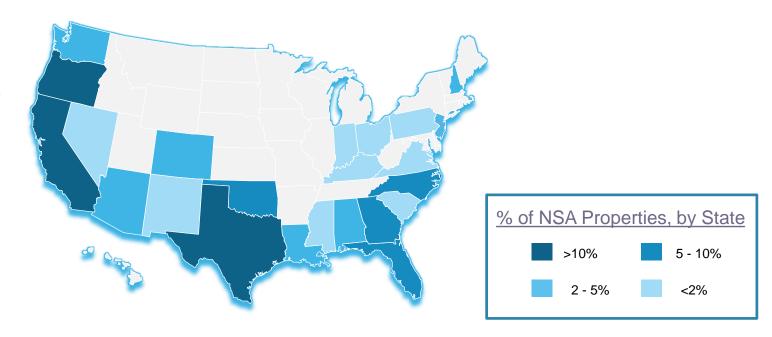
## NSA'S GUIDING VISION UNITES TOP OPERATORS



NSA's unique strategy has successfully attracted eight of the most prominent operators with the common goal to drive significant organic and external growth

6th Largest U.S. Operator

452 Properties<sup>(1)</sup>





















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The iStorage brand is owned by NSA, but iStorage is not a Participating Regional Operator.

### GROWTH HISTORY OF NSA



## **Deeply Rooted Operating History**

## PRO FORMATION AND INSTITUTIONALIZATION

#### 1970 - 2011

- 1973 Move It predecessor founded
- 1977 Northwest and Hide-Away founded
- 1982 Personal Mini predecessor founded
- 1988 SecurCare founded
- 1989 Storage Solutions founded
- 1999 Guardian founded
- 2007 Optivest founded
- 2007 Raised initial institutional capital through SecurCare predecessor

#### **NSA FORMATION AND GROWTH**

#### 2012 - 2017

- 2012 Agreement in principle reached by three founding PROs: SecurCare, Northwest and Optivest
- 2013 NSA formed
- 2014 4th PRO: Guardian
- 2014 5th PRO: Move It
- 2015 6th PRO: Storage Solutions
- 2015 Successful IPO
- 2016 7th PRO: Hide-Away
- 2016 JV formation / iStorage acquisition
- 2017 8th PRO: Personal Mini Storage





- Widely respected industry owner / operators
- Average PRO has over 30 years of industry experience
- Proven track record of growth
- Strong network of industry relationships
- Meaningful insider ownership aligns interests with shareholders

#### **NSA Executive Team**



**ARLEN NORDHAGEN** Chairman & CEO



TAMARA FISCHER **CFO** 



STEVEN TREADWELL SVP, Operations President - iStorage JV

## **PRO Executive Leadership**



**KEVIN HOWARD** Northwest PRO



SecurCare PRO



DAVID CRAMER WARREN ALLAN Optivest PRO



**JOHN MINAR** Guardian PRO



Move It PRO



TRACY TAYLOR BILL BOHANNAN STEVE WILSON Storage Solutions PRO



Hide-Away PRO



MARC SMITH Personal Mini PRO





## **Sophisticated Platform Tools Drive Organic Growth**

Operational "Best Practices"

Revenue Management / Analytics

Economies of Scale and Lower Cost of Capital

**Internet Marketing** 

## **PROs Drive External Growth Opportunities**

Acquisition of Captive Pipeline Properties

Relationship Driven Third Party Acquisitions

Recruitment of New PROs

Strategic Joint Ventures





## Delivered 2016 Same Store Total Revenue Growth of 7.7% and Same Store NOI Growth of 10.2%

### NSA CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS PROVIDES PLATFORM TOOLS

## EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP

- Recruitment of PROs
- Acquisition review and approval

## LEGAL & FINANCE SUPPORT

- Asset contributions and structuring
- Equity and debt capital markets

## **CORPORATE ACCOUNTING**

- Internal controls, policies and procedures
- Budgeting and forecasting

## CORPORATE MARKETING

- Revenue management infrastructure
- Internet platform
- Call center

## **TECHNOLOGY** & INNOVATION

- Management information systems
- Streamlined operational processes

#### **REGIONAL & LOCAL OPERATIONS IMPLEMENT BEST PRACTICES**

Acquisition Underwriting & Sourcing

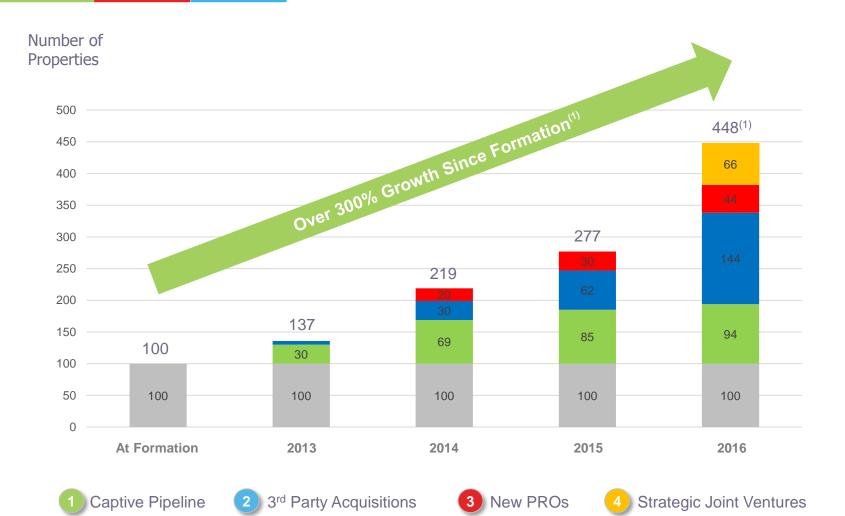
**Property Management** 

Property Level Accounting

Local Branding & Marketing







<sup>(1)</sup> In 2016, NSA closed over \$1.3 billion of consolidated and unconsolidated acquisition transactions.





Successful regional operators join NSA as PROs rather than JV or Sale options, giving NSA access to top properties not otherwise available

Criteria	NSA	JV	Sale / Exit
Liquidity / Monetization	<b>*</b>	•	•
Ability to Maintain Property Management	<b>~</b>	•	
Participate in Upside	<b>~</b>	•	
Enhance NOI Through Best Practices	<b>~</b>		
Opportunity and Incentives to Grow Portfolio	~		

## 2016 FINANCIAL UPDATE



## **Strong Operational Growth Continues**



# FLEXIBLE CAPITAL STRUCTURE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016



### TOTAL PRINCIPAL DEBT OUTSTANDING

- \$873.2 MM

### **CONSERVATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

- 30.0% Debt/Total Capitalization<sup>(1)</sup>
- 6.2x Net Debt/Adjusted EBITDA(2)
- 5.0x Interest Coverage Ratio<sup>(3)</sup>

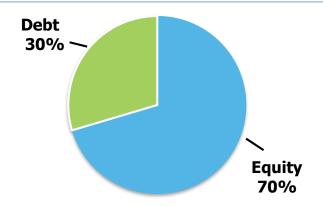
#### **CAPITAL FOR GROWTH**

- \$400MM Unsecured Revolving Line of Credit
- OP Units & SP Units

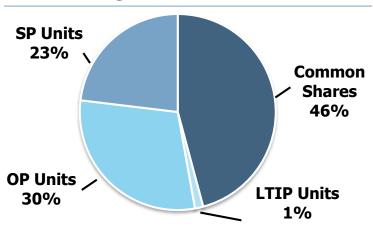
#### ATTRACTIVE DIVIDEND

4.35% Yield<sup>(4)</sup>





# Significant Investment by Management & PROs<sup>(1)</sup>



<sup>(1)</sup> Total Capitalization means our Debt plus the product of our \$22.07 closing share price on December 31, 2016 and our fully diluted outstanding equity as of December 31, 2016 (with SP Units deemed converted on a hypothetical basis into an estimated 1.41 OP units based on historical financial information for the trailing twelve months ended December 31, 2016).

<sup>(2)</sup> Net debt means our outstanding debt financing less cash and cash equivalents as of December 31, 2016. Adjusted EBITDA is based on annualized current quarter for Q4 2016.

<sup>3)</sup> Interest coverage is computed by dividing Q4 2016 adjusted EBITDA by Q4 2016 interest expense. Does not include loss on early extinguishment of debt.

<sup>(4)</sup> Yield is calculated based on current quarterly annualized dividend of \$0.96 divided by market closing price of common shares on December 31, 2016 of \$22.07.

## DEBT PROFILE AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016

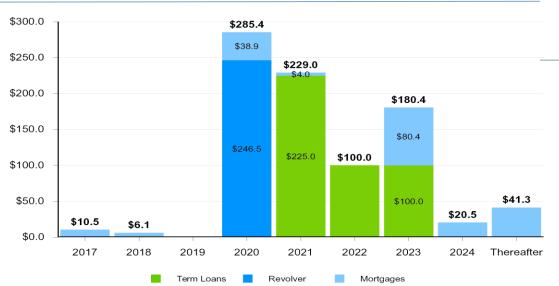


**Total Principal Debt Outstanding: \$873.2 MM** 

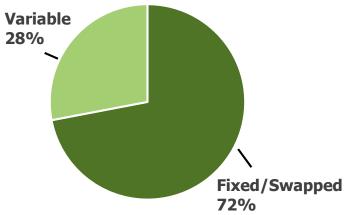
**Weighted Average Maturity: 5.2 Years** 

Effective Interest Rate<sup>(1)</sup>: 3.0%

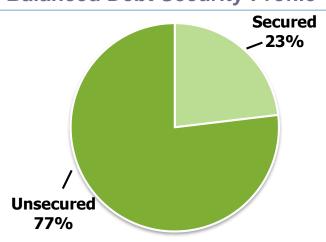
# Debt Maturity Schedule (\$ in Millions)



## **Minimal Interest Rate Risk: Principal**



## **Balanced Debt Security Profile**



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# POST-ACCORDION EXERCISE DEBT PROFILE AS OF FEBRUARY 8, 2017



**Total Principal Debt Outstanding: \$887.1 MM** 

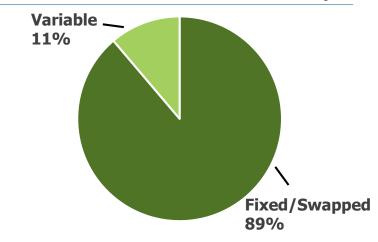
**Weighted Average Maturity: 5.7 Years** 

Effective Interest Rate<sup>(1)</sup>: 3.2%

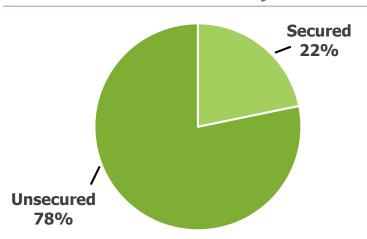
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Source: 2015 and 2016 year-end public reporting.

<sup>\*</sup> Only reflects stock price appreciation from NSA's IPO to 12/31/16 (1 year, 8.2 months) versus 2 full years for all others.

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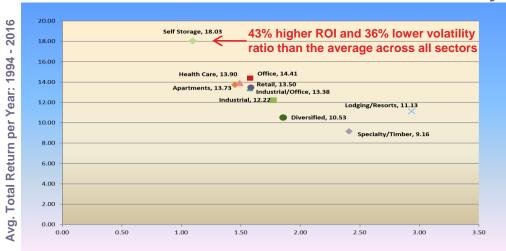
**Appendix** 





## Self Storage Has Outperformed over Last 23 Years on Total Return with Less Volatility

- Since 1994, total returns for self storage have outperformed all other equity REIT sectors while experiencing the least volatility
  - The industry is expected to continue to generate substantial NOI growth
  - Savings expected through improved scale, new technology and centralized infrastructure



Standard Deviation Divided by Avg. Return: 1994 - 2016

## **Five Forces Driving Self Storage**

#### **Impact**

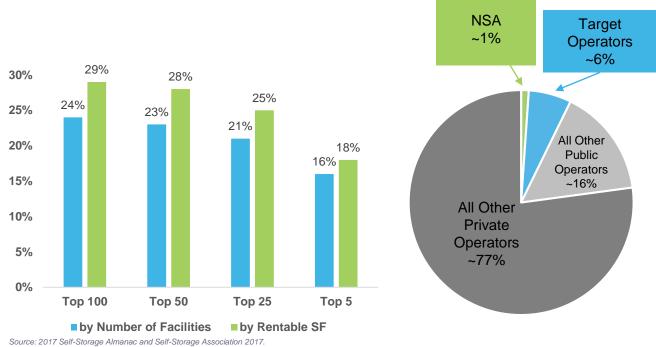
Competitive Rivalry	Low – geographically limited
Customer Bargaining Power	Limited – not price driven
Threat of Substitute Products	Very few cost effective options
Supplier Bargaining Power	Limited - but increasing
Threat of New Entrants	Limited – increasing entry barriers

Note: Data sourced from NAREIT 2016 published data. Volatility ratio defined as the standard deviation of return divided by return.

### MEANINGFUL OPPORTUNITY TO CONSOLIDATE



- Highly fragmented sector
  - ~42,000<sup>(1)</sup> self-storage properties with over 30,000 operators
  - ~\$30 billion in annual revenue with over \$250 billion in private market value
- NSA primarily targets top private operators with 20 or more institutional quality properties in the top 100 MSAs
  - Target operators own and/or manage over 2,500 self-storage properties<sup>(2)</sup>



Note: Rankings are based on net rentable square footage under management.

- (1) 2017 Self-Storage Almanac survey excludes small, rural facilities included in previous year's Almanacs.
- (2) Represents the number of facilities owned and/or managed by top operators, excluding NSA and other publicly traded entities.
- (3) Includes facilities owned internationally.
- (4) New NSA PRO, effective 3/1/17.

#### **Top 40 Operators**

- 1 Public Storage<sup>(3)</sup>
- 2 Extra Space Storage
- 3 CubeSmart
- 4 U-Haul International
- 5 Life Storage, Inc. (formerly Sovran/Uncle Bob's)
- 6 National Storage Affiliates Trust
- 7 StorageMart\*\*
- 8 W. P. Carey, Inc.
- 9 Metro Storage, LLC
- 10 The William Warren Group dba StorQuest Self Storage
- 11 Westport Properties, Inc.
- 12 Devon Self Storage Holdings, (US) LLC
- 13 World Class Capital Group, LC
- 14 Absolute Storage Management, Inc.
- 15 All Storage
- 16 TnT Self Storage Management
- 17 Compass Self Storage
- 18 Morningstar Properties
- 19 Brundage Management Co., Inc.
- 20 Safeguard Self Storage
- 21 The Jenkins Organization, Inc.
- 22 Storage Asset Management
- 23 Platinum Storage Group
- 24 A-1 Self Storage
- 25 Universal Storage Group
- 26 Argus Professional Storage Management
- 27 Security Public Storage
- 27 Metro Mini Storage
- 28 Strat Property Management, Inc.
- 29 StoragePRO Management Co.
- 30 Brookwood Properties, LLC
- 31 SHS Development/Lock Up Self Storage
- 32 West Coast Self-Storage
- 33 RHW Capital Management Group, LLC
- 34 Pogoda Companies
- 35 Dahn Corporation
- 36 Rosewood Property Company
- 37 Self-Storage Consulting Group
- 38 Shader Brothers Corp dba Personal Mini Storage<sup>(4)</sup>
- 39 Elite Stor Capital Partners
- 40 Sentry Self Storage

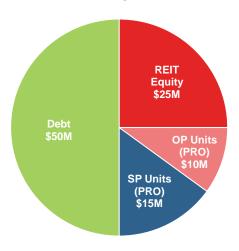




#### **KEY ASSUMPTIONS**

- \$100MM Purchase Price
- 6.3% Cap Rate
- 50% Funded with Debt
- 50% of Equity from PRO

## Illustrative Capitalization



## Illustrative Operating Cash Flow Allocation for Single Acquisition (\$000s)



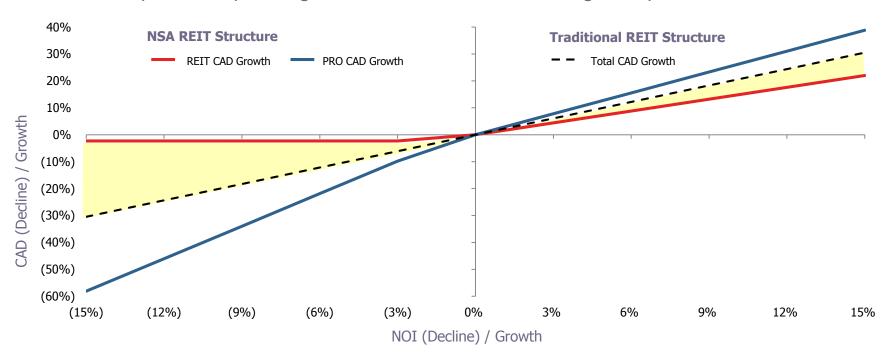
Note: Proportion of SP units and OP units in each acquisition will vary. In general, the number of OP units issued will be capped at a level intended to provide a minimal level of operating cash flow ("CF") allocation on unreturned capital attributable to the OP units. Debt Service is reflective of interest expense and scheduled principal amortization. Post-contribution capital structure is reflective of cost and does not reflect market value. This hypothetical capital structure and cash flow allocation is for illustrative purposes only and reflects the terms of the partnership agreement: SP unit holders receive a 6% allocation of operating CF on their unreturned capital contributions after a 6% allocation on unreturned capital attributable to OP unit holders, and then share in the allocation of any excess cash flow 50/50 with OP unit holders. The REIT is allocated \$36K of the operating CF allocated to OP units related to the 50/50 split of excess operating CF. The allocation of operating CF between the SP units and OP units is for purposes of determining distributions on SP units and does not represent the operating CF that will be distributed on OP units (or paid as dividends on our common shares). Any distribution of operating CF allocated to OP units will be made at the discretion of NSA (and paid as dividends on our common shares at the discretion of our board of trustees).

# STRUCTURE OFFERS CASH FLOW STABILITY AND DOWNSIDE PROTECTION



## Shareholders benefit from less volatile cash flow and downside protection

## Illustrative Impact on Operating Cash Flow Allocation for Single Acquisition<sup>(1)</sup>



Note: PRO CAD Growth is comprised of cash available to PROs through their ownership interests in both OP and SP units. REIT CAD Growth is comprised of cash available to all other equity stakeholders.

<sup>(1)</sup> This illustrative sensitivity graph reflects the capital structure of a single acquisition and operating CF allocation assumptions reflected on page 25. This hypothetical capital structure and cash flow allocation is for illustrative purposes only and reflects the terms of the partnership agreement: SP unit holders receive a 6% allocation of operating CF on their unreturned capital contributions after a 6% allocation on unreturned capital attributable to OP unit holders, and then share in the allocation of any excess cash flow 50/50 with OP unit holders. This allocation of operating CF between the SP units and OP units is for purposes of determining distributions on SP units and does not represent the operating CF that will be distributed on OP units (or paid as dividends on our common shares). Any distribution of operating CF allocated to OP units will be made at the discretion of NSA (and paid as dividends on our common shares at the discretion of our board of trustees).

# EARNINGS (LOSS) PER SHARE – DILUTED TO FUNDS FROM OPERATIONS ("FFO") AND CORE FFO PER SHARE AND UNIT RECONCILIATION



	Three Months Decembe			Year Ended December 3	
(dollars in thousands)	2016	2015	2016		2015
Earnings (loss) per share - diluted	\$ 0.07	\$ 0.08	\$	0.31	\$ 0.17
Impact of the difference in weighted average number of shares <sup>(1)</sup>	0.03	0.03		0.11	0.02
Impact of GAAP accounting for noncontrolling interests, two-class method and treasury stock method <sup>(2)</sup>	-	-		-	(0.07)
Add real estate depreciation and amortization	0.24	0.21		0.93	1.03
Add Company's share of unconsolidated venture real estate depreciation and amortization	0.02	-		0.03	-
FFO attributable to subordinated performance unitholders	(0.10)	(0.09)		(0.39)	(0.38)
FFO per share and unit	0.26	0.23		0.99	0.77
Add acquisition costs, Company's share of unconsolidated real estate venture acquisition costs, organizational and offering expenses, and loss on early extinguishment of debt	0.04	0.01		0.13	0.15
Core FFO per share and unit Source: Q4 and full year 2016 Company financials.	\$0.30	\$0.24		\$1.12	\$0.92

<sup>(1)</sup> Adjustment accounts for the difference between the weighted average number of shares used to calculate diluted earnings per share and the weighted average number of shares used to calculate FFO and Core FFO per share and unit. Diluted earnings per share is calculated using the two-class method for the company's restricted common shares, the treasury stock method for certain unvested LTTP units, and includes the assumption of a hypothetical conversion of subordinated performance units bust of units and LTP units into OP units, even though such units may only be convertible into OP units (i) after a lock-out period and (ii) upon certain events or conditions. For additiona about the conversion of subordinated performance units and DownREIT subordinated performance units into OP units, see Note 10 to the consolidated financial statements in Item 8 of the Company's most recent Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The computation of weighted average shares and unit includes all restricted common shares and LTIP units that participate in distributions and excludes all subordinated performance units and DownREIT subordinated performance units because their effect has been accounted for through the allocation of FFO to the related unitholders based on distributions declared.

<sup>(2)</sup> Represents the effect of adjusting the numerator to consolidated net income (loss) prior to GAAP allocations for noncontrolling interests and the application of the two-class method and treasury stock method, as described above in footnote (1).



## NET INCOME (LOSS) TO NET OPERATING INCOME RECONCILIATION

		Three Months Ended  December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
(dollars in thousands)	2016	2015	2016	2015	
Net income	\$6,075	\$5,365	\$24,866	\$4,796	
(Subtract) add:					
Management fees and other revenue	(1,809)	-	(1,809)	-	
General and administrative expenses	7,097	4,409	21,528	16,265	
Depreciation and amortization	16,765	10,459	55,064	40,651	
Interest expense	7,059	4,727	24,109	20,779	
Equity in losses of unconsolidated real estate venture	1,484	-	1,484	-	
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	-	-	136	914	
Acquisition costs	1,813	573	6,546	4,765	
Organizational and offering expenses	-	-	-	58	
Non-operating expense	137	23	515	279	
Net Operating Income	\$38,621	\$25,556	\$132,439	\$88,507	



## NET INCOME (LOSS) TO EBITDA & ADJUSTED EBITDA RECONCILIATION

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
(dollars in thousands)	2016	2015	2016	2015
Net income	\$6,075	\$5,365	\$24,866	\$4,796
Add:				
Depreciation and amortization	16,765	10,459	55,064	40,651
Company's share of unconsolidated real estate venture depreciation and amortization	1,559	-	1,559	-
Interest expense	7,059	4,727	24,109	20,779
Loss on early extinguishment of debt	-	-	136	914
EBITDA	\$31,458	\$20,551	\$105,734	\$67,140
Add:				
Acquisition costs	1,813	573	6,546	4,765
Company's share of unconsolidated real estate venture depreciation and amortization	1,006	-	1,006	-
Organizational and offering expenses	-	-	-	58
Equity-based compensation expense <sup>(1)</sup>	684	652	2,597	3,027
Adjusted EBITDA	\$34,961	\$21,776	\$115,883	\$74,990

<sup>(1)</sup> Equity-based compensation expense is a non-cash item that is included in general and administrative expenses in the Company's consolidated statements of operations.



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